Battle Flag

Coalfields

West Virginia—site of generations of militant battles between miners and the coal bosses, site of the powerful wildcat movement of the 1970s that defeated the "acceptable," "respectable" and "reasonable" shackles of collaboration between the capitalists and their labor lieutenants—is today buzzing with debate over a whole new thing—May 1st, 1980.

"This country is shit loaded fucked up! We should all go to Washington and do what they did in Iran!", an older white worker told the Revolutionary May Day Brigade when they marched through his community.

Thousands of older miners who have nothing but hatred in their hearts for this system which used up their bodies and gave them black lung and a pitiful pension check as payment for their lives. Thousands of miners who are tired of the endless treadmill of strike—work—strike again, and are asking deep questions about the way out of this madness. Thousands of people—young and old alike—who have profound suspicion that despite West Virginia governor Rockefeller's promise of coal boom the future holds no promise but more unemployment, strangling inflation and the spectre of war. And in this state where so many lives were snuffed out on the battlefields of Vietnam, thousands are saying, "Not again!"

In this situation, and with a section of the working class which the whole country watches, the capitalists have been very careful to keep stuffing minds full of bull—from constant religion to "Americanism" and other narrow nonsense. But in this situation there is still small but significant section that has been through plenty and had enough—those who are more than ready to hear the revolutionary message of May 1st and take it up.

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Demonstration against arrests in Beckley, West Virginia.

30,000 May Day Buttons, Thursday March 27

On March 27, an appeal hearing will take place in Washington D.C. The powers that be are going to try to re-indict a man on multiple felony charges that add up to 241 years in jail. To some of the biggest murderers and criminals history has ever seen, this man is the most dangerous man in America. His name is Bob Avakian. His crime? He is the most consistent, determined and far-sighted revolutionary leader in the country today. He is the Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party—the party that is preparing today to lead the working class and the masses of people in this country to take history into their hands and overthrow these criminals at the first opportunity.

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New Book Analyzes Imperialism's Greatest Crisis

America in Decline

Serialized in the Revolutionary Worker beginning with this issue. See page 3
What U.S. May Day Will Mean Around the World

Latin American Woman

The following letter was written by a Latin American woman. It has been translated from the Spanish by the RW.

May 1st is a day of intense revolutionary struggle from one end of Latin America to the other. On this day, the rubber workers of Chile and the tin miners of Bolivia, the oil workers of Venezuela, the fishermen of Peru, the coffee workers of Colombia, the meatpackers of Argentina, the steel workers of Brazil, the government clerks and the students, men and women, the elderly and the children, Indians, Blacks, whites, Black-Indians, mulattoes and mestizos...the people, with their weatherbeaten faces and their rough hands, leave their tools of work and take up the revolutionary flag of the working class. In cities and fields, the workers march on May 1st, declaring their unity with the exploited of the entire world and reaffirming their decision to put an end to the criminal system, which, in the name of law and order, God and civilization, keeps millions under the lash of daily misery and oppression.

Neither the lies and threats of the CIA press, nor the abdication and assassination of leaders, nor the tactics of "counterinsurgency" which the national goons learn at the military school at the Panama Canal, nor the latest weapons for attacking the demonstrators, nor the attempts by the traitors to the working class—the sold-out union leaders, the pro-Soviet "communists," etc.—to pacify the struggle of the workers for a better future, can stop red flags from being hoisted, and the abhorred (U.S.) imperialism flag from being burned from Mexico to Chile, each May Day.

And this year, the millions of Latin American people who defy homicidal armies so as to keep the revolutionary spirit of May Day alive, will go from disbelief to surprise to great joy when they hear that, yes sir, in the United States itself, they'll be holding a new celebration, which dares to mark a new beginning in the international day of the workers, defying the arch enemy of the oppressed of all America and signing its death sentence in the streets. Latin Americans will pile themselves to the ground as long as they live that May 1st 1980, the workers of the United States, instead of going to the factory, in their latest model Cadillacs, the women instead of playing Bingo and putting up their immaculate kitchens, the students instead of eating their Corn Flakes so they can learn more in school, that instead of the daily routine they took to the streets not to demand better wages, but to demand they end of wage slavery.

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Ethiopian Student

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On to Revolutionary May 1st, 1980!

To the Revolutionary Worker.

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Hundreds of thousands of workers, students, and peasants were forced to leave the country, and there is a new revolutionary ferment, which dares to celebrate the International Worker's Day. The Ethiopian people, with their weatherbeaten faces and their rough hands, leave their farms for the street to take up the revolutionary flag of the working class. In cities and fields, the workers march on May 1st, declaring their unity with the exploited of the entire world.

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New Book Analyzes Imperialism's Greatest Crisis

The following is an excerpt from a new major work. In the next two weeks a 100-page chapter from an extraordinary new book, AMERICA IN DECLINE—Imperialism's Greatest Crisis, will be published in Revolutionary Worker. This book provides an extraordinary look at the developments of the post-war period. The lives of Black people had changed enormously; they had gone North, off the farms and into the cities, as the capitalists found it profitable to mechanize agriculture. These were very profound transformations resulting in the entry of Black people into the working class. But, as mentioned, Black people were not assimilated on an equal footing into the working class. They were hedged into ghettos, subjected to violent police repression, daily sleights and degradation, and the sort of discrimination which has been analyzed. These material changes gave rise—along with the inspiration of anti-colonial struggles throughout the world—to the civil rights and Black liberation struggles.

At the same time, the universities had opened up to large numbers of youth in the 1950s and 1960s, due to the technical changes in the U.S. economy and the potential danger posed by 'Sputnik.' A whole generation of young people was affected by the experience of coming on to campuses and breathing the stench and hypocrisy of a society which promised them careers and rewarding lives; what they got was a demoralizing and dehumanizing education and the prospect of leaving a life that was a waging in Vietnam and (for the Vietnamese) the youth as well as against the depredation of the "abun-

Some sections of the population whose backs are not finding themselves in circumstances corresponding to a revolutionary situation, nor is it in a forward momentum. The working class remains on the other hand, the material basis for this backwardness, and passivity of the ability of the bourgeoisie to have a role of its own interest. In the U.S., the working class is breaking down—this is connected with the international situation and crisis of the past decade. This is very great. There is a process of work in which the working class in the U.S. working class is breaking down—this is connected with the international situation and crisis of the past decade. This is very great. There is a process of work in which the working class in the U.S. working class is breaking down—this is connected with the international situation and crisis of the past decade. This is very great. 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Using techniques tested by imperialism from Vietnam to Chile, the U.S. puppet government in El Salvador continues to attempt to drown the struggles of the Salvadoran people in blood. Federal background agents of the ruling paramilitary group Orden, backed by regular army units, are carrying out the U.S. inspired "agrarian reform" by going door to door in campesino villages and work camps, executing anyone suspected of sympathizing with anti-junta organizations—in many villages, this means everybody. In the Guazapa province, sugar cane fields were set on fire on all sides of one village, blocking escape. Napalm has been used on several villages in that province. Government troops are concentrating on those villages which have historically been strong centers of anti-government organization.

The junta has completely closed off the city of San Salvador, sending their police and guardmen from house to house arresting anyone suspected of being a political activist, and confiscating weapons. National guard troops have killed at least 60 striking workers during a one day general strike on March 17th, five of them at APLAR, an electronics plant owned by Beckman Instruments of California.

The current bloodbath has drawn broad smiles from Jimmy Carter and the rest of the U.S. imperialists. Last week Carter sent a letter to San Salvador archbishop Romero who had criticized the U.S. aid to the Salvadoran government. Smiling Jimmy said, "The promotion of human rights has been . . . one of the principal motives . . . of the U.S.; it is on that policy, how it is carried out, that the whole foreign policy of the U.S. toward El Salvador is based." Meanwhile, the $11 million military aid bill announced last week is being hurried through Congress, while campesinos in El Salvador reported dreaming that a kind of English speaking soldiers giving orders to army troops occupying the plantations.

At this point, very little information is available about the mobilization and armed resistance of the masses of Salvadoran people, certainly the most crucial political task at this time. The junta has clamped down with tight press censorship; 80% of the foreign news reporters have been forced to leave the country, many under threats of death, while those remaining are forbidden to travel.

Parliamentary Elections in Iran

The first round of the much heralded elections for the new Iranian parliament got underway last week, beginning the process which is supposed to ultimately lead to the release of the American hostages.

The first returns generally reflected the continuing desire of people to hold firm on the embassy takeover, with a strong showing for both supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini (who, while maneuvering, remains publicly firm against the U.S.), and the genuine leftist candidates.

The slogan that most aptly describes the current events is "vote for me and the hostages." The political initiative in the current events is "vote for me and the hostages." The whole process signified about the direction a number of forces would like to take the Iranian revolution. It is a signal that the people aren't going to give up.

The next series of elections will take place in middle April, with some candidates representing the masses involved. While the issue of the hostages is on the back burner for now, with both the U.S. and the Revolutionary Council seemingly resigned to wait until at least May, the struggle within Iran will continue to sharpen.
We’ve Got Another Army for Youth to Fight In

On March 22, thousands from around the country will descend on Washington D.C. in a massive demonstration against the re-introduction of the draft. This will be a real blow against the rulers of this country, and figured they had created an appropriate climate for it. Carter announced the plan. As Time pointed out shortly after the announcement, there were “major omissions” in the news stories featuring flag-waving creeps (who are just as capitalist, just as imperialist as those of the U.S.)—the weeks and weeks of news stories featuring flag-waving creeps decked out in “mantra Iran” T-shirts—and then, to boot, a whole other orgy of stories featuring flag-waving creeps decked out in “nuke Iran” T-shirts—should have set the stage for the sheen-like acceptance by youth of the idea of marching, uncountably, off into the mushroom clouds.

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National Anti-Draft Demos March 22

The U.S. imperialists have suddenly discovered a new threat to world peace. In the wake of State Department reports of confirmed reports of Soviet nerve gas attacks in Afghanistan, Time, Newsweek and countless daily papers have run articles on “the Soviet chemical warfare threat.” The magazine explains, “To allow continued fighting on poisoned battlefields, Moscow’s troops are all equipped with protective suits and masks. Tanks and armored personnel carriers are tightly sealed and carry filters to protect the crews against poison air and chemical weapons.” It is the same after the Soviets went into Afghanistan—should have set the stage for the sheen-like acceptance by youth of the idea of marching, uncountably, off into the mushroom clouds.

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The rulers of this country are certainly aware—as are increasing numbers of people—that things are headed toward a showdown. In other words, world war. The rulers of the Soviet Union (who are just as capitalist, just as imperialist as those of the U.S.) have pushed out and challenging existing domination by the U.S. and its “allies” over large parts of the world. Thus, in turn, must defend its empire, and this conflict is ultimately war—interimperialist war.

And in this light, because these are the stakes in the ’80s and because this motion toward crisis and war is drawing people together, it is necessary to know whether they recognize it or not. It is important to take a look at the politics of leading organizers of the March 22 demonstration.

MAD

While others are involved, Mobilization Against the Draft (MAD) is the main group calling the demonstration. MAD was pulled together by several professional lobbying groups, trade unions—Continued on page 10

U.S. CRIES!

NORTH NERVE GAS FOR WORLD WAR III

chemical weapons will “save the world from the horrors of Soviet chemical weapons” and “make us a superpower,” while the Trident submarine is supposedly there to prevent a nuclear war.

In fact, the U.S. imperialists—just like their rivals in the Kremlin—have no intention of “saving” the world from any kind of warfare. The sole concern of each is to get itself into the best possible position to wage and win a world war against the other. And they are preparing to use all kinds of weapons—chemical, biological, nuclear, or “conventional” to whatever it takes to win. U.S. imperialism’s attitude toward chemical weapons is a matter of concern to all of its own chemical warfare planners—when he explained why the imperialists could not be trusted with peace gases: “Poison weapons are too effective, too easy to make and use, too sim- ple to conceal before battle, and too easy to deny after wiping out the population.”
March in West Virginia minutes before Red Flag bust.

The message of the May Day Brigade—"Our flag is red! Not red, white and blue!"—had hit a raw nerve. And it came out more clearly in the jail where Okey and his boys gave a demonstration of just what the red and blue stands for, bristling the red flag defendants with beatings and verbal attack. "We ought to send you all back to Africa and blow you up," a red, white and blue pig told one Asian brother. Another cop brought in an Asian-American brother to the jail door and told his kowtows, "I want this Chink out in a pie box tonight." One paramo cop—whom I forget that he was wearing a black uniform and not his white shirt—told a white coal miner, "I'll give you a cross burnt on your lawn tonight." And perhaps the most instructive remark came from the big who said, "You all should have been shot for what you did. In fact, a year from now, you will be shot. Because, we're all going to war and this is treason."
Red Flag Flies Over Alamo

San Antonio, Texas. Thursday, March 20.

At exactly 2:00 p.m. in the Long Barrack area of the Alamo, two men and one woman, scaled the walls of the Alamo to raise the red flag of the international working class. The Alamo. Notorious monument to national oppression. Internationals pointed to, along with the Washington Monument and the Statue of Liberty as symbols of the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie with his bloodstained knife and William Travis—captains of genocide against the Indians in the South—bought and paid for to colonize the land to expand the brutal southern slave system over the blood and bones of Mexicans. No, the Alamo is no sacred shrine to be revered bathed in red. They were mercenary scum, bound and moved to the back of the roof. A Chicana (Joe Jorres) in the river. Some older Chicano workers shook their heads, “This is crazy. It won’t last. We’ll take care of them.” A Chicana stepped forward. “They’re not going to throw anyone off the roof. I saw where they threw a Chicano (Joe Jorres) in the river. They bought a stack of Revolutionaries Workers and left saying, “If there’s not a May Day in Milwaukee, we’ll be there in Chicago.”

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May Day Buttons

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The Revolutionary Communist Party and the National May Day 1980 Committee are calling on you to be a part of this major statement, to be one of those who dare to be men and women marching proudly.

May Day 1980 is an urgent and necessary step in preparation for the final battle to win a new world class and the oppressed in this country. We sing the song "Give Me America!" across the world, as the only way the world is revolutionizing. If the working class does not revolt, the revolution will be over before it even begins.

The Revolutionary May Day Brigade is shown on TV news and pictures in the major newspapers. The KKK and their fascist allies try to wear it in defense of Bob Jones University. In desperation they surged forward toward the march, a few stupidly waving the American flag. Now that really says something about the American way. We can only hope. The Brigade was in Rhodell and Altavista. Damn it, can we let them rip off now when the very real possibility of revolution may be just years away.

On March 27 the gavel will come down, and the case of the United States of America versus the United States of America will be put to the test. The chance in the 1980s to finally struggle our own way is always more uncertain than the support of the oppressed worldwide, will hang in the balance. Whether you like it or not, there are only two sides—the government vs. the RCP in the red flag case, the black man vs. the red flag in Beckley, West Virginia, the oppressor vs. the oppressed. The government is the cause of the whole world, and we are the cause of the whole world. The world will compel you to choose which side you will stand on, and we will not be cut out from under you, if not today, sooner than you think.

The Revolutionary and National May Day Committee are putting a call out to you, to today, to take a step which will be a tremendous leap in the battle for May Day 1980. We call on people in their homes, local neighborhoods, schools, communities, and workplaces to put out the state-sponsored call-out on May Day 1980. The very fact that on day 29,999 others beside you are calling is a victory, an encouragement. It is a sign of the difference it makes to have this Party. You can be sure, you are in good company. The ruling class is terrified at the number of people who have already been arrested. The Party is strong and growing. We are the only enemies of the state.

On TO REVOLUTIONARY MAY DAY! DEFEND OUR REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP HAT: HISTAN IMPERIALISM INTO ITS GRAVE!

Coalfields

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"Citizens and good ol' boys" jumping to the defense of the stars and stripes, Coalfields, 1980. The white second-story windows waving little American flags provided them with their eyes in the sky. Yelling and screaming at the Black brother, "Hey, neger, go back to Africa!" the group surrounding the two bridgets got larger and bolder. "Just you wait and see, what we'll do to you now!" Sheriff's deputies in uniform came out of the courthouse to the cheering of the whites on the sidewalk. This was no spontaneous reactionary outpouring from the white folk to their White American Legion, assembly-line, assembly, nationalist, and racist society. The pigs had mobilized their most loyal workers to deal with the "black menace in their back yard." Squeeze the pigs and win the princes.

The Revolutionary May Day Brigade—just not on your terms, you bastards, and we'll defend you defiantly. And then all of a sudden, like a dream, two of the bridges appeared on the street, their backs to the people. All of a sudden the two bridges looked up to see a brilliant light. All eyes turn to look down the street. Around the corner, the marchers came. Forty people, black, white, left American, and women marching proudly.

The Revolutionary May Day Brigade was in Coalfields, 1980. The battle for the allegiance of the oppressed is being fought out today. The war of the working class does not end, but in a very real way, the revolution has begun.

The struggle for the recognition of the working class is being fought out today. How the world class is rebelling and abolishing its enslavement is not yet determined, but now it's starting, now is the time to break the innermost sanctions and reassert the revolutionary view of the world—that it's the work of the world class to play its revolutionary role if we let the imperialists perpetuate the lie that if you are not a worker, you are the only one, everyone else is consigned to the dustbin of history.

If we are accurate are actually aware of what this has begun. If the actions of the world class are fought by us and the cops they do not bother to attack them so intuitively.

Coalfields of West Virginia: Slaves raising the red flag struck like a vanguard. A revolution. A real revolution. The 1919 law for "displaying the red flag," for "two reasons. The KKK is invited to work with us, and they are always ready to fight for the freedom of the world.

Black ghetto of St. Louis, B: the men and women marching proudly were the victims of a jail cell and a trash can. The body may not be found across the river.

Courtroom in Youngstown, Ohio: The murder of Bob Jones University students begins on March 24. Their heinous crimes will be a testament of the fascist state. The pigs are still marching around half blind and those who already have been arrested with this "grapevine bond" their crime is more. We, the Party, are more, their anger can be underscored with a little push and inspiration. Don't throw away the opportunity to make light of this now. We ask you, hands and pen on this symbol of the future.

After discussion with several miners, a LW rwilal (329) lower-level officials said, "We parade around the red flag, the Confederate flag that is. They don't get away from the red flag now. They just step you people from carrying the red flag away." It is this sentiment that has been dramatized by the RCP. The red flag has been our come to terms with the red flag. People have come forward to donate money and food, and to deliver the red flag. This is all about. One coal miner who phoned the May Day Committee said, "I see this is all about the red flag. They got those cops. I want to get involved with the red flag. You could see me some literature." And another woman said, "I don't know about all this. I don't know about about this system. And another woman said, "I don't know about all this. I'm not going to listen to you. I'm not going to hear. I'll tell you one thing. I don't like the red flag; I don't like the red flag and these kinds of things. I just want to see the Bear Snaggle Banners!"

After 1/2-1/2 all the red flag defendants were released, but not until they said they would take the red flag and that they would continue to wear it. The conviction of the United States of America against the United States of America, The case of (the United States of America)

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The most important and formerly better kept "secret" is made clear by these documents. They are the Secret Service's ongoing attempt to frame Bob Avakian on the charge that he allegedly threatened the life of the President. This frame-up grew out of an article by a military analyst. Then reporter (now Communist Party leader) wrote: "The new situation of Bob Avakian in Los Angeles last August. Dozens of pages in the released materials deal with Secret Service nationwide communications in connection with its "investigation" as the cover for the real objective of the covert operations of the attorneys in both Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. who moved to flog this attack in the legal sphere are detailed. The fact that "Daily reports" were (and probably are still being) made by Secret Service branch directors in connection with the "progress" of this investigation is revealed. Secret Service discussions with the U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles concerning the possibility of prosecuting Bob Avakian on this frame-up are noted. In connection with these discussions, the documents reveal that apparently what is "concerned" the U.S. Attorney in California about the Los Angeles Times report was that the statement he made to the press about Bob Avakian was not the fact that Secret Service director H. Stewart Knight, received "numerous telegrams" protesting this attack is noted and copies of such telegrams are passed along with files. Secret Service surveillance of demonstrations against the war in Iran is also revealed. The U.S. are reported on. Plans for and the results of Secret Service surveillance of press conferences were exposed in this attack that were recorded. Photographs and reports by Secret Service agents about graffiti complaints demonstrating the real objective of the Secret Service attacks on Bob Avakian were turned in by government agents in city after city. The Secret Service has some of these materials, for mass, revolutionary demonstrations. We are aware of this local awareness of the Secret Service. They made particular note of the slogans raised—"Send the Shah Back and U.S. Imperialists Out, Bloody Hands Off Iran," as well as the fact that those arrested were also part of the 150 volunteers who had come to Washington, D.C. to turn D.C. upside down and stop the railroad of Bob Avakian. Report documenting this incident. He replied that when he arrived, there was no one around and the railroad was turned into a clearer understanding of the railroad of Bob Avakian. Document after document testifies to the fact that the railroad of Bob Avakian is firmly planted on the stage of history on May 1st and which will be destroyed locally." The following report by a Secret Service agent with this revolutionary banner unfurled before millions! 10 pages released by the Secret Service from thousands of documents reveal that apparently what is "concerned" the U.S. Attorney in California about the Los Angeles Times report was that the statement he made to the press about Bob Avakian was not the fact that Secret Service director H. Stewart Knight, received "numerous telegrams" protesting this attack is noted and copies of such telegrams are passed along with files. Secret Service surveillance of demonstrations against the war in Iran is also revealed. The U.S. are reported on. Plans for and the results of Secret Service surveillance of press conferences were exposed in this attack that were recorded. Photographs and reports by Secret Service agents about graffiti complaints demonstrating the real objective of the Secret Service attacks on Bob Avakian were turned in by government agents in city after city. The Secret Service has some of these materials, for mass, revolutionary demonstrations. We are aware of this local awareness of the Secret Service. They made particular note of the slogans raised—"Send the Shah Back and U.S. Imperialists Out, Bloody Hands Off Iran," as well as the fact that those arrested were also part of the 150 volunteers who had come to Washington, D.C. to turn D.C. upside down and stop the railroad of Bob Avakian. Report documenting this incident. He replied that when he arrived, there was no one around and the railroad was turned into a clearer understanding of the railroad of Bob Avakian. Document after document testifies to the fact that the railroad of Bob Avakian is firmly planted on the stage of history on May 1st and which will be destroyed locally.

The materials also indicate, as much by what they don't say as by what they do, that the battle for Revolutionary May Day 1980 has caused a clear leap in the pulse of political surveillance by U.S. government agencies. Although mention of the Secret Service knowledge of plans for mass, revolutionary demonstrations on May 1st, 1980 is noted in documents dated as early as June 1979, most of these materials were searched through in black ink before the materials were released. But the clerk in charge of destruction did a sloppy job, so that the fact that May Day 1980 has been on the minds of these political police agents for a year is now clear. These scattered scratches, however, do little to reveal the extent of obvious SS interest in May Day. The missing pages and other fragments casually made by SS agents reveal they've been following every turn of this event for years. These 534 pages were hand-picked by the Secret Service from a sea of thousands of pages of well-guarded secrets of U.S. imperialism, yet they still serve to paint a picture of the forces gathering as we go into the decade of storm ahead: one hand (the U.S. imperialism and their army of political agents and provocateurs) is frantically working over time to smother the revolutionary leadership they know is capable of leading the struggle for revolution, while the other hand, a growing revolutionary banner which is increasingly sending shock waves throughout the world, is firmly planted on the stage of history on May 1st 1980. The following report by a Secret Service agent in St. Louis to the Secret Service headquarters in Washington drives home the fundamental weakness which characterizes the U.S. imperialist and their agents which is in connection with its "investigation" as the cover for the real objective of the covert operations of the attorneys in both Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. who moved to flog this attack in the legal sphere are detailed. The fact that "Daily reports" were (and probably are still being) made by Secret Service branch directors in connection with the "progress" of this investigation is revealed. Secret Service discussions with the U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles concerning the possibility of prosecuting Bob Avakian on this frame-up are noted. In connection with these discussions, the documents reveal that apparently what is "concerned" the U.S. Attorney in California about the Los Angeles Times report was that the statement he made to the press about Bob Avakian was not the fact that Secret Service director H. Stewart Knight, received "numerous telegrams" protesting this attack is noted and copies of such telegrams are passed along with files. Secret Service surveillance of demonstrations against the war in Iran is also revealed. The U.S. are reported on. Plans for and the results of Secret Service surveillance of press conferences were exposed in this attack that were recorded. Photographs and reports by Secret Service agents about graffiti complaints demonstrating the real objective of the Secret Service attacks on Bob Avakian were turned in by government agents in city after city. The Secret Service has some of these materials, for mass, revolutionary demonstrations. We are aware of this local awareness of the Secret Service. They made particular note of the slogans raised—"Send the Shah Back and U.S. Imperialists Out, Bloody Hands Off Iran," as well as the fact that those arrested were also part of the 150 volunteers who had come to Washington, D.C. to turn D.C. upside down and stop the railroad of Bob Avakian. Report documenting this incident. He replied that when he arrived, there was no one around and the railroad was turned into a clearer understanding of the railroad of Bob Avakian. Document after document testifies to the fact that the railroad of Bob Avakian is firmly planted on the stage of history on May 1st and which will be destroyed locally.
Segregation Gets Rocked and Regged in Chicago

While Blacks and whites are fighting each other, black and forth across America, there has been a groundswell of activity in the battle for Black liberation. The Black lives that are threatened are the lives of all people. The stories of the Capitol Roll Call are rolling us blind because they own and control the black communities across the nation. Because the socializing agencies of the Ruling Class, the media, the churches, and the educational institutions have been successful in their designed purpose, divide and conquer.

—LeRoi Jones

Chicago, Every day there is a new story. On the Southwest side of Chicago, Western Avenue and 2 blocks to the south is the 24-story black highrise that was the home of the Black, West Englewood community from predominantly poor Black people. The 250 residents of this building were the leaders of the protest against the building of the black community of the Black Lives Matter movement. The building was named by the Black Power activists as the “capital of the black city.”

On Saturday, March 15, a multi-national crowd gathered right on the doorstep of this building. The face of the division was the growth of people of color and people of every color who have their lives for the sacred cause of defense of the Black community. This gathering took place against the backdrop of the Rainbow, right next to these tracks, Rock Against Racism. The crowd gathered together for a benefit concert.

The place was packed to the seams and the audience was decked out in colors that were strong, loud, and proud. The thought was that the music was a single heartbeat pulling through everyone’s veins. The energy was electric. The crowd was on fire, dancing to the beat of the Rainbow, right next to these tracks, Rock Against Racism. The crowd gathered together for a benefit concert.

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Now, in order to have a good, local look at what’s going on here, there’s not any. petitioning Congress because Congress is a part of the process. The opposition to the “re-empowering of priorities” because the priority that count in this country, that of the American people, is to go to war with their ruling parties in the South. This line of thinking is not any getting the hell out, because wherever you go the man will be there to push you down. In the mean time, it’s time to talk about how to march with the blooded American peace movement as the most important way to be. In the mean time, it’s time to talk about how to march with the blooded American peace movement as the most important way to be.

Imperial War—and with it the complete oppression of youth to lay down their lives for freedom, this only blooded American peace movement as the most important way to be.
Bob Avakian Defendants Mistrial

Greensboro Railroad
Thrown Off Track

Monday, March 17. The appeal trial of the Bob Avakian Defendants in Greensboro, North Carolina ended this round in defeat for the state. A mistrial was declared for eight defendants, and one was acquitted. The nine were appealing their convictions on charges arising out of a rally in the Hampton Homes projects where they had gone to call on people to attend Chairman Bob Avakian’s speech in Greensboro last October.

This mistrial put a hitch in the attempt of authorities to paint a picture of the RCP members conspiring to stop the people of Hampton Homes and to use this atmosphere of “terrorism” against Bob Avakian in his case. They want to jail these revolutionaries in a message to any one who would try to forward to defend the leadership of the RCP. Already since his defeat, the defense has announced an unprecedented rally—unprecedented when misdemeanor cases end in hung juries. No doubt he is already preparing his witness for what he hopes will be a greater case.

By the end of the trial, the prosecution’s case had crumbled, as the truth came out in the testimony of defense witnesses. The press, which had faithfully reported as gospel police testimony that the 9 had formed some kind of ring-round-rosy around cops chanting “kill the pigs,” suddenly had the silent trial as these same police were shown to be liars, who had had in their control when they stopped the man from hearing about Bob Avakian. In an abysmal and frantic attempt to impress his “red menace” theory in the jury’s minds, the prosecutor spit out: “Haven’t you been going all over town trying to say the revolution is going to start May 1st and telling people to get their guns? I’m not talking about communists that! This D.A.’s real fears for the future were of the kind like the one juror who, like many Black men in Greensboro, has been the repeated subject of the D.A. office’s attentions, come to court wearing a home-made armband saying, “I am a Klansman.”

Day button had been at the Feb. 2 an-Klan march here.

The state was trying to “prove” the defendants, worked into a frenzy by Bob Avakian, had formed some kind of bizarre ataxia among the Hampton Homes police officers, threatening their lives. But the trial was in the instruction where first the prosecution’s lying witnesses, and then the prosecution took the stand, trying to get their fingers to the 7.

In his instructions to the jury, Judge Wood took up the litany and tried to “prove” the prosecutor to the jury. The unconstitutional and unrestrained prosecution of these charges, and then the state’s own defense witnesses, giving a review of the case’s closings. At the end of the trial, he hit the defense table and sneered, “Did I leave anything out?”

However, the bourgeoisie isn’t waiting for the RCP and its supporters to “prove” and set such fine examples as Tom Hayden. A cop and a Mrs. Bennett, a reactionary from the projects, who testified for the prosecution, were overheard saying that if they didn’t get what they wanted in court, they would “clean up Hampton Homes one way or another.”

On Monday, the jury was sent back into deliberations, virtually ordered by the judge not to come back without a guilty verdict. In her newspaper interview the juror who refused to buckle said others “had to go back and face the judge” without carrying out his order and that “this is costing the state a lot of money.” While clearly no revolutionary, this one juror showed some courage in holding up under this kind of pressure. Later, in a signal to revolutionaries, the press even printed her picture. But the state saw this frame-up, so carefully timed to this frame-up, so carefully timed to inclusion right before the hearings of Bob Avakian, slip through their fingers. The D.A. frantically tried to salvage it, of course, with one juror saying, “I never even heard of Bob Avakian.” The police were shown to be liars who had much they try to get their shit together in court, they won’t find their attempts to key pressure to the defendants, bailiffs were set loose spreading rumors that the jury was being “reasonable” now, that they had broken through the deadlock and were even starting to write up the convictions. This continued right up to the moment the jury came back and announced they were hopelessly hung on all charges except for one acquittal.

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In addition, in the wake of their setback, the authorities are already lashing out with more legal attacks. The appeal trial for four of the defendants for disrupting a classroom at the University of North Carolina is now scheduled for March 31st. And they are already plotting to use refusals of at least some of the defendants to deepen their public opinion campaign against Bob Avakian and the RCP.

This trial has been an eye opener to thousands of people, including a high school class on “justice in America” that accidentally wandered into the trial and returned to see more, the students from Guilford College who came to support the defendants, to the members of one of the defendants who was initially hostile to the Party but ended up donating money to the defense in our court. No matter how much they try to get their shit together in court, they won’t find their attempts to keep pushing this frame-up through any easier.

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Partial cast of characters in the attempted railroad. Left: Judge “PetriRef’ Wood; center: Sgt. Wilson, the pig with the incredible memory; right: idol D.A. and birdbrain.

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KENNEDY’S CRIMINAL “REFORM”

Soviet-backed Ethiopian Troops Take Heavy Losses
Eritrean Fighters Launch Major Offensive

Major victories are being scored in Eritrea by an irrational Soviet-backed Ethiopian military regime known as the Dergue. A counter-offensive launched last December by Eritrean People’s Liberation Army and the people’s militia has now spread across the entire country as a half of defensive warfare, and the liberation forces have now taken the offensive. The Dergue’s forces, which currently number about 5,500 men, attacked and encircled a 5,000-man Ethiopian Military force near the city of Nakfa in northern Eritrea, and is now attacking Ethiopian positions in Asmara and Massawa. The Eritrean forces utilized superior firepower, the main force leading the war for independence, reports that it has now regained control of all rural areas in the country and is pushing to the Soviet and Cuban-backed Eritrean Army out of its urban strongholds.

Three years ago this month, on March 17, 1975, Eritrean liberation forces attacked the Ethiopian Army in Nakfa and took control of the city. They then penetrated into northern Ethiopia, the entire region, until the borders of Eritrea itself, which has been suffering from internal war since last December. The Eritrean regime has now been able to carry out a major offensive and force the Dergue to retreat. The Dergue has suffered heavy losses, and its forces have been forced to withdraw to the mountainous region around Nakfa. Over the next 18 months the Eritrean regime launched a major offensive against the Dergue forces, and now has seized control of the entire country.

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The Dergue has tried to terrorize rebellious youth into submission, imprisoning and murdering young people who refused to attend meetings of the ELF, and has maintained a reign of terror throughout the country. In order to continue its war of attack on Ethiopia, the Dergue made Ethiopia’s Selassie far and away the largest recipient of American military aid.

After the Ethiopian military ousted Selassie in 1974, the new regime assumed control of the country and began to seek a new federation agreement between the USSR and Eritrea. The new federation agreement was signed in 1978, and the former regime was forced to**
uncontested power in the world was coming to an end. It was not a mystery. They were powerless. They still had revenues, the remaining strength to maintain social peace, as far as the working class was concerned. The unions were weakened—by economic and political factors. The workers were forced to accept unemployment as part of life and to accept the living standards and working conditions that were dictated to them. The system was in crisis.

The situation was defined by increasing economic and social tensions. The situation was characterized by a growing sense of restiveness on the job. Foreman-employee relations became tense and difficult. The working class began to demand more in the way of benefits and at the very least, hold the line against these attacks. You could see this in the growing tendency to strike for higher wages and better working conditions. There was something to it. At CM's Lords and Towns (a high-touted modern assembly plant), it took only a few months for the workers to demand the right to elect their own representatives. The workers responded along the lines of “how dare they” or “we're not going to take it anymore.” For many older workers, younger workers, and veterans, it was an angry and defiant “fuck this shit.” In fact, it was in the early 1970s that a wave of wildcat strikes swept the United States. As the crisis deepened, the capitalist class was forced to take a more aggressive stance. They began to demand more from the workers. The situation was defined by increasing economic and political tensions. The workers were forced to accept unemployment as part of life and to accept the living standards and working conditions that were dictated to them. The system was in crisis.

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The following excerpt is from a speech given by Chairman Bob Avakian in Cleveland, Ohio during his national speaking tour.

I'm very pleased to be here in Cleveland, and I think this meeting is taking place at a very important time—very important time in general, in terms of what's going on in this country and right here in Cleveland. What we see going on here in Cleveland is a part of what's going on in the country and the world, but it has its own particular features. I think we ought to understand that it's the time that the working class in this country began to act in its own interests and stop letting themselves be bounced around once again like a pinball played by these capitalists, bounced back and forth between their two sides of one kind or another, their lying politicians, and their reactionary so-called solutions that don't solve. In particular we've got a very sharp situation in this city beginning on Monday, and that's the question of what's gonna happen in these schools, what's gonna happen with the busing. I think it's important for us to understand that straight up, because it's time, as I said, for the working class to step onto the stage of history, to take up and lead the fight against all oppression and not allow itself to be led around by its enemies, divided up, and tricked into going at each other's throats once again while the rulers of this country push us further down and keep us further enslaved and oppressed, and prepare to do even worse to us and to all people around the world.

That's the nature of this system and the people that rule over it, that's what they're doing right here in Cleveland around segregation and busing. That's what they've been doing going around the country—try to keep people from getting together, they want to get people further divided, they want to get people to go at each other's throats even more than they already are, divide that higher or broader interests and fighting each other. And how do they go about it? They go about it in the way that's built into their system, the way that they've always promoted and fostered in and fighting each other. And how do they go about it? They go about it in the way that's built into their system, the way that they've always promoted and fostered in and fighting each other. And how do they go about it? They go about it the way that's built into their system, the way that they've always promoted and fostered in and fighting each other.

So what should we do? What is it for the working class to do? It's time for us to quit being chumps. As far as their busing plan—it doesn't make any difference if it's new or old, it's gonna solve the problems but it's not the worst thing we have to face either. What does make a difference to us is that we cannot allow them to simply go around and just whip us up behind these reactionary ideas and this reactionary scam like the Nazis and all the rest of them. The working class has gotta be there out, and particularly white workers gotta be out there, saying that if these buses are gonna roll, there's gonna be a battle on a Black child or anybody else among the people, especially among the youth. What we gotta do is try to turn this into another Boston, to try to get the white and the Black people fighting each other.

Just like in 1974-75 when they were in deeper and deeper economic crisis—and now it's getting more serious—they come up with another plan and they are very consciously working to try to turn this into another Boston, to try to get the white and the Black people fighting each other.

That's what they've been doing around the country, here in Cleveland around segregation and busing. That's what they've been doing around the country, here in Cleveland around segregation and busing. That's what they've been doing around the country, here in Cleveland around segregation and busing. That's what they've been doing around the country, here in Cleveland around segregation and busing. That's what they've been doing around the country, here in Cleveland around segregation and busing.
This Country Will Be a Question of World Revolution

Excerpt from Draft Programme

money all wars of aggression and plunder in word and deed. If the U.S. imperialism and their Soviet rivals, along with their respective allies, have already unleashed a world war, then the victorious proletariat will immediately pull in state out of that war. It will stand against and expose the imperialist nature of that war.

If the inter-imperialist war has not yet begun—and revolution in one of the superpowers is the only thing that makes sense to the U.S. proletarian state will refuse to enter such a war. In either case it will renounce all imperialism and all concessions to imperialist interests, seize power, make public all the secret treaties and agreements made by the imperialists to serve their interests, and establish a new international order. The remnants of the imperialist army will be dismantled and in its place will be the new army of the proletarian state. In this army, under the leadership of the socialist state, its members will rise up, beyond their higher interests and recognize that we have to unite, that we have to fight against the capitalist system, and that a crucial part of our struggle is to fight against discrimination, segregation, police terror—especially against oppressed minorities—and all that, until we see the broader and longer-term question of where this society and where the world has to go, then we are never gonna see anything but the same misery. And we are never gonna be anything but chumps and fools being lead around and played off against one another and being trick-bagged from one scam to another for generation after generation until we look out beyond all this, till we raise our heads out of the muck that they constantly push us back into, and say, there's something higher, there's something further, there's something more fundamental, and that is to stand on our two feet on this planet and ask that question first and foremost, we stand on the horizon for us to allow ourselves to be dragged up in the world, there are too many heavy things against oppressed minorities—and all that, until we see beyond the capitalist class that rules over and wrecks our lives and makes our lives hellish, until we ask first and as our basis—what does this question have to do with, how is it affected by and how does it affect, the struggle to abolish the capitalist system and move on to socialism and ultimately communism, how does it fit into the overall struggle between the oppressors and the oppressed, not just here but throughout the world—until we begin to stand fundamentally on the basis of asking that question first and foremost, we will always be made fools of, we will always be run around in circles, and we will always remain where we are—under their boot with their whip across our back.

And that's the message that our Party brings out. We can't allow ourselves, we don't have time to be out here any longer like fools, there is too much sharpening up in the world, there are too many heavy things on the horizon for us to allow ourselves to be dragged into the swamp, to be pushed back into the mud and to fight each other like dogs over a bone. No, we have to recognize our higher interests. I'll tell you one thing. These busing plans on the one hand are a sham, but I'll tell you from my personal experience, in terms of where I am today and what I understand today, I consider myself extremely lucky to have gone to a high school that was about half Black (and other minorities) and half white. It taught me about the world. It taught me about a lot of things that I didn't know about. The lessons were sometimes painful, they didn't come easy, and everything wasn't nicely-nicey the way some of the liberals want to tell you it is. We

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fought. I went to high school, and the first week I went to school there was almost all white—the first week I got down to this high school that was half Black. I was in three fights in the first week! The high school was almost all white. My friends were Black. I went to a school in a neighborhood that was a mixture of different races. I was a part of the minority, but I still had some friends who were from other parts of the country. That's how life is. We are all mixed, and that's what makes life fun. There is no reason to divide ourselves based on race or geography. We should be proud of our diversity and celebrate our differences.

Forget this goddamn piece in the sky. Hey, you all have been youth before, think back about the reality, don't think back about the fantasy. You live in a country where life is rough out there being anybody. It's madness in this country—especially if you're a youth and have to go out there and fight for your life, if you don't have more segregation, we won't have more discrimination. We have to stop thinking about the past and start focusing on the present. We're not going to get anywhere by living in the past. We have to keep moving forward and make a difference.

The world was becoming upside down—it wasn't the same. He got a better job. We still like to go out at night and do things, go out to nice places, and here I'm not crazy, everybody else isn't out there because this system corrupts and wrecks and pollutes everything it touches. But nevertheless, we've got the boys and the girls. We've got the system had in store In one form or another, either he'd become part of and change, along with the men. Who cared be the waxy yellow build-up on your floor?” And those rags and my outfits are no good, and I'm ashamed to say it straight—they remind me of a goddam pro

We go out to Ford Motor Company in Detroit or somewhere, and we look at the team there were Blacks, there were whites, there were Chinese, everywhere out there on the football field. And we were all friends on the football field, but when we came off the field, a lot of people said, “Hey, that’s as far as it goes. Now you go your way and I'll go my way, and we might be your friends on the field, but that’s far enough. I can’t go to your home and sit down and have dinner or talk with your family, because they’re different from you, and furthermore, they’re not as good as you.” And that’s nothing that was ever said before. There was no fear of horror stories before I got to that high school. I was told a lot of those stories before I went. I didn't look back and wonder I could actually believe some of the madness that was told about people who had a different skin color. But what I've noticed is the way people in this country have treated each other. They have no more segregation, we won't have no more handful of people sucking the blood and living off millions of other people and keeping them down, just like this dude out here in Levittown, Pennsylvania, where I went to high school. I came out of this one neighborhood where I was half Black, half White. I was in three fights in my high school career. I was a part of the minority, but I still had some friends who were from other parts of the country. That's how life is. We are all mixed, and that's what makes life fun. There is no reason to divide ourselves based on race or geography. We should be proud of our diversity and celebrate our differences.
In the American Red Army, as in the Revolutionary Worker, "I was in the courthouse with a May Day button on my coat. He whipped out two whips and began moving around the air. Two recalcitrants jumped out of a car and confronted him. "Why are you wasting your time?" he asked. They replied, "We're carrying red flags!""

On Wednesday, March 19, the day after the red flag defendants were all out of jail, the afternoon streets of downtown Beijing were shaken awake once again with a sudden outburst of youth. A young Black man marched up in front of the courthouse with a May Day button on his coat. He whipped out two whips and began moving around the air. Two recalcitrants jumped out of a car and confronted him. "Why are you wasting your time?" he asked. They replied, "We're carrying red flags!""
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economy. But the jobs experienced by tens of millions of workers in the years 1974 and 1975 and the initial reactions of rage, there was no gathering storm of violence, as some of the more extreme elements had predicted. This was not a national upsurge, but a smoldering local movement of the discontented among the working class, one that had begun to take shape in the 1974-75 downturn, with the most impressive example being the struggle of the New York City transit workers. The end result of that action was not a national strike, but a conclusion that the limits of this kind of struggle had been reached and that new tactics and new forms of struggle would be needed. The railroads in the Midwest, the steel strikers in Youngstown and Cleveland, the workers at the refineries in the Gulf Coast were examples of what was happening. But the more advanced sections of the movement were not content with these accomplishments. They wanted a national strike, a general strike, a real workers' movement. The movement was beginning to take shape, but it was not yet clear what form it would take. The question was not whether there would be a strike, but what kind of a strike it would be.

What was going on, then, was that people in basic industries were being laid off by the thousands, that the proportion of Black male workers to total employment was dropping sharply, that the prospects of many young Black men were so bleak that they were not even bothering to look for work, that the work force was irregularly, mothers on welfare, disabled workers, and the unemployed, the bottom layer of the unemployed, were out of work for more than 15 weeks, while 1.4 million were on the unemployment lines for over half the year.® For the first time since 1957-58—a period of deep depression and social unrest—there was a feeling among many workers that their jobs were completely lost and often without pensions. Cities like Detroit, where the auto industry is concentrated, took the brunt of the swelling of the ranks of the unemployed. Detroit was shorn of a loaf from a low point of 10,000 (or 5.4%) in November 1971, during the period of production layoffs,® and by March 1973, as inventories piled up and factories shut down,® the unemployed line up and factories shut down,® the unemployed had multiplied, leaving workers with 20-30 years on the job completely jobless and often without pensions.

The story is the same for many other cities as well. Detroit and Flint, for example, experienced a spell of unemployment in 1975.® Of those who had worked during 1975, 77 million were unemployed in 1976, but only 15 million were on the unemployment lines for over a half the year.® For the first time since 1957-58, because of the economic recession, there was a significant increase in the number of those who had worked during 1975, over 7.7 million were unemployed in 1976® (officially listed) were among the men in the prime working ages,® and by March 1977, there were 20,000 unemployed workers in Detroit.®

Perhaps a microcosm of the degree to which the combination of wage cuts and layoffs and the new social insurance policies that have been adopted by many companies has affected the lives of workers is the experience of those who worked in the steel industry. For example, the story of the 3,000 Steelworkers in Buffalo, New York, who went on strike in 1974 and 1975 (see footnote 1) is a telling example of the changes that have occurred in the steel industry in the last decade. The steel industry is one of the most heavily regulated industries and has been under constant attack by the bourgeoisie. The steelworkers have fought back with a determination that is reflected in the steelworkers' struggle for a new contract, which is now in its third year. The steelworkers have won a number of important concessions, including a 40-hour workweek, but they have also lost a number of hard-fought gains, such as higher wages and better benefits. The steelworkers' struggle is not just about wages and benefits, but also about the future of the steel industry and the lives of the workers who work in it. The steelworkers' struggle is a struggle for the future of all workers in all industries.