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HANDS OFF BOB AVAKIAN!

The following statements are taken verbatim from the letter for various government officials which opposed continued attempts by the U.S. Government to destroy both the legal railroad of Bob Avakian through the assertion of the felony charges dismissed in November and the escalated attack represented by the Secret Service "investigation." They are only a small sampling of the hundreds of statements that are beginning to pile up on the desks of Carter, Stuart Knigh and others.

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Now You've Got It

IN YOUR HAND....

O.K. Now you've got your hands on the Revolutionary Worker. Think about the tens and tens of thousands of people in this country who are being fed up with all the jingoistic lies on Iran and who are looking for answers, is at the top of the agenda, and it's on time. And it's a crime that there are people who are looking for revolution who don't have the Revolutionary Worker every week. And this is causing some people to lose sleep, thinking about how to get it into their hands, like one reader told us: "I didn't think revolution was possible before I read the Revolutionary Worker. How many people like me are out there? Why shouldn't they be working for revolution?" The answer is, they should and can and will, because right on the threshold of the 1980s the distribution of the Revolutionary Worker, voice of the Revolutionary Communist Party, is taking a big leap. In the next two weeks, a big push is on to complete plans to double the circulation of this paper to 40,000 a week, and it's not going to stop there, either. It's got to keep on leaping and bounding into the '80s, right into the gale winds that are stirring now. Join the conspiracy! Spread the conspiracy! Now that you've got the life-line of the revolutionary movement in your hands, stretch that line to thousands more. Create public opinion...Seize Power!

Dear Ms. Abrecht:

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Very Truly Yours,

14 Lawyers from Hawaii (telegram includes signatures)

To the Secret Service:

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16 inmates at a drug rehabilitation facility in Washington D.C.

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Right now the power of the masses is bursting forth in revolution—no longer, as after World War 2, are they en masse, the most monstrous oppressors in the world history, have the nerve to cry about how they've been "pushed around," and there is nothing too low or irrelevant, borders on Iran). Of course, the U.S. imperialists are not alone as top-rank world reactionary powers, they are in neck-and-neck rivalry with the Soviet Union or the superpower heading up the other imperialist bloc, they are not only face to face with the U.S. imperialists in all areas over the world, but are also finding themselves the direct and indirect target of mass uprisings. Right now, copying the U.S. imperialists' performance in Vietnam, the Russians are facing popular uprising in Afghanistan (a country which, not only is the U.S. imperialists' main ally in the anti-Cuban war, but also is the Soviet Union's). These are like people who live in an illusion, in all the more isolated daily.

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Los Angeles, December 22. The judge chosen to preside over the railroad of Leonard Peltier sat in stunned silence, reading and rereading the jury’s verdict. The jury had delivered guilty verdicts on Peltier, whose uncomprising stand has won him respect throughout the prisons. All this testifies to the growing support for the resistance of the Indian people that Leonard Peltier has come to symbolize.

This clearly had an effect on the jurors, some of whom held out for acquittal for four days, because “maybe he had a good reason to escape” as one said afterwards. In the end, they split the verdict—guilty on some counts, not guilty on others—and went home for the holidays. The Leonard Peltier Defense Committee made a point of saying “the jurors were brave to stand up to the pressure as long as they did. But in the end they decided on what was the law and not what was the truth.”

The capitalists still have Leonard Peltier in their clutches serving two consecutive life sentences for the “crimes” of standing with his people and defending them against armed government attack. Additional sentences of up to seven years for these new convictions could be added; five years could be added to Garcia’s three life sentences. The government plans to send both Leonard and Bobby to the sensory deprivation program in the “Control Unit” at Marion, Illinois to try to complete what the jury had had a clear field to run their sentences to the government’s attempts to kill Peltier, whose uncompromising stand has won him respect throughout the prisons. All this testifies to the growing support for the resistance of the Indian people that Leonard Peltier has come to symbolize.

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Soviet Imperialists Mass Troops in Afghanistan

On December 27, the Soviet press agency Tass gave favorable coverage and full approval to a speech broadcast by the regime of Revolutionary Action in Afghanistan. The speech was delivered by Babak Karmal and stated in part: "At last, after terrible sufferings and tribulations, the day has come of freedom and rebirth of all peoples of Afghanistan. Today is the breaking of the machine of tortures of Afghanistan together with the oppressors and usurers and murderers of tens of thousands of our countrymen, fathers, brothers, sons, husbands, wives, children and old people." It was with this statement that the conference of former Afghan President Hafizullah Amin and the installation of a new government headed by Karmal was announced.

Karmal failed to mention, however, that by which this "breaking of the machine of tortures" was taking place. Probably, it failed to mention it, too. For only hours before this latest Soviet puppet puppetted "freedom and rebirth" of the Afghan puppet, the Soviets sent an additional 4,500 combat troops into Afghanistan, supplementing thousands of Soviet "advisers" and combat troops already there.

Such a move is, of course, typical of the Afghan puppet's strategy. They are still using the knives and the grease and hope the United Press can quickly turn to disgust at the create public opinion favorable to the admission that veterans are taking a proud seat in Afghanistan. The speech was delivered by the great majority of the press in Afghanistan. Iran the recent Soviet maneuvers are clearly a result of the threat of the manifestation of the liberation presently being waged by the people of Afghanistan against a system which, using Soviet puppets and increasingly against the Soviets themselves.

The struggle has raged for over a year and a half, growing since the April 1978 Soviet invasion. In the revolutionary struggle of the people of Iran, Todd Taraki. Since that time, the Soviets have found themselves in a situation where the growing and the recent Soviet maneuvers are clearly a result of the threat of the manifestation of the liberation presently being waged by the people of Afghanistan against a system which, using Soviet puppets and increasingly against the Soviets themselves.

The same thing that can be said about the revolution in Afghanistan, the same thing that can be said about the revolution in Afghanistan, is that the resistance is the result of the popular movement and the people's support for the new ruling apparatus of the Ayatollah should U.S. intervention be harmed.

The intentions of this pig statement are clear. First of all, it is an attempt to discredit VVAW, throw confusion into the ranks of veterans and others who have looked to and respected VVAW, and besiege the Soviets into support and solidarity being built for the VVAW. The Soviets have already captured the support of vets taking over the Washington Monument, occupying the stately offices of Sefford Air National Guard Base, and sending a representative, Fred Hanks, dragging the Imperialists' delegation to a conference which recently returned to the U.S., has filled the imperialists with indiscriminate and daily noise, often in spite of them.

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VVAW Responds

The response of VVAW to the UPI release was swift and clear: VVAW called the UPI office in San Francisco, where the release originated, as soon as it became available, and demanded an immediate retraction of the release by UPI that a "words of the Ayatollah should U.S. intervention be harmed." The UPI release mentioned the "words of the Ayatollah should U.S. intervention be harmed.

The intention of this pig statement is clear. After all, it is an attempt to discredit VVAW, throw confusion into the ranks of veterans and others who have looked to and respected VVAW, and besiege the Soviets into support and solidarity being built for the VVAW. The Soviets have already captured the support of vets taking over the Washington Monument, occupying the stately offices of Sefford Air National Guard Base, and sending a representative, Fred Hanks, dragging the Imperialists' delegation to a conference which recently returned to the U.S., has filled the imperialists with indiscriminate and daily noise, often in spite of them.

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The "retraction" was actually only a further attack. UPI has even refused on the basis of "legal advice" to give VVAW a copy of this so-called "retraction" which states only that UPI received a phone call "from a person who identified himself as Steve, a spokesperson for VVAW," saying that the person who called in the previous story was an impostor and that the story was the complete opposite of what VVAW believes. The VVAW also stated that VAVI was in favor of the Shah being returned to Iran. Conspicuously absent was an admission from UPI that their previous statement was indeed called in by an impostor. The "retraction" is running an unsubstantiated statement. This second release was merely a statement that VVAW was in favor of the Shah being returned to Iran. Conspicuously absent was an admission from UPI that their previous statement was indeed called in by an impostor. The "retraction" is running an unsubstantiated statement. 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They told us to get on the ground and we got on the ground and they started bussing our heads. The next time I looked up they were beating everyone on the corner. They put a good 24 stitches in my head and I wasn’t doin’ nothin’ but playing pin-ball. Police harassment is all it was.” This is how L., a 17-year-old Black youth from East Oakland’s flatlands, began his story of what went down on December 7 at Felix Whitaker’s pool hall. He told how the pigs, 30 of them, converged from four corners in cars and on cycles, on this local recreation center.

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The cops search Felix’s three or four times a day now. As L. said, “They won’t let us go out. They say we’re peddling dope. They hate us—that’s the real reason they’re after us.” And this is not an isolated case by any means. The Oakland police are not even bothering to make up excuses and alibis for the brutal attacks on Black people anymore. They are just out for the maximum in blood, declaring “open season” on Black people.

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December 21, 1979 marks a hundred years since the birth of Joseph V. Stalin. The name of Stalin, which means “man of steel,” is still the subject of heated controversy and debate, with different views being taken by different people. Today, more than 25 years after his death, why is Stalin being hailed today as a great revolutionary leader of the working class, and why are his ideas, however controversial, being discussed by others as a “bloodthirsty dictator”?

To hundreds of millions of people around the world, especially to the revolutionary-minded workers and other laboring people, the name of Stalin symbolizes the truly historic achievements of building the world’s first socialist state and defending it against both the overthrowing exploiters and the capitalists internationally. These decisions of the Soviet Union under Stalin’s leadership were a great source of inspiration and support for the revolutionary struggle of the world’s peoples. This is a legacy that can never be forgotten, even after Stalin’s death in 1953 a group of new capitalist exploiters emerged led by Khrushchev, who abandoned the Soviet Communist Party, seized power, overthrew the system of the working class and restored capitalism.

On the other hand, everywhere in the world, especially in the Soviet Union itself, the capitalists still hate and fear Joseph Stalin and what his name stands for. For more than 25 years their paid propagandists, have churned out countless books, magazine articles, textbooks and religious brochures calling Stalin a “20th Century Ivan the Terrible.” According to such well-known bourgeoisie commentators as Harrison Salisbury (writing for the New York Times), by adding up the people that Stalin supposedly “slaughtered” during the collectivization of Soviet agriculture in the 1920’s, the “purge trials” of the 1930’s, the millions who died fighting the Nazis in World War II (including the so-called “blurred military operatives”) Joseph Stalin is responsible for more than 100 million Russians. This is quite a feat, for, according to readily available statistics, Stalin’s society killed or sent out the entire population of the USSR in just 20 years!

But even though such writers are forced to acknowledge that Stalin did lead the great Soviet people to decisive blows to fascist Germany in World War II (and the Soviet people suicidally murdered millions of women and children in doing so), they will in the next breath call Stalin and Hitler “the most terrible dictators the world has ever seen. For let’s not forget something: Stalin is not like the fascists. Communists are not like fascists. The two are mortal enemies. Communists stand against class exploitation and overthrowing the capitalists and exploiting classes, and their armies of people from whom, as Thucydides said, while fascists like Hitler are the agents of the bourgeoisie. Under Hitler, after all, deep personal “socialism” was a byproduct of capitalist plunder and devastation. The battle against exploitation and capitalism will be won only when we have eliminated all the evils of capitalism, particularly the “me-first-how-can-I-get-rich” outlook, and for carrying on the class struggle against the overthrowing exploiters and their imperialists.

The proletarian dictatorship is different in two ways from a bourgeois dictatorship: (1) while workers rule over the capitalists, the only way that genuine freedom and democracy can be enjoyed by the overwheiling majority of the people is by suppressing the overthrowing exploiter classes, and as a result the new groups of would-be exploiters that develop within socialist society itself—of whom will fight fiercely to destroy the rule of the working class and restore capitalism, and (2) the people of the working class’ dictatorship is not to become a new class of exploiters, but to continue the socialist revolution until exploitation and oppression are done away with, until all the inequalities and differences among the people left over from capitalist society, as well as the “me-first-how-can-I-get-rich!” outlook of the bourgeoisie, are uprooted. Only when there is no longer any basis for capitalism with all its evils to be restored—in other words, with the achievements of classless society, of communism—will there no longer be a need for the proletarian dictatorship.

Stalin played a major role in the work of the Bolshevik Party, including its underground work, from the time it was formed in 1903 to the earth-shaking armed insurrection of October 1917. During these years, Stalin made important theoretical contributions in all fields—particularly around the national question, both in Russia and internationally. When Lenin, the great leader of the Russian Revolution, died in 1924, Stalin stepped forward to defend and develop Lenin’s basic line for the construction of socialism in the USSR and for carrying on the class struggle against the overthrowing exploiters and their imperialists alike.

In the 1920’s, Russia was still a backward, largely peasant society whose industrial base had largely been destroyed by years of war, and was encircled and constantly menaced by the imperialist powers. Inside Russia, the forces of capitalism, particularly the kulaks (rich peasants) were still powerful and formidable. Under these extremely difficult conditions, Stalin led the Soviet and the international proletariat, based on his great achievements, recognized and understood and learned from in order to further the revolutionary cause of the international proletariat.

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U.S. Gangsters Play the Numbers with Hostages

The U.S. imperialists appear to have outdone the writer of that reactionary tune, "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover," with a new anti-hostage song titled "How to Use a Hostage." Their latest verse is a cynical and disgusting numbers racket involving cruel and mistreated hostages to try to salvage some ammunition for their reign of terror in Iran. The hostages at their Christmas party obviously in good health and well treated. This picture released by the students wasn't printed in many U.S. publications.

December 28. As the national speaking tour of the Send the Shah Back/U.S. Hands Off Iran Hands delegation just returned from Iran, the Pope was rising to denounce not only the "unpatriotic," these guys who have refused to publish any list of the hostages, putting great emphasis on the imprisonment of the three clerics and showing a little bit slip out. One U.S. official flow on this, "at some time in the future, our nation's honor will become more important than the hostages." But the hostages have never been important to the imperialists except in so far as they can be used as a club on this bogus issue, and away from the real issue of the U.S. imperialists' criminal role in Iran.

They are definitely upset about the fact that they have been relatively unsuccessful in creating the storm of reaction that they tried so hard to whip up, and hating the Shiite cleric judges who have refused to be taken in by, including many middle class forces and influential people, crying aloud about the lack of "patriotism" in an attempt to stir up public opinion against these forces and isolate them or attempt to make them feel isolated.

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Not once during his speech did John Paul II use the words "Iran," "embassy," "Khomeini," or even "oil." After all, it wouldn't be fitting for god's number one spokesman to make such open references to worldly matters. But for one whose mission on earth is supposedly of a "spiritual" nature, standing above the mundane and secular considerations of international politics, the Pope's speech is remarkably in tune with the political realities that his real masters face. The only "humble people" he was speaking for were the ones from whom he derives his own "humility" and his own world outlook—the U.S. imperialists. The only "humble people" he was speaking for were the ones from whom he derives his own "humility" and his own world outlook—the U.S. imperialists. The only "humble people" he was speaking for were the ones from whom he derives his own "humility" and his own world outlook—the U.S. imperialists. The only "humble people" he was speaking for were the ones from whom he derives his own "humility" and his own world outlook—the U.S. imperialists.

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of the two forms of political power which exist in Iran today and the struggles going on. We easily passed through the police who had no interest in our passports, but that isn't enough to get you into Iran these days. There is also a committee of student activists and armed "guardians of the revolution" or parastars who inspected everybody also. When we produced our U.S. passports, the whole machine lit up TILT! We were politely asked to stand aside and the student activists disappeared into an office for a quick telephone confirmation. We were then waiven on to customs where diligent inspectors were busy pulling whiskers out of our incoming baggage. The sale and importation of alcohol is prohibited by the new Islamic government, and there was a whole shelf of confiscated Fifthels there to prove it.

Again we were intercepted by a student committee at customs and once again we followed a young activist to a nearby office. In this office a big squeeze was in progress. A woman had just been put through twenty times into the money ward of U.S. currency (twenties and hundreds) big enough to choke a horse. She was screaming her protest as the students methodically dumped out all her baggage to see what other goodies she was smuggling into the country. Again another phone call and the office was politely closed before we left them on us the back and says "Welcome to Iran!"

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The New Tehran

Seen from the air or the top of a tall building, Tehran gives the appearance of a bustling modern city built on a sloping plain reaching up to 16,000 ft. snow-covered mountains. Down at street level the reality is both startling and exciting. There is hardly a piece of wall in all of Tehran which is not covered with revolutionary posters and spray-painted slogans. Indeed the monumental extent of spray-painted slogans, in quantity, size and artistic quality would cause the most hardened agnostics to desecrate the Shah's picture. We saw bills with "X" across his picture, bills with his eyes burned out by a cigarette. Shahs with horns and fangs, and finally the government got into the act with an oriental design printed over the Shah's portrait on new bills.

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Khomeini's Islamic government was overthrown by the CIA in 1953, and when I got home I found all the kids in my youngest daughter's class were forced to send Christmas cards to the hostages in the embassy. Little did they know that the new street name in the embassy address "Talligani" is named for the Ayatollah Talligani, a beloved leader of the February revolution who was considered to be the left of Khomeini.
WHO'S RUNNING THE U.S. PRESS?

There is often the lingering assumption, drummed into people's heads, that America's press is not really influenced by the powers that be, that it is somehow still basically "free and independent." Today, however, with such illusions, a recent article published in the influential New York Times Magazine, "The End of American Journalism," makes interesting reading. A year-long study of the board of directors of the 50 largest newspaper companies shows that far from being merely influenced by the powers that be, all of the nation's 25 largest newspaper companies show that the Times, the Post, and the Washington Post, for instance, are run by people whose dailies account for more than 20% of all U.S. daily newspaper circulation in the U.S. are directly run by the very same capitalists who sit on the boards of the largest American corporations that make up Fortune magazine's top 13% of U.S. corporations, including bank owners, insurance companies and other major corporations that make up Fortune magazine's top 1300 companies. And beyond these "interlocking directorates," the study reveals thousands of other director and trustee links between the 300 directors of these newspaper companies and the nation's corporations, biggest banks, biggest insurance companies and governmental institutions, up to and including high federal government offices. Take, for example, the Ford Motor Company which shares directors with the corporations that publish the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the L.A. Times, the three most prestigious newspapers in the country. When the gas tanks of Ford's Pinto began exploding and drivers and passengers were killed on the nation's highways, this of course was not considered to be particularly news-worthy. The Ford company was simply another director and trustee who fell off the Pinto story in a small publication, Mother Jones, reveals that the company's press was available all along and that when the major newspapers were finally forced to pick up the story, "All they wrote was the company line, if they wrote anything at all."

But even more interesting than the inter-locking of newspaper board directors with individual capitalist enterprises are their links with the U.S. government which represents the interests of the bourgeoisie as a whole. Former government officials on newspaper company boards, for example, and intimates such as Clark Clifford, once Secretary of Defense, at the New York Times and Michael Rogers, a former Attorney General and Secretary of State, at Gannett which publishes the Oakland Tribune. At the Washington Post, renowned for conservative and right-wing political doctrines, the list of more than three of its directors sit on the Council of Foreign Relations, which serves as a sounding board for the Establishment's political and military options of the U.S. imperialists in different parts of the world. One them is Nicholas Kazaninb, former Attorney General and Under Secretary of State. This and dozens of other news company directors also sit on influential foreign bodies such as the Committee for Economic Development (where the imperialists discuss how to best plunder under-developed nations overseas) and governmental think-tanks like the Brookings Institute and Spectry-Rand Corporation. What all this drives home is the role of Lenin described over 60 years ago as the "richest newspapers in the richest countries, which spend tens of millions of dollars on their distribution and disseminate bourgeois lies and imperialist policy in the tens of millions of copies."

What is particularly significant, for example, about the fact that William Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, was a one-time ambassador to the UN and sits on the Council of Foreign Relations, the Advisory Committee to the State Department and the Trilateral Commission which is basically a Rockefeller-backed planning agency for the U.S. war bloc. Since it is these very councils, committees and commissions that are scheming... Continued on page 17

From the Struggling Masses in D.C. to the Fighting Masses of Iran

On Thursday, December 13th, the Iranian embassy in Washington, D.C. was occupied by the Back/Hands Off Iran delegation. The delegation consisted of 193 residents of Washington, D.C. who were gathering through Revolutionary Worker network. They were joined by comrades in Tehran, Iran signed by 193 residents of Washington, D.C. who were gathered inside the Iranian embassy. These people have responded to the master bringing his puppet under wing by widening the U.S. embassy and taking hostages. The U.S. rulers used the event as an opportunity to further humiliate the American public and cried about "our oil," "our embassy," "our red, white and blue," "our people being held hostage... The U.S. rulers' aim is to stop the noble of imperialism domination here and to make sure that all anti-American people around the world are harrassed and tell people that they want to get over their objective. But the people aren't going for their mistreatment. We can see through it. The Iranian revolution is forcing us to change our ways. We are fighting for our liberation to be free. We stand in solidarity with the Iranians against our common oppressor. (signed) 193 residents of Washington, D.C."

L.A. Workers Say: "It's Not Our Embassy"

The following statement was circulated by the Los Angeles chapter of the Revolutionary Workers Organizing Assembly, read at an event sponsored by Iranian students several weeks ago in southern California. To the Iranian People from American Workers: The history of U.S. imperialist domination of Iran has been written in the blood of the Iranian people. This week, the 193 students that occurred at the time of Nixon's visit to Iran that we remember here tonight, paid for the price of our imperialist aggression. For too long this domination of the Iranian people has been carried out in the name of the American people and the American workers. We reject this imperialist policy of the U.S. government in Iran. We stand in solidarity with the Iranian people against U.S. imperialism and its bloody rule. This domination has never been passively accepted by the masses of Iran, in the streets, in the factories, in the fields, in the schools, in the homes..."

U.S. KEEP YOUR BLOODY HANDS OFF IRAN! DEPORT THE SHAH TO FACE THE WRATH OF THE IRANIAN PEOPLE! NO! TO U.S. MILITARY INTERVENTION IN IRAN!
At a meeting in Brussels, Belgium, in mid-December, representatives of the U.S.-led NATO alliance agreed on a plan to beef up Western Europe's nuclear arsenal by deploying nearly 600 U.S.-ground-launched cruise missiles and Pershing II mobile missiles in the next three years. While the missiles will be stationed in West Germany, Britain and Italy, they will be manned by U.S. and West European technicians, and the U.S. will pick up the $5 billion price tag. The new generation of intermediate-range (1,000-1,500 mi.) nuclear missiles will be aimed directly at targets within the Soviet Union.

This new missile force is being justified on the grounds that it will "deter a Soviet attack on Europe" —that is, strictly "defensive" weapons designed to counter the USSR's SS-20 mobile missiles and Backfire bombers that are aimed directly at Western European targets. In fact, this gives the U.S. the ability to strike directly at the Soviets through their allies in Western Europe, and gives the U.S. a European-based nuclear first-strike capability. The Soviets, for their part, are sure to respond with their own version of a new "defensive" arms buildup in Europe. How "peaceful" and "defensive" these rival gangster imperialism are! Moreover, this new missile force represents a significant tightening of the U.S. imperialists' military and political alliance with their Western European allies. Within Western Europe, there has been significant resistance to this in recent years. On the one hand, most of the Western European imperialists recognize that a third world war is rapidly approaching, and they expect to be in the thick of it from the start. Realizing that their own fortunes as imperialist powers are inexorably tied up with the U.S. in actually winning the war, most of them have been rapidly increasing their own military expenditures in recent years and have advocated tying their countries more directly into the U.S. military machine. On the other hand, they know that any nuclear missile sites within their borders would be prime targets for the Soviets, and they face widespread public opposition to moves such as this that would clearly bring mass death and devastation throughout Europe. The West European imperialists' toughest job has thus been, and continues to be, selling this new military buildup to their own people as a stronger "deterrent" to war and guarantee of peace.

But all talk of deterrence is a hoax. What characterizes the situation in Europe, and around the world, is the growing contention between the two superpowers, drawing them and their respective blocs inexorably toward war. What the new NATO missile buildup represents is an escalation of this contention on the part of the U.S. bloc. Of course, all of this falls well within the framework of the SALT II agreement, which is supposed to bring the world one step closer to eternal peace by limiting the escalation of strategic arms. The cruise and Pershing II missiles are not covered under SALT II because they are not "strategic". There is more involved here than a question of semantics —it is a question of imperialist gangster logic that calls for stepped-up nuclear saber-rattling in the name of "peace" (synonymous with "SALT II"), and at the same time justifies the massive buildup as a necessary step in preparation for SALT III.

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class struggle under socialism is concent-
trated within the communist party itself, and that bourgeois headquarters will never be satisfied specially at its highest levels, to cham-
plain the social problems and reduce in-
equities and reinforcing bourgeois ideology among the people. An inevitable and necessary condition of the struggle against advocate capitalism, in one form or another, is that the so-called "capitalist roaders" are able to use their positions of power in the party to build the apparatus of government officials, in-
tellectuals and managerial personnel and bourgeois ideology as a base for capitalist restoration.

So it was necessary to resolve the con-
tinued existence of antagonistic classes under socialism was partly a product of historical and social processes, and the fact that Stalin faced historically un-
precedented conditions and tasks. But it is also true that the errors were easily a product of his failure to apply dia-
lectical materialism—the science of Marxism-Leninism—to analyzing the contradictions of socialist society and to resolving them. The social upheavals which govern the development of the struggle under socialism, the charge of "too dictatorial" is common-
ly levelled against Stalin, actually his er-
rors originated from the fact that he did not gras-
ping the dictatorship of the proletariat through and thoroughly enough.

Problems resulting from all this in-
itially intensified in the 1930's, The Soviet Union faced a very real and rapidly growing threat from the imperial-
ists powers, especially Germany. When the Hitler-Germany threat became all-embracing, Stalin had to bring his army to the countryside. In the early 1930's he criticized the line of these revisionists, that the dictatorship of the proletariat could be consolidated solely by developing the productive forces of the state and by transforming society. Stalin's idea of the dictatorship of the proletariat was to root out bourgeois forces (including their "new" theories of imperialism, especially within the party). Stalin ruthlessly suppressed these "new" theories of imperialism. Stalin was basically unable to develop the means to defeat these bourgeois elements, particularly those inside the party itself—who were able to "capture the fortress from within" three years after he died in 1937.

Khrushchev's "Anti-Stalin" Campaign

When Khrushchev and his fellow revisionists came to power in 1956, they immediately set out to dismantle mar-

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tionary of the proletariat, arguing that the Soviet state could now become what he called "a state of the people." With this well-worn bourgeois line, that the state could become an instrument of the people, of the working society, Khrushchev and Co. set out to reimpose the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

At this historic juncture, the Chinese Communist Party, led by Mao Tsetung, launched a counter-offensive against these attacks on Marxism-Leninism, both by defending the actual historical and overall role of Stalin and by defend-
ing the basic theories of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Laying the foundations for the defeat of revisionism, Mao said "there are two swords: one is Lenin and the other Stalin. The sword of Stalin has now been discarded by the revisionists. . .the imperialists also use revisionism, and their theories of revisionism, in their struggle against the Communist Party, and to help strengthen their own capitalist order. One of their methods of attack is through the Party and state apparatus, where it is possible for them to influence the political line and the political work of the Party and state apparatus.

In the years ahead. . .the crucial dividing line for Marxist-

นม is to answer this question: Who is in charge of the party, and who are the leaders who rule over the party? Who is in charge of the party, and who are the leaders who rule over the party? . . .the people of the proletariat. And especially dur-

นม the 1960's, the Chinese Communist Party was openly polemizing against the Soviet revisionists on all fronts, in-
cluding their "new" theories of imperialism, especially within the party. . .the imperialists take advantage of the Soviet Union's economic and political situation to increase their influence in the world, and to further their own economic and political goals. How could it be otherwise, relying on mobilizing the masses of people to come to the conclusion that Stalin was basically unable to defend the dictatorship of the proletariat, and the even sharper weapon against the bourgeoisie and to lay the basis for workers and oppressed peoples of the world to scale even greater heights in the years ahead.

There are thousands of brothers and sisters behind bars who have refused to be beaten down and corrupted in the dungeons of the capitalist class; who resist for and need the Revolutionary Worker. This weapon of revolution continues to pass through the hands of many lines of workers who subscribe to it at present. These pro-

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gratulating the growing numbers of prisoners who are writing to us requesting subscriptions to the Revolutionary Worker. The following is typical of the many letters we have received in recent years.

To: RCP

December 10, 1979

I am writing to acknowledge that I received my first paper, Vol. 1, No. 31 dated October 20, 1979. It is a blessing to read the R.C.W. I can dream the future, myself and a few of my comrades are studying the lines of the R.C.W. We don't have the funds to subscribe to the R.C.W. I live in a poor area, most of us don't have the funds and because we're in the hole we don't have much literature. If you can make it possible for us to continue our studies, we would be grateful. I will send you my paper to as many people as possible.

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As the plot began to thicken and the complicity between the UPI and other media and the vermin who make up the U.S. imperialists' spy network became more clear, VVAW issued a press release exposing and denouncing this attack and hitting hard at the media's systematic blackout of VVAW actions in support of the struggle of the Iranian people. Press conferences were held in the Bay Area and Los Angeles. And a letter to Mr. Ali Agah, Chargé d'Affaires at the Iranian Embassy in the U.S., was sent, reaffirming VVAW's firm stand with the Iranian people.

**Plot Thickens**

Far from being content with floating out a pack of slander on VVAW, UPI and those whose dirty work they're doing are clearly out for much more. This is shown by the steadfast denial by UPI to print a complete retraction and also quite clearly by the recent exchange, printed below, with UPI's top man in San Francisco:

When asked about the phony story run by UPI, he replied, "The story UPI put out was dumb, stupid, and I'm sorry." Here are his answers to further questions from VVAW:

**VVAW:** Did you release it? (the phony story—RW)

**UPI:** No, a night editor did.

**VVAW:** How did he do it? Didn't he check to verify the source?

**UPI:** I don't know. He's on vacation and I can't find him.

**VVAW:** Yeah, sure. This is starting to smell like you know what—

**UPI:** No, he's worked here 25 years... And we don't tolerate people fabricating stories.

**VVAW:** Do you understand that your wire service report is justification for the Secret Service to investigate and attack VVAW, since they guard foreign diplomats?

**UPI:** (Calmly, coolly) Yes, I know.

**VVAW:** You may have gotten drunk Friday night and calmed it in, and Saturday morning sobered up and took it all back. I don't know.

**VVAW:** Don't you see that this is the same kind of thing the government is doing to Bob Avakian with their secret service investigation?

**UPI:** No. I know all about past VVAW investigations if you aren't being investigated by the Secret Service now, I'm sure someone else is investigating you. Look, you guys are paranoid... You don't need a retraction now, it's the Christmas holidays.

When asked about the involvement of the FBI and CIA in the media, this UPI man said that in the 1950s the CIA had been on the payroll, but that had all been cleaned up. In light of his following statement, it would be an excellent bet that exactly the opposite is the case. He said, "Look, fellows... we could do a real job on you guys... Instead of four sentences, we could write four paragraphs, a whole page... We could guarantee the story would appear in 500 dailies."

This is obviously not a statement from someone who "stays in the middle," as he contends UPI and the media in general do. Unless, of course, he means smack dab in the middle of the bourgeoisie's moves against VVAW and right in the middle of their propaganda mill which pumps out lies and distortions by the millisecond...
We are about to enter the '80s. When we emerge on the other side of the seven-year itch, things will not be the same as they were in the '70s. The world economic situation will be radically altered. The world political situation will be drastically changed. Class contradictions and class struggles will be sharply intensified. The world will be a world of struggle and transformation. The world will be a world of a new day. But the day is not waiting to be born. We and the whole world will be drastically changed.
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heard anything about politics, begin to act in a revolutionary way... When the revolution has been sufficiently prepared, the concept "masses" becomes different; several thousand workers no longer constitute the masses. This word begins to denote something else, the majority. (Vol. 32, "Report to the Third Congress of the Communist International")

With the development, and especially the full ripening, of the situation, sudden and dramatic changes take place: millions awaken to political life and stand on this new mass basis. A new class-conscious proletariat has been able to penetrate, as focused in the work of the RCP and those allied with it, many, many people have learned and been turned around—and all this shows all the more the need for the class-conscious to act, especially around such burning questions as Iran that do awaken many to political life.

With the development, and especially full ripening, of the situation, with millions, awakening for the first time, the thousands who rally now around the revolutionary banner of the international proletariat become millions, ultimately tens of millions, who, at the least come to support the program of the communists—the program of revolution and all the concrete, immediate programmatic things (such as the end to a war, the blitz, we have to bring forward new forces. Ever more people being awakened to political life to wake up and do real work to do:

V. Concrete, Immediate Tasks

In the coming year, in the coming decade we've got real work to do:....

At the same time as all this, we must contribute great efforts to building the unity of the communist movement and revolutionary forces internationally, in the struggle against imperialism and for peace, against revisionism and opportunism of all kinds and from whatever quarter within the international communist movement. We must defend, apply and strengthen proletarian internationalism in theory and practice—so as, in the stormy period ahead, full of dangers and difficulties but also great opportunities, to actually and concretely advance the struggle toward the defeat of imperialism and all reaction and toward the victory of proletarian revolution throughout the world.

Conclusion

As the decade opens, the future, the possibilities of war and revolution open before us. Now so too does the press of immediate tasks in the present, which become all the more important, which reach their full significance when viewed in light of the future and the long term goals we cherish. We see the outlines of the period before us—right before us, in the stormy, tumultuous decade of "The '80s" and we see clearly that, as the Central Committee report of our Party put it, "when the question of whether a crisis is about to happen, the question is whether they're going to be one-sided or two-sided in a basic sense."

The critical question—that is, the thing we can effect and take freedom initiative around—is the role of the Party and the advanced. We can seize this initiative in waging the revolutionary Worker, in waging political battles in influencing and activating, mobilizing around their real interests and the revolutionary stand of the international proletariat, the many who already are beginning to and increasing will be drawn into political life; training class conscious forces among the ranks of the proletariat and revolutionaries.

We must defend, support and build the leadership of the Revolutionary Communist Party in this country. Here is the leadership that can forge the way through the storms of struggle in the decade ahead and forge the way to revolution. Politically, organizationally and ideologically this Party must be still further strengthened and raised to its full potential, its numbers and influence—must grow. And its leadership, sure to come under ever more vicious attack as the ruling class lashes out to cripple the force that can lead millions in taking the task of revolution. This leadership must be defended and to assist the Party in carrying out and expanding its all around revolutionary work, the RCP's Million Dollar Fund Drive must be brought to a victorious conclusion by the end of this month.

May Day 1980—an historic and critical battle, a battle whose result in the coming months will mark a leap forward, or backward for the working class! The fact that such an event has never been held before in this country emphasizes all the more the leap that must be taken, the leap it will represent. And this event, more than any other single battle will put the imprint of the class-conscious working class on "The '80s," and it will put it on with a bang, right off the bat! In this key time on the threshold of this decade whose potential we have analyzed, the advanced must act now and act in such a way on May Day 1980, International Workers' Day, that breaks sharply with imperialism and unites us here with the whole international working class.

The Revolutionary Worker newspaper, the main weapon we have today for revolution, must be wielded much more seriously and much more urgently. This is because it is our main tool of preparation for revolution, and it is also central overall to the other battles and struggles, including May Day itself, though May Day and other battles do have to be part of the "80s." Through this whole period of, as Lenin described it, powerful outbreaks alternating with periods of calm, our work requires the flexibility, the consistently revolutionary thrust that only a newspaper can provide—linking all these events, in whatever period to come under ever more vicious attack as the ruling class lashes out to cripple the force that can lead millions in taking the task of revolution. So today this conspiracy has to spread, and in particular a successful conclusion must now be reached in the campaign to boost the sales of the Revolutionary Worker to 40,000 as a takeoff point to higher levels still in the year ahead, with networks of distribution of this paper sinking deep roots among the oppressed so that they may never be pulled up, no matter what attacks the bourgeoisie may launch.

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on the left side of the main gate and the Moslem groups are to the right side. And while U.S. and Soviet literature has no market at all, both the superpowers are represented by proxy with Chilean nationalists. As we walked down the street a big crowd quickly gathered. (How could they tell we were Americans? Could it be because we have been the sun glasses and cameras?) Everyone we met was polite and the press photographers volunteered themselves out of the crowd. There were many points of view being expressed, but it is the Islam assuring us that only the brotherhood of Islam which does not know nor care whether one holds a gun or holds a Bible and will end suffering of Iran and the world. Others thought we might be real U.S. journalists or spies (the two rates about the same sometimes). A few were also most interested in all Iranians, whether Moslem or Marxist, whether from Tehran, Tabriz, or Kurdistan, would fight to the death in the event of an American invasion. As we left, people shook our hands, waved, and one young Iranian even gave us a taxi for our next appointment.

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The Clash is not exactly a minor threat either and they did get signed by a major label—it's not absolutely out of the question. I mean they still might blank us out. I mean they really can't put this stuff out because we obviously have a problem. Although I might add, I'm not saying that's true but I do think and the whole thing is a matter of the record company and it's a matter of the system and it's a matter of the politics of the promoters.

There's a lot of pressure on the club owners from the police, etc. like you say. When they were here in San Francisco you say there were times when the club owners stood up to this stuff? PF: Oh, we did. Basically the club owners fall into two categories: the ones that really want to make a buck—80s Chase—I mean the ones that basically are scared stiff of this stuff and the others that are willing to stand up and say fuck it. And usually they say it on the basis of "nobody's gonna tell me how to run my club." We have one out here; a very famous, notorious punk rock club and they've stood up and they've said what they feel and stand the attitude of the promoters there. The same thing happened in Cleveland. And then in San Francisco, there were all three or four club owners apparently called up this guy and said, "Don't you dare put any of this stuff on the road and he said to us, "Look, I don't agree with what you're putting on there, but you tell them to tell us to shove it." And I think that at the present time there's a little bit of disillusion that that even happens, you know.

Pf: Why are you guys doing this record?
PF: Well, first of all we had to. I mean it was just a matter of value before New Year's Eve. The point is that 1980 comes only once in whatever. Anyway we kinda decided we were through and we've gotta do this. And we gotta do this, we've gotta do this, we gotta do this. And what it is, I think it's a matter of kind of getting the thing rolling, getting the thing moving, get the thing going. And the thing that I'm really proud of is that it's bullshit. And a lot of people have gotten into that trap and gotten stuck because they've seen that. And they've seen that is bullshit. They have a whole generation now, and they've got to turn something around and they've got to turn something around, or the thing is really going to be real. And people see that. Rock and roll really began just for 20 years and there's two generations right there and the last generation really saw this in a big way. People have learned. They are not stupid and they're not stupid and they've seen that for 30 years.

Anyway the whole thing was to say that signing a record contract and struggling that there were a lot of problems of struggle. Struggling in that sphere doesn't necessarily mean you're gonna go bad, it doesn't mean you have sold out. Selling out is much more of a question of musicians who, which class, you serve in practice. Why do you think other artists musicians, other musicians do put out records? PF: There's a whole thing. PF: It's a thing that if artists are really going to produce anything that has any meaning it's got to have meaning for the people. That's what all the product. And that's a whole lot of musicians have said, 'I'm gonna do this and I'm gonna do this for the people.' And that's a whole lot of musicians have said that. And I think that this is really what I'm saying is that this is really what's going on in the world and everybody is talk and it should be the side of the people. Struggling in that sphere doesn't necessarily mean you're gonna go bad, it doesn't mean you have sold out. Selling out is much more of a question of musicians who, which class, you serve in practice. Why do you think other artists musicians, other musicians do put out records? PF: There's a whole thing. PF: It's a thing that if artists are really going to produce anything that has any meaning it's got to have meaning for the people. That's what all the product. And that's a whole lot of musicians have said, 'I'm gonna do this and I'm gonna do this for the people.' And that's a whole lot of musicians have said that. And I think that this is really what I'm saying is that this is really what's going on in the world and everybody is talk and it should be the side of the people. Struggling in that sphere doesn't necessarily mean you're gonna go bad, it doesn't mean you have sold out. Selling out is much more of a question of musicians who, which class, you serve in practice. Why do you think other artists musicians, other musicians do put out records? PF: There's a whole thing. PF: It's a thing that if artists are really going to produce anything that has any meaning it's got to have meaning for the people. That's what all the product. And that's a whole lot of musicians have said, 'I'm gonna do this and I'm gonna do this for the people.' And that's a whole lot of musicians have said that. And I think that this is really what I'm saying is that this is really what's going on in the world and everybody is talk and it should be the side of the people. Struggling in that sphere doesn't necessarily mean you're gonna go bad, it doesn't mean you have sold out. Selling out is much more of a question of musicians who, which class, you serve in practice. Why do you think other artists musicians, other musicians do put out records? PF: There's a whole thing. PF: It's a thing that if artists are really going to produce anything that has any meaning it's got to have meaning for the people. That's what all the product. And that's a whole lot of musicians have said, 'I'm gonna do this and I'm gonna do this for the people.' And that's a whole lot of musicians have said that. And I think that this is really what I'm saying is that