Afghanistan: Superpowers Spar

U.S. REV'S UP WAR MACHINE

Appeals Court Sets Date
Speeding Up Attacks on Bob Avakian

In case anyone had forgotten, the world was reminded this week of the symbolic location of the United Nations—attack in the middle of Manhattan Island, only blocks away from Wall Street, a one-hour flight from Washington D.C. In the halls of the majestic UN building, "world opinion," as it has come to be called, was marbled by the U.S. imperialist ruling class against its arch enemy, the equally imperialist Soviet Union. In a move coming close on the heels of Jimmy Carter's statement that "the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is the greatest threat to world peace since the Second World War," the General Assembly passed a resolution condemning the Soviet invasion.

"The General Assembly," stated the resolution in part, "... reaffirming the inalienable right of all peoples to determine their own future and to choose their own form of government free from outside interference..." realigns that respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every state is a "fundamental principle of the Charter of the United Nations," any violation of which on any pretext whatsoever is contrary to its aims and purposes. A smashing cry from the U.S. imperialists, is it not? All people must determine their own future! All people must "choose their own government free from outside interference." And by all means, let no one violate the "territorial integrity and political independence of any state!" Oh, no—this is a "fundamental principle of the Charter of the United Nations!"

Of course, the adherence to these "fundamental principles" on the part of the U.S. imperialists is well known and is even illustrated by their relationship with most of the countries which signed the resolution. May we ask whose "future" was "determined" when the Allende government was overthrown in Chile? Did the people of Haiti "choose their own government" when the U.S. installed the murdering Duvaliers? Was the "territorial integrity and political independence" of the Dominican Republic defended with the landing of U.S. troops?

Naturally, nobody believes that the U.S. imperialists give one hoot about such "fundamental principles"—least of all the U.S. imperialists themselves. The meaning of the resolution is that it represents further movement by the U.S. to stigmatize its war bloc against the Soviets. It is also a shoddy attempt to convince the world that because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the stepped-up maneuvers of the U.S. are entirely justified and simply in "retaliation" against Soviet aggression. But every, U.S. imperialism—there are two imperialists superpowers, not one. Two aggressors, not one. And any claims to uphold worldwide freedom and independence are as empty as your attempts to absolve yourselves from any complicity in the coming world war.

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George Meany died on Jan. 10. He was the bloated toad(\textit{y}) croak[y] who more than anyone else in the last quarter of a century symbolized the shameless bootlicking and undying loyalty to U.S. imperialism of the fattened-up class collaborators who base themselves on what Lenin called the "labor aristocracy" (the upper crust of the workers bribed with the imperialism\textapos;s superprofits from their worldwide plunder). The working class and all those who have been betrayed are only disappointed about one thing regarding the death of this megalomaniac. Among them were Jimmy Carter, Walter Mondale, and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, along with the entire cabinet, members of Congress, several ambassadors, and corporate executives. There were none of the "plain people\" Meany was supposedly a spokesman for in attendance. But even at this scene those who he claimed to speak for could not be silenced (see story below).

He was, of course, eulogized in a manner that the bourgeoisie reserves for their own with numerous trite, boring, and pompous praises by the bourgeoisie. There were none of the "plain people\" Meany was supposedly a spokesman for in attendance. But even at this scene those who he claimed to speak for could not be silenced (see story below).

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Montgomerie George Higgins said, "The cause of freedom everywhere tread. For the capitalists (exploit and oppress--RW), both at home and abroad, their abilities are greatly enhanced and, in these troubled times it is now the more secure because he did his job so well."

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May Day—Opening Shot

1,000,000 Leaflets

Over a million leaflets across the country.

"They are calling on workers to take history into their hands May 1st!!" The Detroit T V. Channel 2, local news announced that the May Day 1980 committee will be distributing 100,000 leaflets in Detroit in the next couple of days. Their cameras panned the main gate of the Dodge Main plant, deserted at 10 A.M., covered with May Day manifests and symbols. They focused on a red banner "On to Revolutionary May Day!!" and a Black worker proudly holding up a copy of the Revolutionary Worker.

The news had been drawn by the sacrilegious action of two Washington D.C. workers who slammed manifestos on George Meany's coffin. This action opened up this week of mass leafletting coast to coast—1,500,000 leaflets in just three days. Over a million leaflets across the country.

The leaflet answered the question for all those who have been wondering what day won’t they work, and brought the powerful image of what we can accomplish on May Day 1980. "Picture it," the leaflet said, "thousands of prisoners escaping—defiantly off the assembly lines, and out of the classroom. Men and women side by side. A multitude of languages, merged together in one powerful voice. Red flags raised like bayonets."

The challenge has been thrown down. The first battle is won. The first broad offensive to put the May Day movement on the map. A key article from the Revolutionary Worker.

Enlist in Revolutionary May Day Brigades

"If they think they’ve seen political mobilization so far, wait till you see what’s in store for building Revolutionary May Day,"—Bob Avakian, RCP Chairman, at the Nov. 18 rally in Washington D.C.

The Revolutionary Communist Party is issuing a call to those who urgently see the need to wake up our broader ranks to volunteer to join Revolutionary May Day Brigades. These brigades will travel to key battle areas, spreading experiences and heightening this fight as a nationwide effort of our class.

RCP Issues Call:

The storm around May Day will be built mainly through local efforts in the industrial and urban centers of this country, and the major cities where workers and others will march on May 1. May Day will be built in these cities by drawing forward and activating new revolutionary-minded workers in a way never seen before in this country. At the same time, these Revolutionary May Day Brigades will build boldly for Revolutionary May Day and help batter these local efforts, leaving behind a much more politically hot situation for the locality to fan and defend around May 1.

These brigades will be traveling for the three months from now right up to when May Day will occur, striking with lightning force to electrify the scene. We can see from the volunteers who went to Washington D.C. to fight the railroad of Bob Avakian and the Mao Defendants what a powerful impact we can have on our class and society overall by concentrating our forces in the key fronts of the battle, striking while the iron is hot.

Just imagine: Brigades of fighters from the working class of all nationalities, native and foreign-born, students and others who enthusiastically see the potential for May Day 1980, converging together on cities and also hitting other areas of capitalism's power; challenging their class brothers and sisters to actually march May 1 in their true revolutionary interests and join the ranks of the international proletariat; miners from the hills of West Virginia; brigades of auto and steel workers; workers from the garment sweatshops that rot in the shadows of New York skylines; workers in defense plants that churn our preparation for World War3—stirring up those cities lingering under the stillness of once booming factories.

We're calling on workers and others to make the sacrifice of leaving home and family to carry the message to distant neighborhoods, factories, mills and unemployment offices—living proof of the strength our class has when we're unleashed, a potential that will bust loose on a grand scale on May Day 1980. And as these brigades roll out, thousands more must come forward to donate and raise the much needed funds to bring this about.

We must strike with all our fury in building Revolutionary May Day, pull out all the stops that have held our class back. Contact the Revolutionary Worker in your local area right now to answer this call, to be part of the Revolutionary May Day Brigade and/or to be part of these efforts in your localities, including donating and raising funds to get these brigades on the road soon.
Olympics: Only Imperialist Politics Allowed

As part of the response of the U.S. imperialists to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Carter announced on television that “though the U.S. would not participate in the Olympic Games in Moscow this summer, the Soviet Union must realize that its communist aggression will endanger both the participation of the athletes and travel to Moscow by spectators who would normally wish to attend the Olympic Games.”

On cue, Senator Charles Percy and a host of other faithful bourgeois mouthpieces began screaming about how the U.S. should not participate in the Olympics. “Sports and politics don’t mix?” The sort of politics they had in mind was symbolized by the torch carried by the upstart Black Athletes, led by John Carlos and Smith and the “Olympic salute!” But now the first word out of the U.S. rulers’ mouths is “Buyout!”

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The 1980 observances of Martin Luther King's birthday, falling in a presidential election year, saw still more politicians falling over one another to associate themselves with the "King heritage." The familiar story of King as the martyred savior of Black people, preacher of nonviolence and brotherhood, sounded from pulpits and platforms across the country. At a large memorial service in Atlanta, Georgia, first lady Rosalynn Carter and Coretta Scott King together led the crowd in singing "We Shall Overcome." In Brooklyn, Mayor Koch was addressing a memorial service at a Black church where thirty Black protestors shouted Koch down, denouncing school and hospital cuts and widespread police brutality. The pastor, Rev. Marshall, ordered the organist to start playing "America the Beautiful." "And the choir began to sing until police got the crowds fighting police in the streets defying fire hoses and dogs,

"The terms of the agreement become clear. After all the ar

"In May over 1,000 demonstrating youth were arrested and headed into the yard of City Jail. King, who had also been arrested, was released on June 4. The following day, June 5, a group of youth were expelled from school. King announces that the struggle should be taken off the streets and fought in the courts."

"Once they formed it, with a white man over it, he promised them and gave them $300,000 to split up among the big six; and told them that after the march was over they'd give them $700,000 more...

"As soon as they got the setup organized, the white man made available all top public relations experts; opened up the news media across the country at their disposal, which then began to project these big six as the leaders of the march. Originally they weren't even in the march... but then they became the march. They took it over.

"And as soon as they took it over, it lost its militancy. It ceased to be angry, it ceased to be hot, it ceased to be uncompromising... If you think I'm telling you wrong, you bring me Martin Luther King and A. Philip Randolph and James Farmer and those three, and see if they deny it over a microphone..."

"King was so useful to the bourgeoisie during his lifetime because he was able to speak passionately and convincingly of the oppression and suffering of Black people at the same time as he promoted the illusion that certain reforms and an alliance with "good" bourgeois men like the Kennedys could eventually result in freedom and liberation."

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Iran Demo Jan. 26

Berkeley At It Again

On January 26 in Berkeley, California, in numbers too large to be ignored by the state and local law enforcement authorities, thousands massed to take a stand. They will take to the streets in a major march and rally. As the battle for the 1980 race for the California Governorship is raging in the news, this is an opportunity to put the issue in perspective.

All over the country, millions have been struggling for their survival to the point where those in power are realizing that there is another force massing out there for people to turn to other than the blood-thirsty man-eaters of the new order.

We join the struggles of the people to overthrow the repressive regime in Iran and to continue to build the anti-American movement in this country. We join the fighters of the world in their struggle to get rid of the imperialists. We join the fight to disrupt the 1980 election in California. We join the movement of the working class for a world free from imperialism and capitalism and bring the real socialists to the fore.

The struggle of the workers and toilers in Iran must succeed. This march is a part of that struggle.

The Dog of Dogs Still on Run

The Boston chapter of the National United Workers Organization (NUWO) recently answered a call put out in the Dec. 23 issue of the Revolutionary Worker.

The call was issued in response to AFI-CIO head Lane Kirkland's anti-worker comments and the U.S. trade unions' imperialists' deepening attacks against the Iranian revolution; it demanded open shop and free enterprise in the factories of this country.

The NUWO in Berkeley went hand-in-hand with the hand-picked flunky appointed by the U.S. to run things for the Shah, fled for his life during the salvos of the Shah's revolutionaries who surged toward the doors of his offices.

But against these odds—the Iranian people are standing firm in their determination that U.S. imperialism get completely out of Iran and that the Shah be returned to pay for his crimes. This week marks the first anniversary of the Shah's departure—"Burn the Shah Day," and called to be celebrated around the world—"Burn the Shah Day," and called to be celebrated around the world—"Burn the Shah Day," and called to be celebrated around the world.

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This broadening group is going into action January 26. The Iran Day Committee will be alive in most cities in the U.S. working with the revolutionary press and groups to mobilize every available force in the U.S. to get out the message that the time has come for the working people of the world to stand behind Iran's strugle for freedom and democracy.

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Iran's Latest Export—U.S. Newsman

Teddy Liebertht the Myth

The fact that King and the Kennedys are lumped together in many people's minds means, of course, that the one who benefits most from this myth is the "last Kennedy brother," Teddy. "Teddy," who is nothing but a nothing, is so desperate to halt this provides him in his run for the presidency. Oh sure, Correeta King is in a typical display that would have been her husband's way, too, has sold herself to the highest bidder, Carter. But the Center of old memories is far stronger than Corretta Kennedy endorsement.

By now, King had become a plenty tortured. And the situation in the 1980s is vastly different than the 1960s, when the capitalists were able to make some concessions and create "great society" style illusion of the possibility of real change. Teddy Kennedy still flails his liberal voting record and his "consistent stand" for social-safety-net national health insurance to establish his credentials as the "true son of the Kennedys, but this is more useful today to get over the idea that "the 60s may be hell, there may be hunger and war—but let's at least have a leader who has the interest of the masses at heart, no matter what." Both Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King came out against the Viet Nam War at about the same time. Bobby, by of course, was apart of the adminstration that formulated U.S. policy for the Vietnam war in the early '60s. King, despite his ballyhooed stand of nonviolence, kept his mouth shut until the section of the capitalists who he was tied to decided that the war was a tactical mistake for the U.S. imperialists. Then both Kennedy and King bungled to wrap themselves in the mantle of the anti-war movement, seeking to control in the same way they had controlled the civil rights movement earlier in the decade.

Teddy Kennedy's recent criticisms of the Shah as a "ruthless tyrant" follows the same pattern—a couple of years ago, Teddy Kennedy was glad-handing the Shah as a guest in his palace. As more and more people wake up to the fact that the U.S. imperialists are planning on using them as cannon fodder in another world war, Teddy is right there to "strongly dissociate" the U.S. from any "ruthless tyranny" and try to make World War III look like a noble and uplifting undertaking—The Peace Corps with a BANG!

Covering the brutal realities of exploitation and capitalist dictatorship, with a lot of noble rhetoric and visionary ideas, hoodwinking the people to set them up for the kill, hypocratically posturing of all kinds—that's the interwoven legacy of King and the Kennedys. After plainclothes police clubbed and dragged our protesters during Mayor Koch's ouster for King in Brooklyn, after the last strains of "America the Beautiful" had died down, the good Rev. Marshall bitterly attacked the protesters for desecrating the sanctity of the church and "violating Dr. King's most fundamental creed—the creed of nonviolence." Such a creed, such a legacy, is certainly worth cherishing—but the question is by which side?
New Junta Members Named in El Salvador

In a frantic attempt to halt El Salvador's quickening polarization as the revolutionary forces grow and the U.S.-backed junta becomes more and more isolated, the government has had to find replacements for all three of the civilian junta members who recently resigned, along with three-quarters of the cabinet. A deal made last week with the Christian Democratic Party ("the bastard child of the CIA and the Christian hierarchy")—see "RW No. 36"—put two Christian Democratic Party members in the junta. Secretary General Antonio Morales and Héctor Dada. After much difficulty they finally dredged up an unknown for the remaining junta slot, Dr. José Ramón Avalos. The junta made a big deal of promising not to put any faces from the industrialist and landowning classes in the government.

Meanwhile, soldiers described by the newspaper La Opinion as "violently nervous" patrolled San Salvador's streets with machine guns, setting up roadblocks and searching everyone. Significantly, on January 11, 1980, a general opposed to the junta, including the Popular Revolutionary Bloc (PRP), merged under a coordinating body called Unidad Popular. The Unidad Popular immediately called for a march to show its strength. Despite a total Salvadoran press blackout about this merger, over 5,000 people came out on a day's notice. One-third of the Christian Democratic Party membership reportedly resigned in protest over support of the junta. And Salvador Samayoa, former Minister of Education for the junta, called a press conference, then fell with twelve masked guerrillas "to join the people's army" because "the only way to resolve El Salvador's problems is through armed struggle.

At least five students were wounded and one killed January 9 and 10 when police opened fire on demonstrators protesting sharp price hikes in all basic necessities (milk went up 150%). Schools and universities were shut down. Truckers threatened to strike if their fees were not raised to meet the hike in gasoline prices. The "democratic" government of Jaime Rodó has immediately informed the press that the new prices "had not yet been fixed." President Rodó has been hard at work since his installation in August on a budget establishment and a five-year plan that will place the burden of Ecuador's $3 billion foreign debt and other economic problems squarely on the masses of Ecuadorian people. With great fanfare, he announced a rise in the minimum monthly salary to $100, which had already been swallowed by the price increases of January 1. The Rodó government, hailed by the U.S. as another one of its Latin American "pocker societies" (the new government followed nine years of military dictatorship) is finding it tough to keep a tight rein on its 8 million workers and peasants in this land of oil wells (Ecuador is a member of OPEC) and coffee plantations.

Ecuadoreans Protest Massive Price Rise

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Juror Goes to Jail

Gary Gerald, a 21-year-old man from Baltimore, was recently selected from a jury pool to serve as jury foreman in the criminal trial of one Mr. Leach. Leach had been arrested and charged with selling heroin to an undercover Maryland policeman. After hearing all the evidence, Gary concluded that Leach had been the victim of a police set-up.

The jury retired to deliberate, and Gary made it clear that he would take no part in the conviction of a man based solely on police testimony. He noted, among other things, that "all cops are liars." The case ended in a mistrial.

Kentucky Prisoner Writes On RW, May Day

We received the following edited letter from a prisoner in Kentucky.

I have started a scrap book on the Revolutionary Worker. I have every issue that you have ever sent me, even when the paper was just called the Worker. I plan to include most important articles from each issue in the book. One of my reasons for starting this book is because I see that this country is very close to revolution and when everything is over, I will have some very important newspaper articles before the revolution and after.

I have read 52 issues of the paper now. I really know who Bob Avakian is and the great job that he has in front of him. I have read books about Mao, Marx, and Frederick Engels.

As you can see that I am writing this letter December 25, 1979, Christmas day has never meant nothing to me since I was a kid. The day that I am looking forward to in 1980 is May 1st. I want this day to make every newspaper, magazine, television program across the world. You can believe that if I am the only person in prison that won't go to work on that day I will stand alone.

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FOUL CHINESE POEM ATTACKS MAO TSETUNG

In the January 7 issue of The Call, the CPML takes note of yet another addition to the long list of attacks by its revisionist elements in China on Mao Tsetung and what he stood for. The Call comments on a poem which appeared in the People’s Daily on the occasion of Mao’s birthday: “He is China, the new Mao Zedong’s birthday was observed by the Communist Party newspaper People’s Daily in its usual way as a great revolutionary. The poem reflected a current effort in China to demystify the subject of a great leader historically, while continuing to acknowledge and learn from his contributions.

What they mean by “demystifying Mao” is exactly what Teng Hsin-ping and his coterie have been doing for years. They are trying to convince their fellow citizens that Mao was a great revolutionary, and that his poetry should be studied as an example of modern literature.

Mao’s poetry, they claim, is a reflection of the Chinese people’s struggle for freedom and a symbol of their fight against oppression. They argue that by studying Mao’s poetry, the Chinese can learn more about their history and their culture.

This is a dangerous thought. By demystifying Mao, the CPML is attempting to make him seem less of a political leader and more of a literary figure. This is a move that is sure to be met with resistance from the Chinese people.

The real message of Mao’s poetry is much more complex than this. It is a message of struggle, of perseverance, of triumph over adversity. It is a message that is still relevant today.

The CPML’s attack on Mao is nothing new. It is simply the latest in a long line of attacks by the CPML against the Chinese people.

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Bourgeoisie changes Fuhrers for the 80s

Former Nazi leader, Frank Collin, looking for all the world like an unmade bed, walked out of Chicago's Criminal Courts Bldg. Friday morning after posting a $5,000 bail bond. This would be his third arrest in seven years. Saturday evening, charged with清淡 menacing, he eluded officers with young boys and taking nude pictures of them posed with rifles.

Who was responsible for fingering the philandering fascist? "Quite frankly, we handed Frank Collin to the cops on a silver platter," said new Nazi Party Leader Harold Covington. It was hardly the result of any deviation by Collin from Nazi morality. In fact he was simply acting in the best tradition of the Von Ribbentrop tradition—from the top of the Third Reich down through the people. No, Collin's set up was the culmination of a long-ago-stirred-up-in-the-NSPA leadership that has been in the works for close to a year. Collin's demise caught many by surprise. He had received an avalanche of publicity in the bourgeois media around his attempt to lead a Nazi march into heavily Jewish suburban Skokie in the summer of 1977 (150 articles, many on the front page, appeared in the Chicago Tribune alone, along in its wake he had failed to make any substantial gains.

Collin ran a pitiful campaign for addresser: "Harry Chicago, please stop, to generate much press attention, much less any votes. "The news media refuses to discuss our campaign anymore," he moaned. "The paper curtain has been lowered on us," candidly admitting the Nazi dependence on the bourgeoisie. In Sep, '79, Collin's last attempt to organize a white power rally in Chicago's Gage Park community, turned out a pitiful four supporters. Collin defied, didn't even bother to get out of his car.

Earlier in April, Collin had been led out of the national administration of the NSPA by Gerhard Lauck, editor of "The New Order." Covington himself was appointed Chief of Staff of the reorganized "paramilitary" section of the NSPA which was formerly under Collin's control. Covington readily had changed "haphazard, hit or miss approach... no longer adequate to the tasks." His success at a "hit approach" with the acknowledged co-operation of the cops, (see RW No. 27), showed itself in the recent Chicago Auto Show massacre of 5 anti-Klan demonstrators.

This nature of the leadership shuffle and the personalities involved makes it very unlikely that this was simply some inner Nazi power play. It stinks of the hand of the bourgeoisie and their plans for the Nazis. Collin's stock was sinking. Of course it had only been up in the first place courtesy of massive efforts on the part of the ruling party to promote him. The same is true of Harold Covington, and he looks like a man who the bourgeoisie has a lot invested in. If there was ever a likely candidate for a CIA man heading up the Nazi-Covington is it.

Covington served the imperialists eagerly in Vietnam. Then he popped up as a "volunteer" in the Rwandan Army as an ordinance and ammunition technician. In 1976, Covington took the CIA to talk to Angolas where he served in an air supply unit. Covington may have been a bit unreliable, if often useful, to the bourgeoisie. With connections like these Covington seems like a well-schooled and loyal functionary of the ruling class, one whom they can count on in his new post. Covington, one-upped Collin, didn't even go to appearing in an intellectual—a very conscious statement in this age of gain in the mold of the CIA he brags about his wide reading of his "primary intellectual sources." He is a "Marxist thinker" and fancies himself a thinker who's "counterpoint" to the by-products of articles such as "National Socialist Revolutionary Tactics." All in all he seems schooled and loyal to the capitalist class for his Nazi post.

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"In class society everyone lives as a member of a particular class, and every kind of thinking, without exception, is stamped with the brand of a class." This basic truth, sharply stated by Mao Tsetung in his article "On Practice," particularly applies to philosophy. Different classes have always promoted different philosophies reflecting their respective class interests. Philosophies are concentrated, systematic ways of understanding the world. The task of one party is to understand or a pointless pursuit, but are a crucial tool of class struggle. Without a correct philosophy, no revolutionary movement in this epoch can hope to persevere through to victory. Instead it will be lost and discredited in the political storms that swept Europe in the 1830s and '40s. To find a way forward they studied the ideas and institutions of an age stem from the revolutionary struggle. As Marx wrote, "The revolutionary struggle of the proletariat its real place in society and arms it with the methods and outlook it needs to change it.

The capitalist class everywhere promotes the philosophical outlook that serves capitalism and promotes its principles as eternal. The U.S. ruling class for instance, pushes pragmatism—a philosophy formulated in opposition to Marxism that denies humani-

Dialectical materialism differs in one other essential point—it openly avows that the only reason for people to study philosophy and understand the world is in order to change it. Today that can only mean making revolution to overthrow capitalism. As Marx wrote, "The philosophy of the philosophers has only interpreted the world; in various ways; the point, however, is to change it."

The Materialist Conception of History

Marx and Engels were revolutionary students active in the political storms that swept Europe in the 1830s and '40s. To find a way forward they studied philosophy, science and history and through much struggle and investigation developed dialectical materialism. Immediately they set about applying this philosophy to the task of their society in order to advance the revolutionary struggle. A basic discovery made by Marx and Engels was that the ideas and institutions of an age stem from the economic relations that people enter into with each other in carrying out production—the class relations of society. These relations are determined by the level of development of the productive forces, which people do not choose for themselves but inherit from the previous generation and then develop. The productive forces include the laboring peoples themselves and their skills and knowledge, as well as the instruments of production and technology, raw materials, etc. The productive forces are not the only basic foundations of all society, they are also its most revolutionary element. Since people are always developing new techniques and raising production to over-higher levels, the productive forces constantly change beneath the framework of the class relations (known as the economic base) and the political and ideological forms (or superstructure) arising on that base.

These contradictions—between the forces of production and relations of production, and between the economic base and the superstructure—take the form of class struggle. The carrying through and resolution of this struggle through revolution has remained the responsibility for the development of class society from the earliest slavery up through today, when humanity stands on the threshold of wiping out all forms of slavery and class divisions forever.

The relatively rapidly developing forces of production soon strain against the relations that originally arose to serve the old level of development. Classes that embody the more advanced relations corresponding to the more highly developed productive forces clash with the classes representing and bound up with old relations. This conflict then gives rise to tremendous struggle in the superstructure, with the new and rising class attempting to smash the old superstructure and replace it with one that will protect and serve its economic base.

Let's apply that to modern society. Capitalism differs from every previous system in that production is mainly carried out by people working together cooperatively, and not by individuals working alone. That is, productive forces are for the first time in the main socialized. But production relations are stuck in the era of individual production and ownership. Thousands labor in factories, producing wealth beyond the wildest dreams of people 200 or even 100 years ago—and yet that collective product at day's end is taken by a few individuals who may never have even seen the factory or the people who slave there.

On one hand, socialized production carried out by the proletariat. On the other, private ownership in the hands of the capitalists. This is the fundamental contradiction of the epoch. And until the proletariat, embodying and representing the more advanced socialized relations that correspond to the socialized productive forces, resolves this contradiction by totally eliminating the bourgeoisie and all traces of capitalist relations, class struggle will rage between the two.

This class struggle must lead the proletarian revolution and then the dictatorship of the proletariat to resolve the contradiction. But proletarian dictatorship itself is only transitional to something still higher—communism. The proletariat uses its power to hold down and keep down the old exploiter and beyond that to continually overthrow new exploiters that base themselves on the vestiges of inequalities and backwardness characteristic of societies ruled by exploiting classes. In waging those struggles the proletariat must simultaneously "dig up the soil" from which the new exploiters grow.

Communism—the goal of the proletariat's struggle—will bring about a whole new era in human history. In fact, as Marx and Engels put it, communism will represent in a fundamental sense the real beginning of human history, to which the previous centuries of human existence, including the thousands of years of the division of society into classes, will serve only as a primitive prologue.

Thus the bourgeoisie's fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable. This is the essential truth revealed by historical materialism, and that is why the bourgeoisie hates and suppresses it and why the proletariat cherishes and applies it, and enriches it in the process.

Materialism

Historical materialism is the application of dialectical materialism to society and history. But both dialectical and materialism demand study in their own right. Materialism developed in struggle against an opposing philosophical camp, idealism. Idealism generally presents the physical world as the creation of spirit, and in one form or another invents a supernatural, all-knowing but unknowable, spirit as the source of crea-

Truth then is not to be sought in the material world and high and equally inaccessible eternal ideal. Histori-
Karl Marx, arrested in Brussels during the revolutionary upsurge that swept Europe in 1848.

The raw material for consciousness is people's experience in the material world. Ideas of beauty, truth, virtue and so on are conditioned by social experience in class society. Materialists, in contrast to the popular definition, are not hedonists or gluttons, unconcerned with the latter things of life—it is exactly the opposite! Marxist materialists possess high ideals indeed—and not only possess them, but struggle to realize them by transforming the material world in accordance with the forward motion of history.

Free Will?

But what of free will, objects the bourgeoisie. "By subjecting people's actions and thinking to class relations," they cry, "you eliminate free choice and free will."

But this sacred free choice and free will touted by the bourgeois philosophers turn out to exist within very narrow limits indeed.

A worker might like to console himself that he has freely chosen to work for the boss that exploits him—but he certainly had no hand in choosing the class relations of the society he was born in. And those class relations determine that, choose as one might, you will always be free to choose only between masters—though when unemployment goes up, we find yet another freedom: the freedom to starve!

Dialectical materialism does not deny freedom. It grasps, instead, that freedom only has meaning in relation to its opposite, necessity, that is, to the actual limits of a given situation and the laws governing it; and further that the entire point of understanding reality is to then be able to transform it.

For instance, the proletariat may wish that classes could be abolished overnight, and on seizing power "choose" to abolish the state. But since the bourgeoisie still exists and for a long time will be constantly engendered after the revolution, such a choice would allow forces working to restore capitalism to re-
This is the fundamental law of the universe. It is the way the world is organized, and it is the foundation upon which all other things are built.

The dialectical universe is the only universe that exists, the only universe that can exist, and the only universe that can ever be understood.

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