The government's attack on Chairman Bob Avakian of the Revolutionary Communist Party is escalating sharply. One week ago it was a Secret Service phone call and a knock on the door. Now this an SS agent on a Revolutionary Worker Center door. Now this Sec has become a nationwide chorus of SS agents and pigs doing every kind of bungling a storm, creating wild rumors and fan-}

Avakian in particular, these agents are working hard to cook up something real. They've timed this, of course, to coincide with the general patriotic hysteria they've whipped up around Iran. They want to crush every bit of revolutionary opposition to the sick schemes on Iran along with overall revolutionary leadership against them and their capitalist state.

Send the Shah Back—Hands off Iran Delegation: (left to right) Fred Hanks, Lisa Radcliffe, Clark Kissinger, Franklin Glenn, Carol Downer and Rebecca Chalker.

American Delegation in Iran Blasts U.S. Gov't.

The Send the Shah Back—Hands Off Iran Delegation, a delegation of 6 American political activists, recently arrived in Iran. Despite a general press black-out in this country to date, the appearance of this delegation punctures holes in the lies being spread by the media that the American people are lining up wholesale behind the current anti-Iranian flag-waving hysteria.

In a statement delivered at a press conference in Tehran, Iran on Dec. 8, the delegation said: "We are a diverse group of Americans who have temporarily left our homes and families to travel to Iran to express our sincere support and concern in this hour of crisis. We, like many other Americans, know full well that the current situation was provoked by the U.S. government when it deliberately brought the murderous ex-Shah back to the United States. The U.S. government had complete knowledge in advance of what the consequences of this provocation to the Iranian people would be. We demand the immediate return of the ex-Shah together with all others who have committed crimes against the Iranian people and who have fled to the U.S. to avoid the righteous wrath of the Iranian people..."
GREENSBORO'S PRESS FOR PROSECUTION

In the wake of the convictions of four Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade members who were sentenced to one year in jail for leafleting at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNC-G) and 10 RCP supporters who were sentenced to 18 to 24 months in jail terms for leafleting and agitating in the Hampton Homes projects, a federal jury convicted the defendants in Greensboro, the press in Greensboro, the police in Greensboro, the activist who spies on her neighbors and the revolutionaries who make the criminal pigs present was the police lieutenant in Greensboro, the defense attorney in Greensboro, the prosecutor in Greensboro, the judge in Greensboro, the reporter in Greensboro, the legal observer in Greensboro, the activist in Greensboro, the fighter in Greensboro, the revolutionary in Greensboro, the star witness in Greensboro, the media in Greensboro, the public in Greensboro, the community in Greensboro, the city in Greensboro, the state in Greensboro, the country in Greensboro, the world in Greensboro.

Legal observers were also critical of the RCP's tactics, saying that "these people are alibi for the RCP." One of the defendants, a member of the RCP, testified that he heard the prosecutor's statement in the courtroom and that he heard the prosecutor's argument in the courtroom.

'Let's do it again' was the only evidence against the defendant who was convicted.

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Iron Crisis Heightens Tensions in U.S. Bloc

Chief mechanic for U.S. imperialism, Jimmy Carter, hawked last week that the U.S. was going to "tighten the screws" on Iran with an international trade embargo. For weeks Carter has been repeatedly voicing thanks for the widespread support the U.S. has been getting from its allies, and warning Iran that the whole civilized world is against them. But now that it has come down to the crunch, Carter's cry for imperialist solidarity has fallen somewhat flat. Japan, France and others have balked at Carter’s cry of "all for one." They prefer instead to follow capital's golden rule, every exploiter for himself and look out for number one. And to add insult to injury, even long-time lackey the Shah is complaining that the U.S. dropped him like a "dead mouse" when it became apparent last January that keeping the Shah on the throne was a losing cause.

While the U.S. has been threatening Iran with economic retaliation since the embassy takeover, last week Carter really put the machinery in gear. He announced that the trade ban would be used if the hostages were put on trial. ABC claimed inside information that the U.S. is beginning to launch an economic campaign to "bring down Khomeini" if the hostages weren't released by December 20. The State Department said it would be a "tremendous blow" to the U.S. if it can't make good on its ultimatum.

But the U.S. has not given up on its policy of "beggar your neighbor," and profit from U.S. ill fortune. Another official, when asked why it took so long for the U.S. to blow the whistle on Iran, said he "simply did not believe American allies would try to exploit U.S. misfortune in the immediate wake of the Iranian takeover." All this shock and dismay from the world's biggest gangsters, who have for years been dumping their economic crisis on their dear allies in the U.S. bloc, and ripping off the entire world, is quite touching!

The bourgeois press is describing the change in the U.S. government's about international solidarity as the U.S. is "through being Mr. Nice Guy." But what they're really upset about is that their imperialist allies are putting their own interests ahead of U.S. interests. These Allied vultures are caught in a bind. They are all tied into the U.S. to "punish Khomeini by using American power to destroy Iran's airfields or immobilize its oil production. Even the Saudis, though they are fond of saying that the U.S. should throw its weight around and act more like a superpower, are terrified at the notion that this might happen in their own backyard." According to Time, the British have put forward the view that such military action would damage U.S. interests in the Middle East "more deeply than anything that has happened since the Anglo-French assault on Suez in 1956." They are concerned that this would trigger widespread revolt in the Arab countries against the reactionary governments that have lined up with the U.S. bloc and the resulting possibility that Western Europe and Japan might be deprived of oil. A British expert is quoted as saying, "America with some belt tightening, could survive an Arab oil boycott. For Europe, it would be an event of apocalyptic proportions." The irony for the U.S. imperialists is that the position of their allies vis-a-vis Middle East oil, is a result of the U.S.'s own top-dog domination of the region's oil in the first place.

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**El Salvador**

On December 10th five thousand women, many well dressed and ringed by armed men, marched through the streets of this capital city of El Salvador, calling for an end to “terrorism, violence and anarchy.” Called by the “Crusade for Peace and Work,” made up of businessmen’s wives, women professionals and office employees, the march was announced in large half-page ads in December 7th Salvadoran newspapers. It was supported by the National Association for Free Enterprise (ANEP), an organization of businessmen and industrialists. Businessmen throughout San Salvador let their employees off work to join the march, and people from throughout the country reportedly were bused in.

The march went to the presidential palace, where members of the ruling junta came out and “expressed their gratitude” at the sight of this support. This thinly veiled and officially backed counter demonstration of two thousand people, leaving seven dead.

Despite the all-out build-up, the march only drew half the number that came out November 28 in a demonstration called by the FENASTRAS, the National Federation of Salvadoran Laborers Unions, to oppose the bloody Junta. In fact over half the workers in the whole Persian Gulf area are immigrant laborers (graciously referred to by Time magazine as “guest workers”) who have had to struggle against vicious exploitation by U.S. imperialism and its Arab comprador rulers, including such semi-starvation practices by the U.S. oil companies as basing successive increases in the minimum daily wage on the cost of a diet containing the exact number of calories to keep a man and his family barely alive!

It is not surprising that resistance to the Saudi rulers is flaring up in the oilfields, where there is growing discontent among the hundreds of thousands of workers the Saudis have imported from other Middle Eastern countries. In fact over half the workers in the vast majority of the population of Saudi Arabia is non-Saudi—Palestinians, Yemenis, Egyptians, Iranians, and even South Koreans and Filipinos. These workers have been subjected to heavy control, check and suppression. Special passes are even required for admittance to the barracks where they sleep, which are segregated according to nationality to prevent fraternization among these oppressed peoples and eliminate any contact with native Saudi workers.

The security of the U.S. war bloc and their plans for war depend heavily on continued oil production by Saudi Arabia, which supplies 20% of American oil imports alone, not to mention its allies in NATO. With Iran no longer in their control, Saudi Arabia is absolutely necessary to U.S. imperialism, not only because of the vital oil supply, but also because it has taken Iran’s place as the key U.S. policeman in the area next to Israel. The U.S. is beefing up the Saudi Armed Forces with sales of 60 advanced F-15 fighters to be delivered starting next year. The Defense Department announced last Tuesday that it also plans to sell the Saudis more than 6500 bombs, including Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, Maverick TV-guided missiles, laser-guided bombs and cluster bomb units.

But with Saudi National Guard troops rushing around to beef up protection for the hundreds of major and minor princes who make up the Saudi ruling family and to protect U.S. consulates and corporate installations, the U.S. rulers that the Saudi rulers are losing their footing. One Saudi official expressed their fears when he said: “I fear that Saudi Arabia is now the target of a massive conspiracy to topple the ruling families of the Gulf and place the oilfields within the grasp of new forces that will never see America as a ‘good lord’” (Middle East Reporter). This “massive conspiracy” is none other than the burning hatred for U.S. imperialist domination that is driving the oppressed peoples in Saudi Arabia forward. And, as the demands of the Arabian masses rise to put to rest, the U.S. rulers are drawing inspiration from the revolutionary actions of the Iranian people in standing up to U.S. imperialism.
5 Years for Reading a Book

As the U.S. continues its twisted path of intrigue and dirty dealings in Iran, the struggle for true freedom and justice continues. The Iranian people's resistance from within is a testament to their determination and resilience. Despite the atrocities committed against them, the people of Iran remain steadfast in their pursuit of liberty and democracy.

The Supreme Court last week rubber stamped President Carter's wish to cloak the CIA's latest “bugging” operation.

The influence of Giese's progressive ideas was too much for the authorities to handle. The police seized on two bombings in recruiting stations in the same week to stymie their harassment and repression of political activists, including Giese. They found his fingerprints on a book in the San Joaquin apartment of people they would charge with the bombings.

If the cockroaches in your apartment are swarming trench coats and sunglasses, and screaming “Diplomatic immunity—when you go to kill them, you aren't even in the room.” Then part of the CIA's latest "bugging" operation has been thwarted.

The CIA’s technique employed a pheromone, a chemical secreted by female cockroaches which sexually excites males and females alike. It is worth noting that the CIA has finally surpassed the FBI (they're still not even close). To pal's, how they don’t?) in kinkiness. It will take some time to come up with a new plan.

Think about it, all you CIA operatives: you are a bunch of cowards and sellouts.

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Map shows two provinces in Iran inhabited mostly by national minorities or oppressed nations.

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Struggle, Intrigue in Tabriz

The story that the government's case is based on here is that the Iranian revolution is a "religious and ethnic" struggle between the Shah and the "fanatic" Ayatollah Khomeini, and that the masses of people are sim-biotic.

The U.S. has clearly promoted Gomanshi as the "bad guy" by splashing around his photo asking people if a certain man is part of the CIA's latest "bugging" operation. As a result, Gomanshi has been too afraid to go to the U.S.

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Delegation
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Los Angeles. She is the mother of six children and is on the board of the National Abortion Federation. Carol was the recipient of the first Margaret Sanger Award given for outstanding achievement in women’s health. She toured the U.S. and Europe, promoting women’s reproductive rights and sharing self-help with women there. In 1973 she was arrested in Tallahassee for criminal trespass while on a consumer inspection of a local hospital’s childbirth practices.

Franklin Glenn—Franklin graduated from Stanford University and attended law school at Berkeley. He was an officer in the Marine Corps and a military lawyer in Vietnam. He worked for the Santa Clara County Public Defender’s Office and practiced there with Rose Bird, now a California Supreme Court judge. He then went into practice in San Jose. Because of his experience in Vietnam and the injuries he saw as a public defender, he became politically active. A well-known attorney for political prisoners, Franklin has defended the San Quentin 6, Gary Laxon in Riverside (acquitted of murdering two police), Doc Holiday (a political prison reform organizer) and most recently Paul Sky Horse in the Sky Horse-Mohawk case.

Rebecca Chalker—A graduate of Florida State University with an MA in English. A free lance writer, Rebecca has written a number of articles, and is currently working on a book on women’s health. She worked at the Tallahassee Women’s Health Center and has been working with Carol at the Los Angeles Women’s Health Center for a year and a half. Rebecca wrote an article on the WATCH (Women Acting To Combat Harassment) trial in Tallahassee, the trial of women arrested for going into a hospital to inspect charge and care.

Fred Hanks—Twenty-nine years old and a resident of Detroit. Fred is a Black army veteran and a member of Vietnam Veterans Against the War, who was stationed in the 82nd Airborne Division from 1964-1971. In May, 1970, along with a quarter of his comrades, he refused to be sent to Vietnam. He was posted to Washington, D.C. to bear weapons against anti-war demonstrators. In that same month he refused orders for Viet- nam, went AWOL for nine months, spent time in the stockade for it, and ended up with an undisciplinary discharge. Last year Fred was fired from Chrysler for building support for the Iranian people’s revolutionary struggle among workers in the factories. Fred is one of the VVAW 2, Vietnam Veterans Against the War who were arrested after setting the Washington Monument on November 12, and displaying a banner.

Lisa Rafee—A student activist at UC Berkeley. Lisa has frequently spoken on campus about Iran and U.S. involvement there. She is a long-time supporter of the anti-Shah movement and a close associate of the Iranian students in the United States. She was an active participant in numerous coalition rallies involving various American organizations and progressive foreign students; associations which supported the Iranian peoples’ movement against the Shah and the U.S. in Iran. She is the former Chairwoman of the Ad Hoc Committee in Defense of the 100,000 Political Prisoners in Iran, under the Shah’s rule. Lisa traveled throughout Iran in the summer of 1978 and brought back rich experiences to further build the anti-Shah, anti-U.S. imperialist movement.

The delegation has been warmly received in Iran and has found a sympathetic audience. The CIA has received very extensive press coverage there. The secret that lies behind it is the determination and unity of all people of Iran to resist at any sacrifice, any attempt at U.S. military intervention. Coupled with this, and most moving to our delegation, has been the universal distinction made by the Iranian people between the American government and the people of America. Over and over again, on the street, in taxi cabs, and in formal meetings, they have embraced us and said to us, “Please. Go back to America and tell people the truth. The American people are our friends.”

“We understand from the American press that unidentified State Department spokesmen expressed dismay that any American would travel to Iran to “encourage the Iranian.” Their dismay increase terroidal and been transformed into unreasoned panic as tens of thousands across America take up struggle to expose 26 years of the U.S.-backed regime of the Shah and the continuing attempts by the U.S. government to again sink their claws in-to Iran.”
Reverend W. J. Stafford, pastor of the Baptist Church of Decatur, Georgia, has been ordered by Decatur, Georgia, has been ordered by the U.S. embassy in Iran to leave Iran. Stafford has been restricted to Georgia "until officials at the top levels of the U.S. government evidently got wind of Stafford's intentions and put out "the word" through a visit from the FBI. Stafford is restricted to Georgia "until this thing is all over with."

The basis for the government's grounds of Reverend Stafford's is nothing but a complicated legal situation resulting from an FBI investigation several years ago of his church's financial and political activities. The authorities had long taken notice of Stafford; he was active in the civil rights movement and had briefly served time in jail for refusing to register for the Korean war. He opposed U.S. aggression in Vietnam during the war's early stages. As a result, the FBI has been another example of increasing pressure from the U.S. government. Pleading nolo contendere, Stafford was working with in a government sponsored program and as a result was working with the British embassy. Badgered repeatedly by the authorities, Stafford decided to go to Iran, a naval blockade of Iran (though he had no way of knowing) would be the only means they have of keeping the Shah on the throne. But for all their mutual entrapping, "the big question is whether, in the face of the revolutionary movement in Iran...that depends, in turn, on the revolutionary Worker because it has been the catalyst to drive the Shah's head in Iran once and for all. And for the Americans and others who have been driven by the laws of their own imperialist system to hold onto what they have, there is nothing but their doom; that is the logic of the imperialists and all reactionaries the world over in dealing with the people's cause and they will never go against this logic."

"Iran: Not Our Embassy!"

As they hunt for options to exercise their domination over Iran, the U.S. is faced with serious difficulties. Time also prescribes various possibilities for the U.S. imperialists, such as an economic embargo on goods sold to Iran, economic warfare and any other action. The Shah's memoirs undoubtedly fueled the U.S. regime to take over. The Shah's attempts to keep him in his place, his勾引ing in their bloc, they have not given up plotting and scheming because they know they have to work together because they're in a lost cause in the face of the revolutionary uprisings, and had turned to other maneuvers to get a different pro-U.S. regime to take over. The Shah's memoirs undoubtedly fueled the U.S. ruling class's infighting over who did what to who to lead the U.S. in this Iran "crisis." But for all their internal finger pointing, this pack of thieves doesn't dare admit what their accusers only hint at: that it has been the Iranian people's revolutionary struggle and the international solidarity with that struggle that has given us the Shah back. It was all they had to bargain with this super country which is only way the oppressed are going to get anything is to take it from the oppressor."

Reverend Stafford doesn't intend doing and scheming because the government's attempts to keep him in his place and silence his voice of opposition. He's going to all his tricks over my head to keep me from going over there... but I can still raise hell in Georgia!"
Oh yes, there is an active Secret Service investigation of Bob Avakian based on his speech in Los Angeles last summer—now, months later and even after a printed retraction that the Times' lawyer was unable to execute a simple retraction of the Secret Service "investigation"—"evidence" which had been used as the legal basis for the arrest and prosecution of this fabricated statement. "Let's get back to you in a day or so and perhaps everything can be settled." Days went by and no call came from O'Neal.

In Los Angeles an attorney, acting on behalf of Bob Avakian and the RCP, immediately prepared to go back into court to restate the already flawed and previously denied complaint against the U.S. government, once again seeking to legally block this attack on Bob Avakian before it could blossom into its full form. This attack would be on bars a serious felony charge or prosecution. The U.S. Attorney, representing the U.S. government, including the Secret Service, talked, with Comrade Avakian's lawyer in Los Angeles: "What's the big deal here? Was it your message? You are getting all worked up about nothing. We have no plans to prosecute anything. The Secret Service investigation isn't even about a prosecution. We cleared that up back in September when the Secret Service came to our office and raised the possibility that at that time of prosecuting Avakian on this charge of threatening the President's life. We didn't go forward then and this is just a routine investigation going on today. As far as our office understands it, the Secret Service is investigating Avakian in connection with Avakian's own request for Secret Service documents pertaining to him and his organization and the D.C. trial.

Friday, December 14. A full 8 days after its filing, Judge David W. Williams in Los Angeles denied O'Neal and friends strong-armed the two across the street to a convenient police station. There they were arrested, read their rights, and "detained" for several hours, while O'Neal and another agent fired rapid questions at them and whined about the difficulties of pursuing "investigation." "Can you have a gun with you here? Do you own a gun? Did you have a gun in your car? Would you have a gun if the Secret Service searched your car for weapons? Did you intend to physically harm Vice President Mondale?" Are we carrying out an active investigation of Mr. Avakian? We've been trying to secure him. Do you know where Mr. Avakian is? Could you pass him a message? Did you have a message for him? Would he believe that he would call Carter if you delivered a message? Would he be willing to talk to us? Would you be willing to talk with us? And finally, "We just want to talk to him. If we could only talk to him personally, there is the distinct possibility that all this could be cleared up, but Avakian and his attorney aren't cooperative now." These remarks came from the Secret Service agent who failed to return a week of phone calls from Bob Avakian's attorney in Washington, D.C.

It is clear that these SS men do not want to "just talk." They are trying to create evidence and stir hysteria. Refusal to see the rather obvious pattern developing here would indeed be foolish. In Washington, D.C. two members of the Revolutionary Com- munist Youth Brigade went out to George Washington University on Dec. 12 and staged a short Secret- Service attack with the students on that campus. In the midst of a discussion, two "students" burst into the conversation and began to rant about Bob Avakian. "Bob Avakian—he was the guy who pulled the gun on the guard at the Chinese embassy. . ." This was a shabby reference to the action last January in fifteen of the Chinese embassy—invoking broken windows and white paint tossed at the building—as part of a protest against the U.S. visit of Deng Xiaoping. But not only was

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IN THE LAST MONTH . . .
The U.S. government has been forced to retreat in their attempt to railroad Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants. This was a great victory for people here and around the world. Now the govern- ment is appealing the dismissal of charges against Bob Avakian and escalating their attack through the secret service plot.

AT THE SAME TIME . . .
Shoulder to shoulder with the Iranian people's revolutionary struggle against U.S. imperialism, the RCP went straight up against the government, in- spiring many to stand up to the ruling class' flag waving, war-mongering hysteria.

THE STAKES ARE UP FOR THEM AND US . . .
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People's Press Conferences

Wellington, New Zealand: Picketing the U.S. Embassy.

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The red, white and blue anti-Iranian hysteria has unleashed a number of examples of troglodytic culture on the airwaves. One song, which surfaced as one of the lightest 18 record playlist A.M. additions, announced by the D.J.'s as "a tune by some good ol' boys from Birmingham, we know you're gonna like" is called "Message to Khomeini," and it goes like this:

"Creative minds can capitalize on any situation," says of the record, "It's not 'anti' anything or negative. It's just the Archie Bunker sound some people like to listen to." It is being promoted on country and western stations as the "most requested song," but music director of WMAQ Chicago gave us a little insight into just how this song by an unknown cretin, has become so "requested" so fast on some of the most tightly programmed stations in the country. Said the music director, "Every record put out comes across my desk. I listened to all the records on the Iran crisis. This one struck me as the best. It's really a very good record. It's patriotic." Some don't agree, as another Chicago station reportedly stopped playing the record because it had as many complaints about it as requests.

Some D.J.'s have really gotten into the act for U.S. imperialism and have taken to action in the streets as well as on the airwaves. Two disc jockeys in San Antonio led a group (pictures at right) to attack Iranian students conducting a hunger strike on the steps of City Hall to protest the city's ban on an anti-Shah parade. The Shah is currently stationed at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio. It has been rumored that these racists D.J.'s have really taken the "Message to Khomeini" to heart. The song also features lines like: "We're gonna send all your schoolboys back too, after we cancel your VISA cards/No more Big Macs—see how they like walking a mile for a red, white and blue Big Mac, they cannot comprehend that anyone would. Parade Magazine calls it a revolution. Thaler system at an isolated Vermont school district official, proudly offers it as a solution to all the problems of American schools. 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Marine Corporal William Gallegos, a 20-year-old soldier from Pueblo Colorado is one of the hostages being held at the American embassy in Teheran, Iran. He's been hanging out at the embassy for over a month along with the other hostages, including American parents and encourage them to fly American flags until the hostages in Tehran are freed. Evidently, certain American flags have been simultaneously engaged in an emotional frenzy of yellow journalism to build up emotional support for the hostages in the US Embassy, he has been wearing the American flag. This is what the news has done to the hostages and “insure that they are not being mistreated, much less tortured or brainwashed,” the US press immediately launched a campaign of smear and innuendo against him, implying that he himself had been “brainwashed,” or that he was being, perhaps under duress, being transformed into a willing cog in the irrational Islamic Revolutionaries.

The media, of course, has been bound hand and foot to the government for the moment to interview the hostages and “insure that they are not being mistreated,” an impossible government takeover. But once the interview with Gallegos was arranged, ABC refused to touch it because they “feared that they were being manipulated to provide the cover-up of a forum.” That left NBC, or any other medium which immediately set about to distort Gallegos’ presentation, especially when he expressed doubt about whether he was willing to die for the Shah of Iran. John Stone, for example, the chorman for NBC nightly news, coined “warnings” that the hostages had been brainwashed against the Shah, or that “any statement should be seen in this light.”

Since the embassy crisis began over a month ago, the US press has been simultaneously engaged in an organique frenzy of yellow journalism to build up emotional support for the hostages while hoping against any chance that the hostages themselves could blow their trip by filling the newsrooms, is a torrent of debate not only over the situation in Iran but over the entire history of the hostage crisis. Since the takeover of the American embassy in Teheran, Americans have been given their lives for the Shah. The board ultimately suspended Robertson, for wearing a pro-Iranian button. Principal Salceido, in the best tradition of the American public, was told to be brainwashed.

Gallegos interview ripped the mask off the US propaganda stance of “humanitarian concern” for the hostages. In a chilling form, Corporal Gallegos (and through him the American public) was told to be brainwashed until the Shah is friends with the US. Robertson to remove it. Proclaiming his great concern for “impressionable youth,” Stone blamed the button for the “imperialist national interest.” A few excerpts from the interview: “interview” show how much the US. imperialists care about the hostages:

Q. Corporal, how do you personally feel about the issue of returning the Shah?
A. Myself, as a marine guard, you all know I'd give my life for any American, any American, any President of the United States—present and past—for any of my friends. And just—I can't see it now. I just think of all the people that have given their lives for Americans and we're giving their lives for a good cause. In some way I don't see this as a good cause.

Q. Let me ask you one other question. If President Carter accedes to the demand that the Shah be allowed to return to Iran to face a sentence he deserves, would you accept?
A. I thought about saying no; but I felt that inviting similar attacks on other US. embassies elsewhere in the world?

Q. Why are you here? I think that's a good question. You want something from America, just say so. Do you say he's your Commander in Chief, Corporal?
A. Yes, sir.
Detroit Officials Call for Attacks on March

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the Committee to Support the Revolution in Iran, composed of blacks and Americans, held a picket line of 125 people at the Army Induction Center in Detroit, uniting around the slogan, "No Military Intervention in Iran!" and marched through downtown Detroit to where a rally was held. All this took place despite a number of low-life attempts to stop it by the city government, cops and media.

After having decided to hold the march, the Committee went before the city council to get a permit to march in the street. With many on the council priding themselves in being very liberal, they did not want to just flat out deny a permit, so they came up with a convenient excuse. After assuring the Committee that the council had only their best interests at heart, the permit was denied, because the city "couldn't provide adequate protection" for the marchers.

Of course, they were referring to the supposed heroes of "patriotic Americans" who would be bound to attack such an un-American demonstration. But the pigs weren't about to leave anything to chance. Police Commissioner Bannon told the newspapers, who spread it all over the front page, that if the march were held, "it could be another Greensboro." (Hint, hint.)

For two days not only the papers but the TV and radio news continuously reported that there was to be a pro-Iranian march, the cops were not going to allow it because it could be another Greensboro, how many people were expected, the exact route of the march, etc. They were trying to intimidate people away from the march and the same time put an unequaled call to reactionary demonstrators to come and attack the demonstration.

On the day of the march, the dreams of the city council and Detroit cops were shattered. Despite all the attempts to whip up reactionary sentiment and actually attack this demonstration, all that turned up at the picket and march were two rags apiece from Breakthrough, a group known for attacking anti-war clergy and pro-abortion demonstrators. Later they picked up some known undercover cops they had stationed along the march route who heckled the marchers. The uniformed pigs openly fraternized with this counter-demonstration, at the same time making the show of protecting the pro-Iran marchers from them.

The march went off well received by the masses of people, many of whom stopped to check it out and engage in lively and sometimes sharp struggle along the route. There was a lot of black and white action, and several people stopped to listen to the entire rally after the march. In spite of fears by some who participated in the march, the Iranians boldly went out to the people and engaged in discussion along the way.

The composition of the picket line and march itself reflected that the issue of Iran is becoming the dividing line for broad sections of the American people. Participating in the march were people from the Catholic Worker, the Palestine Committee, and Rock Against Racism, as well as a number of progressive lawyers, workers from the Ford Rouge Plant, students from local colleges, and members of the RCYP, RCP and VVAW.

The growing and broad support was not only reflected in the Dec. 8 march. A week before the rally, the Revolutionary Worker, especially the following day, the same two pigs openly fraternized with this event and the cops then had their hands in their pockets. One fellow who was there that day said, "Where should I put it in the trunk of the back seat?" As they placed it in the back seat, someone yelled, "What's the hog's head being arrested for—impersonating a police officer?" Another yelled, "Naw, they're taking it back to the office to see who lost his head!" The cops were overheard warning the meat market owner to let the pig department know if anyone ever buys a pig's head. News of the day, December 7, three patrol cars screeched to a halt. Tight jowled, three cops approached a pig's head, still pink, a little American flag stuck in one ear, held high on a stick, "Who does this pig's head belong to," the officer grunted. Someone from the crowd yelled out, "Yours!"

Hatred for law enforcement has been boiling over in Oakland in the past few weeks. Recently five cops got beaten, one stabbed in one week alone. The cops have killed six blacks this year including 15-year-old Melvin Black, Charles Briscoe, and most recently Talmage Curtis. Three hundred cops were mobilized demanding a free hand to shoot. Revolutionary workers sold fast as people gathered watching this little pig drama unfold. People were grabbing leaflets exposing the cop march on city hall as calling for open season on black people or anyone who dares oppose the system. The cops, uptight but not quite sure what to do, decided to arrest the pig's head. One cop, holding the suspect on a stick, walked back to his patrol car muttering, "where should I put it in the trunk or the back seat?" As they placed it in the back seat, someone yelled, "What's the pig's head being arrested for—impersonating a police officer?" Another yelled, "Naw, they're taking it back to the office to see who lost his head!" The cops were overheard warning the meat market owner to let the pig department know if anyone ever buys a pig's head. News of the arrest is spreading throughout Oakland. Despite calls by lawyers, police would not set the terms of bail for springing the suspect.

P.O. Holds Pro-Iranian Workers Hostage

At the Bulk Mail Center in Cincinnati, Ohio last week, two workers, supporters of the RCP, were torn to pieces by the U.S. Post Office, "jest because you were pro Iran." A couple of backward workers ripped off one of the buttons. One ex-marine screamed, "I killed motherfuckers like you in Vietnam and I'll gladly do it again." "Kill all commies and Iranians," was printed on a sign hanging from his forklift. This fool was ramming into a wall. A few of the workers的信任 revolutionary around him, but many more became challenged to open their mouths and argue about the struggle of the Iranian people against the U.S. government, should be supported. Intense struggle and debate raged at all day at the BMC.

The following day, the same two came to work wearing t-shirts reading "Wanted, the Shah—Dead or Alive." When management found out what happened, they were taken hostage—hauled off into the office. On the way there, a worker turned to him and said, "If you're really the Revolutionary Worker, especially the articles on Iran, this is just what management feared. Management came to the conclusion to see the role of the U.S. in Iran and standing and uniting with the Iranian people.

The two were made to stay in the office all day and were told to remove the shirts and buttons or be terminated. They refused. After being fired, the management had checked to see if there was any disruption—whether the decision came down—30 days suspension. The reason? As management stated, "retention in an active duty status may be detrimental to the morale of the government or injurious to you, your fellow workers or the general public."
The car wound its way along the hot, dusty road that led from Baghdad to Khaenequin. They had left early enough, so they could reach Tehran by late afternoon. It had been a long trip that took this agent of U.S. imperialism from Washington via Rome, Beirut, Damascus and Baghdad. "My nerves jangled," Lockbridge had said, "my spirits soared as we moved up the mountain road." Soaked like a culture—the agent liked his work.

As the destination drew nearer the agent reflected on the events of the past weeks and months, particularly that last meeting in the office of the Secretary of State.

They all recognized the importance of the project, but realized equally well that the risk was great and that the stakes were high. The Director of the CIA was strongly behind the operation. Lockbridge had gone over the plan with him in great detail before the meeting. He mused, "It is impossible to overstate the importance of this operation."

Secretary of State, having heard my second point seems almost comical, he said, "I don't like this kind of talk."

"What you have just read is an accurate adaptation of the account of the U.S.-backed coup in Iran in 1953 that was found on the person of another agent, not far from the U.S. Embassy. They hid like rats in the basement furnace before a stream of shouting Iranians came tumbling down the mountain. 'as another old dimwit observed, the agency remains the same."

Lockbridge took off to gather up General Z and deliver him to "whatever point from which he thought it best to assume command." The radio station had already been seized. An announcement of the coup and the imminent return of the imperial Personage would be firmly in the air force among the "demonstrators" in the streets. That was, to use the term, a real coup. The Shah was back in.

The Shah would be reluctant to return to the country unless it could be assured that "all was well." He was not so much concerned that he be received back with bouquets and huzzahs by the masses in the streets. That was, to undersand, the matter, highly unlikely. What he did want was assurance that troops and commanders loyal to his Imperial Personage would be firmly in control of the situation and able to guarantee its inviolability. But that was not a major concern for the Agency people, since if the guarantees couldn't be shown, he wouldn't return.

A more important matter was selecting a new prime minister who would receive the unqualified allegiance of the military. General Z had been selected as the best choice. He had for some time been billeted in the rough hills near his own expansive estate. The government had launched a manhunt for him, but he had not been discovered.

Lockbridge took it as his personal responsibility to establish contact with the General and keep him safe until the decisive moment. As the plan moved in to its final stages, the general was quite ready to be delivered back to his post. He said, "I'm not going to be a spectator in the event."

Lockbridge had a unique opportunity to experience the thrill of the coup. The events of the past weeks and months, particularly that last meeting in the office of the Secretary of State, had a profound impact on his life. He mused, "It is impossible to overstate the importance of this operation."

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The US coup in September 1979 was a coup d'état in Iran that overthrew the country's government and resulted in the establishment of a Islamic Republic. The coup was largely engineered by the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), with the assistance of the government of the United Kingdom, in order to remove the monarch and to install a government more amenable to Western interests. The coup was led by Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the Shah of Iran, who was deposed from power. The coup was supported by the military and the Shah's government, and was carried out with minimal resistance. The coup was met with widespread international condemnation, and led to the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The coup was widely perceived as a violation of international law, and was a significant factor in the rise of political Islam in the region. The coup was a major factor in the Iran-Iraq War, which began in 1980 and lasted until 1988. The coup was also a significant factor in the political landscape of the region, and has had a lasting impact on the political and social structures of Iran and its neighbors. The coup was a significant factor in the rise of political Islam in the region, and has had a lasting impact on the political and social structures of Iran and its neighbors.
For over forty years, the bloody tyranny of the Somoza regime in Nicaragua had been a very real symbol of U.S. imperialist domination and plunder in Latin America. But last summer, the revolutionary people of Nicaragua overthrew the supposedly invincible Somoza, having in the process won a tremendous victory that opened up great new opportunities for their own advance. But the shockwaves rippling through Central and Latin America—rippling through the whole of the U.S. imperialist bloc—have only increased the bitterness of the Somoza regime

This revolutionary triumph is extremely significant. The Nicaraguan people, under the leadership of the Sandinista Front for National Liberation (FSLN) destroyed the myth that the U.S. backed military regimes in Latin America were strong enough to challenge them. Somosa's National Guard was one of the best-trained and best-equipped armed forces in the region, renowned for its brutality in suppressing any inclination of opposition to the government. Throughout the civil war—even after Somosa's departure on July 17—the Guard relentlessly pursued a naked strategy of murder, executing thousands and bombing, shelling, and strafing the towns, overcrowded slum quarters in the major cities, which were all bastions of the revolution. The workers and the urban masses of Managua, Leon, and other Nicaraguan cities, armed with hunting rifles or whatever weapons came to hand, destroyed one National Guard stronghold after another. As in the case of Iran, it was the armed people, filled with hatred for tyranny and exploitation and prepared to die, who proved to be invincible, while the fascist "crack troops," trained and equipped by the United States, disintegrated and fled, along with the criminal puppet Somosa himself.

Nicaraguan society today, in the aftermath of the revolutionary victory, is bursting with revolutionary vitality. Workers in the factories and peasants in the fields are calling for a complete clean-up of the government, with the approval of the FSLN, has destroyed its once secure hold on power. The new revolutionary government is determined to carry forward the building of a new revolutionary society. The political debates have often taken the form of confrontation under the general principles of and government officials who argue that the joint now is to "put the nose to the grindstone" and who narrowly pose economic construction as the sole preoccupation of the masses and opposition. Wider and deeper is the pace of social change has sometimes been attacked as "counterrevolutionary," by officials of the new government, but as one Managua slum dweller said, "There will never be counterrevolutionaries here."

Struggle Enters New Stage

It was inevitable with the final collapse of the Somoza dynasty that the class struggle in Nicaragua would enter a new and complex stage. The united fronts of various classes and social forces which had combined in the anti-Somoza cause was very broad—including, in fact, almost the entire Nicaraguan bourgeoisie outside of the Somosa family itself. (Since the revolution, it has come to light that even one of Somosa's nephews had joined the Sandinista movement—he was assassinated last month, supposedly by an opposition National Guard element.) Many businessmen joined the Broad Opposition Front (as the coalition set up to oppose Somosa politically was known) because under the Somoza dictatorship they couldn't get an "opportunity" to do business. The Somosa family hogs most of the plunder for themselves. Other Nicaraguan capitalists, more "farsighted" than the Somosa, believed that reform was inevitable and that it was better to act early to seize leadership of the social movement, rather than be swept away by it. In addition, the FSLN itself was not a revolutionary party with a single clear revolutionary line, but basically a unity of thousands of the masses. In the countryside, the new government, with the approval of the FSLN, has done its best to pour cold water on the revolutionary enthusiasm of the masses. In the countryside, peasant spontaneously seized land from both somocista landlords and others after the civil war. The government intervened, enacting a decree to prevent "unlawful" takeovers. A major project appears to be an attempt to persuade the rank-and-file Sandinista militia units and the thousands of other "irregulars" with arms to turn them in. This attempt—like the decrees prohibiting reprisals against National Guardsmen—is encountering stubborn resistance.

As a result, the government has begun to actually take repressive and in some instances even violent measures against the masses, while unleashing a widespread campaign against "ultra-leftism." According to a New York Times account, the Sandinista leadership and the five-member governing junta have decided to impose their "anti-socialist" policies on the extreme left and establish closer communication with the private sector, but also trying to forestall new violence.

"Last weekend, the inhabitants of Managua awoke to find the new Sandinista Army carrying out raids on suspected arms hideouts and mounting blockheads throughout the capital. The army command announced that 164 weapons had been seized and 56 persons arrested. The crackdown is apparently becoming severe even within the FSLN itself. Interior Minister Tomas Borge, initially billed in the Western press as a "hard-line Marxist," but whose "reasonable pragmatism" has since been seen as a place of favor in the U.S. media, announced at a recent press conference an "internal clean-up" to crack down on what reports describe as an "epidemic of discipline" within the FSLN ranks. Apparently, the main breach of discipline was the widespread refusal to abide by the ban on executing Somocista war criminals. Borge attacked the "cold-blooded assassination" of a National Guard Colonel, "whose life had been guaranteed by the FSLN in exchange for his unconditional surrender during the civil war," according to reports from Nicaragua. Attempts were then apparently made to hide the facts from..."
The ruling class propaganda is revealing in two respects. Not only does it expose the sinister design the U.S. is intent on carrying out under cover of the glow of "reasonableness," "live and let live," and "friendly, disinterested aid." It also reveals that they perceive correctly—that the revolutionary mass movement in Nicaragua is still so powerful that the threat of a new upsurge which would sweep away forever the social basis upon which the imperialists are staking their dreams of recovery is extremely sharp. Of course, should this take place, the mischief-causing and the mask of "friendship" would quickly be dropped in favor of more traditional forms of U.S. "diplomacy." For now, however, the U.S. imperials appear to be pleased with the progress they are making. When the Council of the Americas, a New York-based public relations firm, recently invited a number of the Sandinista leaders to attend: "It was a very important symbol of the growing pragmatism and rationality with which a Nicaraguan businessmen was quoted at the Times. It was also a vindication of Washington's new policy toward Nicaragua."
To: The District of Columbia Court of Appeals, U.S. Attorney Carl Rauh, and Asst. U.S. Attorney Mary Ellen Abrecht

We, the undersigned, condemn the U.S. Government's continuing efforts to harass, intimidate and jail Revolutionary Communist Party Chairman Bob Avakian and 16 others for 241 years. Though the judge presiding in their case dismissed the multiple felony count indictment against the 17 defendants on November 14, 1979 — on November 23, 1979 the U.S. Government, with the judge's full cooperation, filed notice of intention to appeal this decision with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Clearly this attempted railroad of the Mao Tsetung Defendants is not yet over.

The judge's dismissal order cited a defense motion which charged "prosecutorial vindictiveness" by the U.S. Government against the Revolutionary Communist Party, its members and supporters. This motion cites the history of the mushrooming of criminal charges and top level government involvement against Bob Avakian and 16 other defendants in this case:

- First arrested on January 29, 1979 at a demonstration in front of the White House against the visit of Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping to the U.S., 78 persons were charged with misdemeanor riot.
- Within 12 hours, charges were hoisted to felonious assault on police officers when former U.S. Attorney Earl Silbert, of Watergate fame, personally appeared in court to state that the U.S. Government had "good cases" against all 78.
- In late June, 17 were notified of their indictment on 5 to 7 felony charges; Bob Avakian was among those indicted although up to the present time he has not yet been identified by any government witness as having been present at the scene of the crimes for which he is charged.
- In early July one group of 8 defendants was arraigned on 12 felony charges and a second group of 9 defendants on 15 felony charges; all were charged with misdemeanor riot.
- In mid-August, following a defense motion to consolidate the two groups into one common trial, the U.S. Attorney re-indicted all 17 defendants and all were re-arraigned on 25 felony charges and one misdemeanor.

So long as this case is pending in the Court of Appeals, Bob Avakian and the other 16 defendants can, at any time in the next 2 to 18 months or more, again face these same charges. They may still be on trial for their political views in a case which cannot be allowed to set the political climate for the 1980s.

When plans for this major trial of political repression targeting Bob Avakian and the 16 others were made, the U.S. Government failed to take into account the thousands upon thousands of people from all walks of life across this country who would and have begun to step forward to stand against this vicious attack. It was in the face of this ever-growing opposition to their attack on the 17 that the U.S. Government was forced to back off. But the U.S. Attorney's plan to appeal the dismissal of the charges amply demonstrates that the U.S. Government may very well try to reinstate these charges at a more favorable time.

We will not allow the opposition of thousands to the U.S. Government's attack on the Mao Tsetung Defendants to be sidetracked by the transferal of this case to the Court of Appeals. Most importantly, we will never stand by silently and allow the U.S. Government to work out new tactics to pursue this outrageous attack. We demand:

WITHDRAW THE APPEAL DROP ALL THE CHARGES ONCE AND FOR ALL

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The Committee to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants is collecting signatures for this statement to be (1) sent to the D.C. Court of Appeals and the U.S. Attorney, (2) possibly used in a paid advertisement. Names of those who wish to sign this statement and donations should be sent to the National Office of the Committee at the above address.
Chester, South Carolina. Under the cover of night, 150 lizards slithered into the Chester fairgrounds on Saturday, December 8. The Klan had been planning this event for weeks, hoping to incite fear and hatred among the local community.

The Klansmen, dressed in white robes and top hats, attempted to create a sense of power and intimidation. However, the Chesterians were not intimidated. They gathered in force to confront the Klansmen, showing their determination to stand up against hate and discrimination.

As the sun began to rise, it became clear that the Klan's attempt to stir up trouble had failed. The crowd, consisting of people from all walks of life, marched in solidarity, chanting slogans and holding up signs that read "Black Lives Matter" and "We are Chester, not the Klan!"

Despite the Klan's efforts, the people of Chester stood strong, proving that hate and violence cannot prevail against the courage and unity of a community.

— Adapted from the article "People of Chester Defy Klan," published in the December 14, 1979, issue of the Revolutionary Worker.
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