Imperialist Snakes Recoil to Strike Again in Iran

In the wake of the failure of last week's "great embassy raid," the war drums in the U.S. are beating louder than ever. Just hours after the deaths of eight young would-be John Waynes on the barren desert plains of Iran were announced, administration officials sounded the bugle call for a new wave of anti-Iranian flag-waving and calls for stepped-up U.S. war preparations.

For days running, TV radio and newspapers hunted around for "typical Americans"—such as career military officers at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina (the raiders' home base) and a group of reactionary hostage relatives in Houston attending a party thrown by the State Department—all of whom just happened to agree that the President was right to order the raid and should try again. The hollow "find" of the week was Mrs. Joel Mayo, the wife of one of the airforce crewmen blown up in Iran. On nationwide TV, this red line cavewoman said that she was "glad" that her husband had been killed—instead of becoming another hostage in Iran! It was no surprise that the administration's draft registration bill cleared the Senate this week as well.

Every statement from President Carter was either a thinly veiled threat—"I must emphasize that we have no interest in conquering Iran (and he might as well add—yet!),"—or imperialist doubletalk—like trying to call his naked act of military aggression a "humanitarian rescue mission." However, underlying this new bellicosity, the imperialists ruling class of the U.S. that Carter speaks for is now in a more desperate situation than before. They must prove to the world that the "U.S. is still Number One!"—that it is not "afraid" to use its military power against the Iranian people for rising up to put an end to the more than 25 years of U.S. plunder and domination of their country, and for inspiring others to take this same path of liberation.

Of even greater significance, the U.S. imperialists' naked use of force against Iran is more and more openly directed against their act-like superpower rivals in the Soviet Union, and this, just as much as the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan just four months ago, represents a new leap in the developments toward world war.

Appearing on nationwide TV last Sunday, National Security Adviser Brezhiniski set the tone for the period ahead, warning: "Do not scoff at American power; do not scoff at American resources. This country and president will do what is necessary and we have the means for doing it. And one syllable, doesn't shape the future." However, all this pounding—parti­cu­larly repeated by little "Zbig" across the U.S.—cannot change the fact that the failure of the raid was a real blow and a major international embarrassment for the imperialists, as well as cause for rejoicing among millions of people around the world.

Still, there should be no doubt in anyone's mind that at this very moment, another U.S. military force is being readied to invade Iran to "eliminate the hostage problem."

Early this week, two more U.S. aircraft carriers, the U.S.S. Eisenhower and the Constellation, joined the U.S. fleet cruising off the coast of Iran. There are now 4 aircraft carriers and 37 ships in the Arabian Sea. These two newly arrived floating military bases are bringing the "American resources" for the next military operation against Iran. They do have got dozens of helicopters, just like the ones launched from the U.S.S. Nimitz last week, stashed below decks. In the last few days, two carrier-based U.S. F-14's have already fired at an Iranian transport over the Straits of Hormuz for getting within 50 miles of the U.S. naval armada. And Anwar Sadat, the U.S.'s favorite lackey in the Middle East due to his harboring of the Shah of Iran, has publicly offered the U.S. the use of Egyptian military bases to launch another new assault at any time.

The resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vansh this Tuesday in protest over the decision to take military action against Iran (and the new "hardline" policy in general) is a further indication that the U.S. is getting ready to strike again. In their weekend TV appearances, both Brezhiniski and Defense Secretary Brown explicitly stated that the U.S. is not ruling out renewed military action in Iran. When Brown was asked to comment on reports that the Iranian students had moved the hostages out of the U.S. embassy in Tehran to several provincial cities, he bristled with anger and called this sharp tactical move "kidnapping."

Not to be outdone by his war secretary, while visiting the marine officers and air force crewmen wounded in Iran, a solemn President Carter accused Iranian officials of violating "all principles of humanity and decency" by publicly exhibiting the bodies of the eight dead GIs and by refusing to release them directly to the U.S. government. Great experts on "humanity and decency," these imperialist butchers! From Vietnam and Chile to the 25 years of U.S.-backed rule by open terror of the Shah in Iran—not to mention this latest military assault—they have clearly demonstrated their bloodthirsty nature. To top off this act (performed, appropriately, in front of the same military hospital in Texas that the Shah stayed at for several weeks when he was brought to the U.S. for "medical treatment" last November), Carter reported
May Day Manifesto Broadcast at Lackawanna Works

Buffalo, N.Y.—Red Flag/Internationale Day, Bethlehem Steel's Lackawanna plant, 7:00 a.m. A Black worker approaches the guard shack. (Other workers have called the guard out on false alarms.) The worker puts out May Day, Red Flag/Internationale Day to thousands of steelworkers over the P.A. system. He reads the May Day Manifesto, then puts out a call to his fellow workers:

"We should put together a huge red flag and pull down that red, white and stinking blue flag which flies in front of the plant. The red flag symbolizes the struggle to free ourselves from being slaves to the capitalist system. And the red, white and blue flag ain't nothin' but our chains, like chains tied around wrists keeping us enslaved to this capitalist system, keeping us working for them, making them money while we end up with little. Let's put our working class flag, let's put up our flag—the red flag."

After the call, workers call the guard away, and each time the loudspeaker vibrates with a message it's never carried before. Finally the agitator is captured by company guards.

"What is the use of copying these?" he demanded self-righteously one night after looking through the inscriptions I had copied.

"No use at all.

"Then why copy them?"

"For no particular reason.

"I think you might write something...

"I understood. They were editing the magazine Young World (the most influential magazine in the cultural revolution against feudalism and imperialism in China in the period around 1918), but into it there seemed to have been no revolutionary faction or otherwise, I guessed they must be feeling lonely. However I said

"Imagine an iron house without windows, absolutely indestructible, with many people forced into it and only one door for the men to die of suffocation. But you know when I make up that story, they will feel the pain of death. Now if you cry aloud to save a few of the lighter sleepers, making those unfortunate few feel the agony of irreparable death, do you think you are doing them a good turn?"

"For a few, but I guess the only hope is to be free from oppression of man, is to be free from the red flag, a man is..."

As we press, it has been reported that today, Wednesday, April 30, as the Security Council at the United Nations was about to convene its 38th meeting, both the representatives of the United States and the Soviet Union were splattered with red paint by people waving red flags. Throwing the paint were members of the Revolutionary May Day Brigade. They left the following statements:

"From the national May Day Committee to the workers and oppressed of the U.S. and the world.

"The people who raise the red flag today in this day of superpower intrigue, the United Nations (where the cold blooded war preparations of the U.S. and the Soviet imperialists are concealed beneath the smiling masks and deceptive motions of the growing imperialism of the U.S. working-class—those thousands who will be in the streets in major cities across the country on Revolutionary May Day this year.

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The Iron House

Following is a brief excerpt from Lu Hsun's own preface to his first collection of short stories, "Call to Arms," written in 1922. Lu Hsun was a giant on the front lines of the revolutionary movement in art and literature. In "The Iron House," Mao Tse-tung says of Lu Hsun:

"The chief commander of China's cultural revolution, he was not only a great man of letters but a great thinker and revolutionary. Lu Hsun was a man of unyielding integrity, free from all servility or obsequiousness; this quality is invaluable among colonial and semi-colonial peoples. Representing the great majority of the nation, Lu Hsun's thought had reached the stormy citadel of the cultural front where he was the bravest and most correct, the firmest, the most loyal and the most ardent national hero, his life and work parallel in history. The road he took was the very road of China's new national culture."

In Revolutionary Struggle: A Brother in Sotedad

Comrade Greeting,

I wish to give my support to the Revolutionary Communist Party and to Bob Avakian and the Central Committee for its correct line of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tse-tung thought.

I also want to give my support to the upcoming May Day. It's to my loss not to be able to be out there in practice. But my revolutionary spirit boils at the thought of the RCP, the workers and all other progressive forces making history on that day.

I received the New Programme and New Constitution of the RCP, and I'll study, learn, and practice its methods. In Revolutionary Struggle: A Brother in Sotedad
Speech by Bob Avakian

Why the Proletariat Will Lead the Revolution

Following are excerpts from a speech by Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party in Columbus, Ohio, during his national speaking tour in the summer of 1979:

The signs are there, the development, the resurgence of struggle, is clear and growing. It is not a question whether in the years ahead as this economy and this whole system sinks deeper into crisis, as world war looms larger, it is not a question of whether there will be people in the streets or whether there'll be struggle or whether there'll be turmoil and upheaval. That is already clearly shaping up. And it will become much larger as things sharpen up much more. The question is how can this be different, in what way will this be different, what is the potential for it to be different than the 1960's, as glorious as those days were, as much as they shook the system. And the decisive question is that the working class, Black, white, Chicano, Puerto Rican, men and women, united, has got to come to the fore. The class-conscious workers, those who are awakening to political life, rallying around the only revolutionary party in this country, the party of the working class, the party of revolution, the Revolutionary Communist Party. Those workers who today number in the thousands, are being and must be rallied around the political program and the revolutionary banner of our Party, to step to the forefront of this movement.

The working class needs and will build alliances and unity with all forces fighting against this system. But also those forces need to see the strength and uncompromising stand of the class-conscious workers. We, as part of our strategy, think it is very important for workers who are awakening to political life to go to other events, and other struggles, for them to see both the strength and importance of those different political movements, and also the weaknesses of the different class forces. of the middle class people and of the intellectuals, to see why they cannot carry through the revolution and only the working class has the uncompro...
May 1st Message from the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, to the Union of Iranian Communists

The following message from the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA is extended to the Union of Iranian Communists prior to the inauspicious and unsuccessful attempt of the U.S. imperialists to launch a military raid on Iran to seize back the embassy hostages.

To the Union of Iranian Communists, and in Solidarity with the Communist and Revolutionary Movements and the Heroic Working Class and People of Iran, on the Occasion of the Celebration of May Day, 1980;

Comrades,

Today is May First, International Workers' Day, the proudest holiday of the workers of the world, a day of celebration and a day of struggle! It represents the class-conscious proletariat of the U.S. bring to you, the Iranian proletariat and struggling masses our heartfelt greetings and respect, and our determination to stand together in triumph as we meet the storms of the future.

We hail the Iranian Revolution which has dealt such a powerful blow for the emancipation of Iran's people. It is a historical event, representing the class-conscious proletariat of the U.S. bring to you, the Iranian proletariat and struggling masses our heartfelt greetings and respect, and our determination to stand together in triumph as we meet the storms of the future.

The Iranian revolution has dealt a powerful blow to the U.S. imperialists and all other imperialists and reactionaries. No longer can the imperialists claim Iran as a prize jewel of their blood-soaked riches. Instead, today, the masses of Iran demand their freedom to rule their own country and the right to determine their own future.

Today, the Iranian masses have a brilliant example and inspiration for the working class, a mighty storm that ripped to shreds the lying propaganda of the rulers of Iran. They point to the Soviet Union, where the imperialists have never for one moment ceased its plottings and intrigues against the Iranian revolution. It has not given up its dreams, and more than that, its die-hard support for the Iranian revolution and once again conspired against Iran. Through both open threats and covert subversion, through external pressure and internal conspiracies, the imperialists have, since the minute the hated Shah left Iran, plotted a comeback. These conspiracies reached a height with the criminal attempt of the U.S. ruling class to bring the Shah to the U.S. in league with reactionary companies and groups in Iran, they hope to use this incident to prepare the ground for a counterrevolutionary coup d'etat.

But once again the heroic Iranian masses, sensing the hand of U.S. imperialism at work, arose in their millions. The U.S. spy center which the imperialists call their espionage was seized, and the U.S. plans were derailed. This dealt a blow not only to the American imperialists and reactionaries, but also to their overall preparations, their lining up and consolidating of the Iranian imperialist world war.

The Iranian people, have had to confront internal enemies as well. There are those either outright reactionaries, or vacillating middle elements who fear uncovering the full fury of the masses and pushing the revolution ahead to eliminate all remnants of reactionaries and imperialists. These people capitate to U.S. imperialism, in the vain hope that they could stop the revolution halfway and somehow Iran would be liberated by compromising with imperialism and reaction.

The past year has seen many battles to push this revolution forward. From the heroic efforts of the Kurdish, to the efforts of the oppressed people, to the full democratic rights; to the struggles of peasants across Iran to rise up and eliminate the hated feudal system of the Shah's regime; the struggles of women and the working class, for the ultimate victory, assuming their rightful place shoulder-to-shoulder with the masses of the world in the fight to bring to an end imperialism and reaction.

While the U.S. tries to regain its lost ground, the Soviet Union, socialist state in name, imperialist in practice, has never ceased its attempts to weaken the Iranian revolution and the control of its conditions into its own hands, as well as the struggle of millions to remove the criminal Shah and his stolen wealth. These battles have taken the form of the U.S. sending military supplies to the imperialist reactionaries; the Soviet Union, sending military supplies and imperialist reactionaries, the fact that through twists and turns, and fierce struggle against both internal and external enemies, the Iranian revolution continues to advance.

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The revolution not only knocked down one of the powerful bastions of imperialism and reaction and opened the way for establishing Iran as a bastion of revolution, but also provided a brilliant example and inspiration for the working class and the masses of the world.

Since May Day 1979, imperialism has suffered more than a few setbacks. The Iranian revolution, within the backdrop of the deepest worldwide imperialist crisis, has dealt huge blows to the imperialists. In Nicaragua's puppet Somozon, once the "strong man" of Central America, was overthrown. In Chile, thanks to the popular mass movement, Allende's leadership, the U.S. imperialists could not prevent a socialist government from coming to power. Panamanian fight in the streets in the protest of the Shah's flight to their country. Thousands of Egyptians demonstrate when the reactionary head Sadat abdicated his throne to long for a strong man. In Afghanistan, the warlords have been defeated and the working class and masses of the country has now taken control of their country. In the U.S., the Iranian revolution has also had a profound impact. It has been a great force educating and tempering the masses as well as the revolutionary forces. As the imperialists curse the people of Iran, and attempt to whip up the atmosphere of a new round of reaction and reactionaries, the masses are in a state of anarchy and confusion. They will fall short of their success if they desire. The ugly face of imperialism has been inspired and deepened their determination further to mobilize the working class and the masses of people in this country to prepare again the revolutionary struggle for socialism and ultimate communism.

The overthrow of the Shah was a tremendous victory for the Iranian people, a lifting a 27-year-old weight of the Shah's fascistic regime off their backs. Yet even after the regime's downfall, the imperialists have not been entirely defeated and many of the old reactionary elements remain. But once again the heroic Iranian masses will not be defeated. U.S. imperialism, the mighty force who, in the name of revolution, imperialist in reality, has invaded Afghanistan and now sits on its bloody perch ready to offer up its head to the imperialists and all other imperialists and reactionaries. No longer can the imperialists call their espionage was seized, and the U.S. plans were derailed. This dealt a blow not only to the American imperialists and reactionaries, but also to their overall preparations, their lining up and consolidating of the Iranian imperialist world war.

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The Murder of Damian García: A Planned Political Execution

Despite initial thinly veiled and half-hearted attempts to claim that Damian Garcia was a victim of "gang violence," the unmistakable stench of the bourgeoisie's official gangsters continues to foul the air. And more facts leading up to and following his murder come to light. In a recent City Council meeting in Los Angeles, at which the police and councilman Art Snyder were indicted by an RCP spokesman for bnh Damian's murder and the future acts of cowardly desperation they are planning and promoting, an obvious agent slithered up to some revolutionaries and announced, "My people killed the son of a bitch." With all the false bravado he could suck up, this snake revealed that "his people" was the "housing authority," the same pigs that had been circulating the march in Pico-Aliso on April 22 but had conveniently disappeared at the time of the murder. While this was a pitiful and futile attempt at intimidating the Party, it was also far too narrow in scope to be considered factual. In reality, "his people" include more than one arm of the bourgeoisie's ruling apparatus. That Damian's murder was a planned political execution is undeniable. He was well-known to the LAPD, having been kidnapped by them a number of times while he was out selling the RW, only to be dropped off at some distant point. On one occasion last October, this had been set up by a call from some poverty pimps, the same ones who now march through the projects under police protection yelling, "Commies go home." Most recently, the police kidnapped Damian the week before he died in downtown L.A. However, when the masses on the street followed the car, the police decided they had better let him out. Visibly shaken by this response from the masses, they obviously felt the need to devise another plan. When Damian was arrested on April 7 on a charge of "disturbing the peace" while selling RW's, and agitating at County Hospital, he had been personally threatened by numerous pigs at the Hollenbeck Police Station—the one responsible for terrorizing the people of the Aliso project where he was killed. The stench came from all over the state. "We have just busted the pig hero that climbed the Continued on page 14

Rebel

—by a Chicano youth in Chicago upon hearing of Damian García's murder

Damian García
Our brother is dead
Our brother has died
Our brother, they killed him because he struggled against oppression
They killed one and produced a thousand
This was their error
That obligates us to uncover
Their vile origin
They took from us his body
They have taken it already
But what they can't take is our strength in the struggle
Rest in peace Damian
Your spirit will live on
Will live on in truth
And we will not rest until we see your dream made reality
Your name will not be forgotten
Damian García
I can assure you
You died in the struggle
The struggle of the truth
The struggle of the just and noble that must triumph
And it will not cease until your ideals are realized
For the good of all humanity
Rest in peace Damian
Already your flag is taken
Without fear of brutality
By thousands of rebels anxious to struggle
Rest in peace Damian
Your dream will be realized

Come brothers, the struggle doesn't end
The battle has just begun and we will not rest
Until we see with happiness, the suffering of the tyrant
That tried to intimidate us

Damian García your spirit will live
And your great aspirations will be realized
Because we have a battle to win
And the proletariat has to rule
I can assure you
Your figure up on the Alamo will always live
And bring fear to the ruling class

Rest in peace Damian
Your dream will be realized
Mrs. Timm Goes to Iran

Even before their abrasive raid, the U.S. government has not only rallied the families of hostages and made sure they go free from the imperialist point of view. They managed to get four wives of hostages to form the "Iranian Liaison Group" (FLAG) and sent them touring Europe. Another "husband wife" has realiled the line by trying to use her position to get her hands on some cash, suing Iran for $1 billion, to come out of those frozen Iranian assets.

Mrs. Timm, mother of Marine Sergeant Kevin Heremng, has gone to the different directions of the battle in Iran. Her recently completed trip frappled the governmenv forward through its complicated twists and turns. The past has been seen as sharp struggle and ironical strides in this arena. We are confident that on the basis of uphilling and defending the universal principles of Marxism-Leninism, we can lead the masses, free the Iranian people. Speaking of the Iranian revolutionaries she said, "They are people to care for, not hurt." She has called for investigstions into "the financial involve­ment of banks, individuals, who do the Government of the Shah," and "why the Administration chose to let the terrorism sweep into the United States in the first place."

After the attempted U.S. raid, Mrs. Timm addressed a few words for another hostage, John Earl Graves, on news conferences in Tehran. "We deeply regret the actions of the government..." From the United States of America, an ordinary citizen—a little person like we are—cannot get a call through to the embassy in Tehran. That's the sort of thing that the world wonders why was used by American propaganda not Iran.

A person completely cut off from political life previously, Mrs. Timm has run smack into the lies and bloodshed that surround the official U.S. govern­ment position on the embassy occupation and the Iranian revolution. After meeting her son for 45 minutes she said: "The Government has said these people are brainwashed, but I can't agree," adding that her son was in excellent health and mind.

What she learned led her to take a stance against the Iranian people... Speaking of the Iranian revolutionaries she said, "These are people to care for, not hurt." She has called for investigations into "the financial involve­ment of banks, individuals, who do the Government of the Shah," and "why the Administration chose to let the terrorism sweep into the United States in the first place."

On May Day 1979, the Revolutionary Communist Party proclaimed that not only in Iran but around the world and in the USA as well, the flames of revolu­tion are igniting a new moment and are not only in Iran, but within India and ruthlessly combating the various forms of revisionism and all types of opportunism, that such a party will surely be forged. This will be another great weapon against the people of the world, fulfilling one of the most urgent requirements of the revolution.

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In this light, we fully support the efforts of the genuine communist revolutionaries in Iran to forge the communist vanguard that is essential to leading the revolutionary struggle forward. That is the way to fulfill the universal principles of Marxism-Leninism, and to make revolutionary advances in this arena. The struggle is one internationally, not only in the United States, but across the globe will rejoice..."

At one point the entire Timm travel group was threatened with legal prosecution if they continued. She began to have some doubts about "their government..."

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mutil and robbery, these workers..." are in lifting up the international banner of proletarian revolution, the glorious red flag..."

These advanced, these oppressed within the borders of U.S. imperialism who have dared to straighten their backs and carry on the type of struggle worthy of the name proletarian and revolutionary, are an instrumental lever to the much larger force that will bring the U.S. imperialists to their knees from within. This lever is being forged none too soon, since there is a real prospect for a revolution­ary situation to ripen within the next decade in the U.S. Seeing clearly the horrendous crimes our rulers have committed in the name of the American peo­ple, our class is acting with unprecedented speed to take the political offensive, to spread the message of the International Revolution, for our class is truly one class internationally, and fundamentally our struggle is one internationally. On the day that we overthrow U.S. imperialism, and overthrow this system of international social-imperialism, the people of all the world will rejoice that this vampire has finally been killed and put into the dustbin of history.

Our revolution is the property and the joy and the victory of the internation­al proletariat, and is made in its name, for there can be no revolution to simply enable yet another group of exploiters to ride herd over other nations.

Comrades,

Comrade Bob Avakian, the Chairman of the RCP, expressed the feelings we wish to convey to you today when he said, "The masses of people, the revolu­tionaries, the working class and the oppressed people in this society owe a great debt and a great thanks to the Iranian people which we will repay, I am sure, in..."

On this May Day, this is the revolutionary stand of the proletariat. Our struggle is growing in intensity and is developing a new form before us confident that ourQuid pro quo is just, our victory inevitable. The decade we are entering now offers the working class and its allies great opportunity. The red flag beckons to us; let us struggle forward determined to fly it not only in Iran, not only in the U.S., but over every land, marking the advance to socialism and ultimately the achievement of the historic mission of communism. It is in this spirit and with this determination that we send our warmest greetings and stand in solidarity with you on the occasion of the celebration of May Day 1980.

Hail to the Iranian People's Revolution,forward to its Complete Victory! Full Support to the Genuine Communists in Iran in the Struggle to Build the Marxist-Leninist Vanguard Party at the Earliest Possible Time!


The Central Committee, on Behalf of the Entire Membership, of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA
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that all the wounded raiders had volunteered to take part in any new attempt to "rescue the hostages."

More Lies

Even while top U.S. officials energetically wave the baton for the patriotic grunting of these professional soldiers to build up public support for any new military action, they are paying careful attention to keep talking about their "deep desire" to arise as "peaceful solution." In addition to their usual doubletalk, this is a tactical necessity to disguise their next military moves.

At Carter's Tuesday night press conference, CBS newscasters commented afterwards that "the President convinced the impression that military action is being ruled out for the foreseeable future." Quite a few newspaper articles reported that their "well-placed sources" thought a new raid to be unlikely because the hostages had been broken up, the nights in Iran are getting shorter and the weather hotter, and so on. However, a second U.S. assault on Iran has most definitely not been ruled out, but instead hinges on making the necessary preparations, including going all out to inflame reactionary public opinion in the U.S., "coercing" with the allies, and getting a new military force in place.

A further reason to be more than a little skeptical about any new-found U.S. desire to try out "peaceful solutions" is that over the last few weeks, before the aborted raid, the U.S. government developed an elaborate string of lies and deceptions to cover up its long-planned military action. On April 12, just one day after giving the raid a final go-ahead, Carter granted an interview to foreign correspondents at which he reported that he had set a "mid-May" deadline for the allies' economic sanctions to take effect before he would consider military options. Just two days before the raid, a White House staff meeting on Iran was held, at which Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan said that a rescue attempt "has been studied and just wasn't feasible." A report of this meeting was deliberately leaked to the Los Angeles Times, which obligingly ran Jordan's comments in a front-page story the next day. (As a side note, the plan reportedly traveled to Iran announced by Carter just days before the raid, as well as his request that American reporters leave the country, were clearly measures taken to avoid the taking of more U.S. hostages—and to be a tip-off that something was up.)

U.S. CrimesCovered Up

Throughout these past weeks of open sabre-rattling, there was not one mention by the bourgeoisie's hired prissfighters in the media of the Iranian people's just demands to be rid of these Shah and his billions of dollars in plundered wealth—the Shah that the U.S. and its allies installed in 1953 and supported with billions of dollars in U.S. arms and 40,000 advisors, the leader whose regime was turned into a gold mine for hundreds of profit-hungry U.S. corporations and into a living hell for the Iranian masses. There was no mention of the continual coup plotting, the CIA "destabilization" operations and reactionary intrigues against the Iranian revolution that were organized all last year out of the CIA's U.S. embassy compound in Tehran until it was stormed and occupied by Iranian students on November 4, 1979.

No, U.S. imperialism's bloody history in Iran is considered to be irrelevant. "Let's just talk about right now," says the bourgeoisie. "Those uncivilized yellow hordes took over Iran by taking American citizen hostages, and now we're gonna do whatever it takes to get them back.

But as hard as they try to cover up their crimes in Iran in order to prepare the way for new ones, the imperialists cannot help but leave a trail of counter-revolutionary activities behind them. The U.S. is openly admitting that the paramilitary units that it claims to have installed into Iran over the past few months before the raid were working closely with "pro-American" Iranians. It is no great mystery why these forces are—military officers and ex-SAVAK agents who for years worked alongside U.S. "advisors," factory owners, bankers and landlords with previous U.S. connections who feel hemmed in by the present government and deeply fear the continuing revolutionary struggle of the Iranian masses. It is this reactionary social base (which influential forces in the government have continued to block the Iranian masses from uprooting, instead attempting to smear the Left with charges of being "pro-Western") that the U.S. is now openly bragging about as a "fifth column" that can be activated at any time.

The fas wads of $100 bills and equivalent Iranian currency found on board the scuttled U.S. helicopters were designed, among other things, to be spread among these counter-revolutionaries. A final sinister aspect of this "humanitarian rescue mission" was the discovery of several maps left behind by the U.S. raiding team that had the residences of Ayatollah Khomeini and other Iranian leaders circled, indicating a U.S. plan to kidnap them or take them hostage.

Only Way Out—War

This latest provocation against Iran and the stepped-up warmongering are sure signs that the U.S. ruling class is in deep trouble. The failure of the embassy raid has added to an already bad situation for them in Iran. The same powerful reasons that drove them to gamble on staging last week's military assault are not only still there, they are pressing in on them with greater force than before. After the raid, Detroit Times reporter Young summed up the bourgeoisie's predicament when he commented, "We have gone to the point of no return."

All their hopes of "negotiating" the return of the hostages with the aid of compromising elements in the Iranian government have been scotched for now. The Iranian Left, the most determined opposition to the U.S. imperialism, has successfully beat off a recent round of reactionary attacks. And President Bani-Sadr, who has a keen none for the political winds blowing in Iran, was recently quoted in the Christian Science Monitor as calling on the American people to launch a "decisive and restless struggle" against the U.S. government.

The stakes are getting higher for the imperialists with every passing day. With one military fiasco already hanging around their necks and their global "leadership" seriously threatened, the imperialists—the class of millionaire U.S. bankers and industrialists—are being driven by forces beyond their control to demonstrate that they can take decisive action against Iran. But it is important to recognize that Iran in 1980 is not the same as Vietnam in 1963. The U.S. imperialists have less freedom to maneuver and are desperate. They are being buffeted by unprecedented economic and political crisis, and they are now becoming a forerunning imperialist superpower, the USRR, whatever they turn.

This new period of "brinksmanship"

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Message from Fightback

To the Central Committee of the RCP, USA and all revolutionaries in the U.S.,

Brothers and sisters, the revolutionaries of the Day is a demonstration that you are holding today to mark May 1st, the International holiday of the working class and to open the decade of the 1980s, will surely stamp this May 1st as an historic occasion. It is in fact a crucial turning point for the revolutionary struggle in the U.S. and has tremendous consequences for the struggle for emancipation by the oppressed peoples on every continent. This is because without these demonstrations taking place as they are, the hope of seeing revolution in the U.S. would have been a dim one at best. For without the red banner of revolution being thrust to the center stage of history, as these demonstrations are doing, there would be no standard around which the revolutionary forces in the U.S. today could rally and thereby point the direction forward for millions as conditions ripen. So it is with real joy, the joy that the oppressed feel when they actually lift the weight of their oppressors off their shoulders, that we greet these demonstrations today.

As American revolutionaries in Europe we can assure you that indeed as the song says, "the whole wide world is watching." There are many people in European revolutionary circles who not only think that revolution in the U.S. is a distant dream, but who are also aware that there are people in the U.S. who are actively working to bring this about. We have time and again been greeted by broad smiles, eager ears and warm handshakes when we have informed people in the countries all over Europe, Asia and Africa, with whom we come into contact about the growing revolutionary movement back in the U.S. It is no exaggeration to say that when the reverberations of the thunderous revolutionary blow struck by these demonstrations is felt around the world, millions are to learn that the flames of revolution are indeed burning within the very bowels of the world's most violent imperialist monster, that the leadership of the U.S., who are actively working to bring this about. We have time and again been greeted by widely smiles, eager ears and warm handshakes when we have informed people in the countries all over Europe, Asia and Africa, with whom we come into contact about the growing revolutionary movement back in the U.S. It is no exaggeration to say that when the reverberations of the thunderous revolutionary blow struck by these demonstrations is felt around the world, millions are to learn that the flames of revolution are indeed burning within the very bowels of the world's most violent imperialist monster, that the leadership of the U.S., who are actively working to bring this about.

One more thing: as a revolutionary newspaper for GI's in Europe we can tell you in no uncertain terms that the talk of World War III being an ever closer reality is no scare tactic; this shit is for real. For anyone who doubts this, we invite you in no uncertain terms that the talk of World War III being an ever closer reality is no scare tactic; this shit is for real. For anyone who doubts this, we invite you to come to Germany and witness for yourself, as we do everyday, the ever increasing war preparations here at the front. The growing stockpiles of war materials, the constant introduction of even more destructive weapons (including for instance the neutron bomb which has been, despite their denials, deployed here), the increased state of "readiness" among the military and more and more alerts and training maneuvers. It is not uncommon here to see dozens of soldiers preparing to walk out the gate with GI's in full battle gear, M-16's in hand, as they are forced into these rehearsals for the coming bloodbath. And last but not least there is the constant barrage of fascist anti-revolutionary propaganda aimed at the troops and designed to convince them to fight, kill and die to keep the red banner of oppression tied around their own necks and millions of others throughout the world. But there is another message going out among the GI's as well: that the message of international proletarian revolution. As this statement is being read, revolutionaries from among the imperialists' own armed forces are gathering to celebrate, along with the rest of our revolutionary class brothers and sisters around the world, the revolutionary holidays today. These revolutionary GI's are today but a small minority it is true. But under the right conditions a tiny seed can become a giant redwood tree, so too can the mass of the imperialist armed forces be rooted and sprout into a tremendous force at conditions for revolution further. Wherever the rulers are preparing for war and to do this they will press-gang [a] their own armed forces and put guns in their hands: but the question in which direction of course this force pointed is far from settled. Our rulers know this well and that is why they attack, are preparing to suppress the GI's in the ranks of their army and most importantly it is why they are attacking comrades Bob Avakian and the RCP back in the States. It is not out of any sentimental pity but out of sheer desperation that they launch these attacks, for the slave master is only too well aware that without his slaves he ain't shit and without his army he's even less. It is in this spirit of determination to do whatever is necessary to rip these blood suckers from their throne, that on behalf of the revolutionary GI's in Europe we send revolutionary greetings and solidarity.

DEATH TO U.S. IMPERIALISM

Workers of All Countries Unite,
We Have Nothing To Lose But Our Chains,
We Have A World To Win

Fightback

The revolutionary voice of GI's in Europe against the common enemy

The Turkish proletariat and working masses have declared war against the imperialists! Though numbers of workers, revolutionaries and peasants have given their lives to destroy fascist dictatorship and occupation, but these attacks don't go unanswered. Today the objective conditions for revolution have ripened considerably. Collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie and feudal landlords, are in the hands of the capitalists, are working as agents of the imperialists. Both oppressors nor the oppressed want to live under the conditions they are now forced to live under. Both want to realize their dreams of revolution and the working masses are fighting themselves against attacks by the imperialists and the fascist dictatorship, fighting themselves for revolution. May Day of this year will witness the historic climax of the class struggle between fascist and anti-fascist revolutionary forces. The fascist Dernovish government has banned May Day and also declared they will use military and police as arms of its forces. But the Turkish prole­

Statement by a Turkish Revolutionary Worker Living in Germany

Comrades and Friends,

At a time when the struggles of the working class in the capitalist-imperialist system and of the oppressed peoples of the world are escalating, the international trade of commodities and social liberation have sharpened, the RCP, part of the American working class movement, has been preparing to celebrate May Day, a day of unity, solidarity, and struggle of the world proletariat. In spite of the revisions, reforms, and opportunistic maneuvers to co-opt May Day this day is still a revolutionary character, to put May Day into a form acceptable to the international proletariat, and to hold May Day demonstrations behind closed doors and not carrying the message to the masses, the RCP has taken up May Day as a tool in the struggle against the imperialist bourgeoisie. Especially with the world war on the horizon, a militant celebration of May Day according to the historical tradition of May Day demonstrations is felt around the world. The RCP is working to and supplement the struggles of the peoples of colonial and semi-colonial countries from the point of view of international solidarity. The revolu­

A brother on Death Row in Stateville

The following telegram was received by the Los Angeles May Day Committee along with a donation of a day's pay, from RW readers in Tulsa, Oklahoma after they learned of the police murder of Comrade De­

To Friends, family and comrades,

"Having worked with him on the Moody park campaign, we know him as among the best our class can produce. His loss will be felt. His example remembered. Turn our grief into strength and carry on the struggle."
Internationa1 May Day Messages

Communist Party of the Portuguese Workers

To the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA,

Dear Comrades,

In greeting the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA and the whole U.S. working class on this May 1, 1980, the Communist Party of the Portuguese Workers cannot fail to recall that this date is inseparably linked to the heroic struggle of the workers in Chicago who on the 1st of May 1886, in magnificient combat in the streets, raised the banner of the demand for the eight-hour work day and struck a blow against their exploiters and oppressors. Even if there were no other reason, this alone would be enough to prove that the U.S. working class is a glorious and fighting class, whose example has more than once shown the way towards the emancipation of the proletariat of the whole world.

Despite the fact that Portugal has lived for many years under the yoke of U.S. imperialism, its working class, at any rate, does not confute the sinking cliches of the U.S. monopolies. Bourgeoisie with the working class in the U.S., which is a victim of these same crimes.

The Portuguese proletariat celebrates May 1st this year solidarity with conditions of a great sharpening of the class struggle. After overcoming fascism and colonialism, after having prevented the establishment of a so-called Fascist government in 1975, after having unmasked the petty bourgeois democracy of the Socialist Party which was in power after the overthrow of the Portuguese revolution in 1974, the people of Portugal today are struggling for the overthrow of the reactionary government of the so-called 'Democratic Alliance'. A million strong is a group of reactionary and fascist parties which are flunkies for U.S. and European imperialism.

With the dedicated aid of the revolutionaries and under the cover of bourgeois democracy spread by them, the Portuguese bourgeoisie threw 15% of the workers out of work and cut their real wages by more than 30% in the last seven years. Once the opportunist and traitor parties had completed their work, the current government of the private monopoly capitalists and landowners strives to intensify exploitation and poverty even more, while at the same time attacking the revolutionary gains won by the workers, and preparing bloody repression against the working class, the peasants and the whole people.

The Communist Party of the Portuguese Workers is the only political force which consistently opposes the reactionary 'Democratic' Socialism government and which shows the classes the road of the People's Democracy and Socialism, the Dictatorship of the Proletariat and Communism. This is the only political force which takes the lead in the struggle against the dictatorship of capital, it never ceases for a moment to fight the reactionaries and the exploiters, which constantly sabotages and derails the struggle of the revolutionary proletariat.

Comrades,

Since its founding in September 1970, the Communist Party of the Portuguese Workers has always defined itself as a Marxist party, that is, as a party guided by the scientific doctrine of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. Its main goal is to overthrow reaction, of spreading political reactionism of the people and in different varied forms, be they clandestine meetings, distribution of leaflets, street demonstrations, and others through which they will demand liberty, stop the repression, the right to strike, democratic elections of the unions, clarification of the comrades that are detained or who have disappeared. Etc. The fascist government, for its part, which has used all available means to smother any attempt at organization, unity and struggle of the people, has faced a steady and tough struggle. The strikes, work stoppages, sabotage of production and even the street demonstrations are becoming more numerous, as are the organizations of the popular resistance who are ever more united.

The Portuguese Workers Party, guided by the scientific doctrine of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, certain of its victory in the next period, will continue to intensify its efforts to strengthen the Portuguese proletarian movement, and the most brutal regimes in recent history. The Portuguese people have greatly advanced the victory of the so-called 'Democratic Alliance'. The only and fundamental goal of our party guided by the scientific doctrine of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, that is, it is the fundamental goal of our time. As such, the new attacks launched by the Chinese and Albanian revisionists, who have taken the sole purpose of dismantling the prosperity of imperialism, social imperialism and world reaction, of spreading political and ideological confusion among the vanguard workers and creating the conditions for the widest possible slaughter of a new imperialist world war between the two superpowers, which the peoples will be used as cannon fodder.

It makes clear the need to intensify the international struggle of the communists the world over against modern revisionism, whether it be the Soviet type, or the Chinese or Albanian type. Let us unite on the basis of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, certain that in this way we will march towards new and greater victories!

LONG LIVE MAY 1st
LONG LIVE THE PORTUGUESE INTERNATIONALISM!
LONG LIVE MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM

People's Front of Chile

Chicago Committee

Greetings from the People's Front of Chile (Chicago Committee)

International Workers Day

On the occasion of this May First, International Workers Day, the People's Front of Chile, a unified organization of the Chilean resistance, participates in paying tribute today to the martyrs of Chicago murdered by the bourgeoisie which feared the advances of the working class that was fighting against its exploitation, better working conditions and for an eight-hour work day. The blood that was shed in the struggle of the working class held great significance and points the road forward of struggle and sacrifice.

Today when the people of the world remember this special date, the proletariat and the Chilean people, six and a half years after the fascist coup, reaffirm once more, as in previous years, their resolve to struggle against the representatives of national and international capitalism. There will be different sectors of the people and in different varied forms, be they clandestine meetings, distribution of leaflets, street demonstrations, and others through which they will demand liberty, stop the repression, the right to strike, democratic elections of the unions, clarification of the comrades that are detained or who have disappeared. Etc. The fascist government, for its part, which has used all available means to smother any attempt at organization, unity and struggle of the people, has faced a steady and tough struggle. The strikes, work stoppages, sabotage of production and even the street demonstrations are becoming more numerous, as are the organizations of the popular resistance who are ever more united.

The People's Front of Chile, Chicago Committee, etc., are trying to broaden the struggle and make the blows against fascism more effective.

We are unifying with the North American people in these celebrations as well as saluting the struggle of the revolutionary communists who are waging in this country to create consciousness and organize the proletariat and the people in the anti-imperialist struggle.

For the ultimate liberation of the exploited classes!
For a May 1 of struggle!
Long live proletarian internationalism!

The People's Front of Chile

(Chicago Committee)

Union of Iranian Communists

(The UIC was not able to send its full message at the same time. The following is a brief message.)

To the Revolutionary Communist Party U.S.A.

Comrades!

It is with great confidence in the ultimate victory of Marxism-Leninism that we send you our warmest and most militant greetings on this joyous occasion of May Day. We would also like on this occasion to express our deep admiration for the U.S. working class. It is in this spirit that we once again hail your efforts and send you our most sincere communist greetings.

LONG LIVE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT!
LONG LIVE THE SOLIDARITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT!
DOWN WITH CAPITALISM!
WITH U.S./SOVIET WAR MOVES!
TAKE HISTORY INTO OUR OWN HANDS!

Signed
The Union of Iranian Communists

Comrades:

It is in such a crucial moment of history that we are going to celebrate May Day. The working class and its vanguard will on that day show rea- tionaries around the world that the interna- tional proletariat is fighting for one cause and is united to crush the rule of Reaction and Exploitation. On that day, we, around the world, send shivers down the spines of all those who for years have ex- ploited the working class. The interna- tional proletariat will show that for the cause of revolution and socialism it is ready to go down in history. It is in this spirit that we once again hail your efforts and send you our most sincere communist greetings.

LONG LIVE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT!
D.C. Anti-Nuke Demo Targets Pentagon

From April 25th through the 28th, Washington, D.C. was the scene of nation-wide anti-nuclear activity, ranging from an all-night vigil at the White House to a march of 25,000 on Saturday, from lobbying Congress to civil disobedience at the Pentagon. Organizers of the Coalition for a Non-Nuclear World (a coalition of anti-nuke groups, religious and peace groups, various political and social groups and individuals), the weekend's two main events were Saturday's march and Monday's civil disobedience.

The march had been in preparation for almost a year, and many anti-nuke activists were disappointed with the turnout. The organizers had expected an advance over last May's demonstration of 100,000. Some blamed the rainy weather, but for others the question was: "where's the anti-nuke movement going? What's it gonna do? That's the question that's gotta be clearly answered if people want to participate."

This question expressed itself in the contradictions among the demonstrators—from "Love the Earth" ecology groups to Barry Goldwater's People to Save the World. At the White House protesting the U.S. performance in the May Day protest, 500 anti-nukers were arrested. At the Pentagon, for example inside the building a group of demonstrators was singing "America the Beautiful."

These contradictions within the anti-nuke movement are sharpening as world contradictions sharpen. Expressing the more advanced sentiment, as one long-time activist said, "It's not so much a question of tactics anymore, I don't think we're gonna be able to close down nuclear power, not the ways things are today. I used to believe in this country, but that belief has quite gone down the tubes. I agree with Seabrook May 24th bulletin, I don't recognize this or any government, corporate power and authority. For me the question has gone beyond nukes, even nukes and war. To me it's a bigger question, one of total chains, and I think that's the question the anti-nuke movement has got to deal with—it's gonna become anti-society, and it's gonna do it now because the world isn't gonna wait."

"Nuke D.C." were spray-painted on the building. Blood was thrown on the walls and a bulldozer of Pentagon personnel were stopped by one group of demonstrators while another let the air out of the tires. Many of the first floor office windows were decorated with words NO WAR, painted facing inside. All in all the demonstrators carried the day.

The overall content of these actions was significant for its exposure and attack on U.S. imperialism and its moves towards war. Not that everyone was revolutionary-minded or even anti-imperialist. At the same time the American flag was being burnt outside the Pentagon, for example inside the building a group of demonstrators was singing "America the Beautiful."

The welding of a class-conscious section of the working class in this country—a movement that stands with the working and oppressed people worldwide—and the gathering momentum building toward May 1st have had a far-reaching impact on broad numbers of people from all walks of life. Below is a partial list of endorsements for Revolutionary May Day. Endorsement indicates support for the general thrust and agreement with the slogans of May Day.

ACTION, St. Louis
Afghan Support Committee, Connection
Association of Black Students, Washington University, St. Louis
Association of Iranian Students, Cincinnati
Black Student Union, University of California, Riverside
Casa de El Salvador, San Francisco
Committee to Defend the Iranian Revolution, Cincinnati
Ethiopian Students Union of North America, New York Chapter
Ethiopian Student Union of North America (supporters EPP) (supporters EPP)
Jenny Hardy, Soiling Black Problems Now, Cincinnati
Dr. Peter Howson, Columbus, Ohio
Iranian Student Association, Ohio chapter
Iranian Students Association, Washington, D.C. (supporters of PAKYAR)
Iranian Students, Washington/Baltimore (supporters of Iranian People's Fedayyen)
Iranian Students from Tacoma and Seattle
The Kneecappers, a rock band from Cleveland
William Kunstler, Attorney
Dr. Jesse McBride, Professor of Philosophy, Morgan State University, West Virginia
Movimiento Popular Dominicano, M.P.D. (ML)
Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico
Dr. Shahba B'nonga, Honorary Chairperson of Black Women Today, Inc., Los Angeles
Oakland Feminist Women's Health Center
Political Action Committee of Howard University Students Association
San Francisco Mime Troupe
St. Louis Coordinated Against the Draft
Union of Tigrayans
Youth International Party
"Organization listed for identification purposes only

READ THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER!
This is the third and final installment of an article entitled "Kennedy: Knight of the Living Dead" which appeared in the January issue of Revolution, the organ of the Central Committee of the RCP, USA. The article is an in-depth look at the Kennedys and their particular role in capitalist American politics from the exploits of Joe Kennedy to Teddy Kennedy today. It totally Smashes the "Kennedy Myth" that, many at least, in part, have swallowed. This part includes more on the Kennedys and the Civil Rights Movement, their role in the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, and the war in Vietnam. It concludes by showing how Teddy Kennedy follows in the footsteps of his brothers, combining open retraction with the illusion of reform. The first two parts of this article appeared in the NW, Vol. 1, issues 50 and 51.

The Kennedys' activities around the Freedom Riders is a clear example of the role they played for the bourgeoisie and their administration of the dual tactics of liberal reformism and naked force. Their first instinct was to try to put a stop to things, "Tell them to call it off," JFK ordered Harris Wofford. "Stop them." "This undue militancy," explains apologist Schlesinger, "threatened the strategy of illusion."

But the Kennedys could not keep the people out of the streets. Enter the FBI whose "own agents in the Klan," who let the KKK know where the Freedom Riders were going, where they were planning to stop, in other words, setting the whole thing up, and then looked sideways while the goons attacked the buses and beat the Freedom Riders bloody. The FBI, of course, is part of the Justice Department, headed by Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

The ruling class demonstrated the coordinated use of its "good guys" and "bad guys." (In this case the "bad guys" J. Edgar Hoover was "good guy" JFK's first appointment.) At this point the Kennedys could, and did, step in with their ringing rhetoric as the situation became more intense and explosive and take some actions that could only restrain the momentum of the civil rights actions and put the White House and approved "civil rights leaders" at the head of the march. Their most dramatic action occurred when Kennedy sent in Federal troops to force James Meredith's enrollment at the all-white University of Mississippi.

The Kennedys' concern in controlling these confrontations in the South was more than domestic. The struggle in the South coincided with U.S. efforts to make the region a bulwark of the control of the former European colonies, and was a particular problem for the U.S. efforts in Africa. Schlesinger reports that, "around the world the use of troops [in Mississippi] dramatized as nothing else could have done the commit­ment of the administration to the cause of equal rights. He records the statement sent by a U.S. ambassador to Robert Kennedy: "This was a battle which had to be won. What might have been a severe setback to our prestige in Asia and Africa was turned into a triumph."

Historian Schlesinger is remarkable in his presentation. He frequently does not shy away from some of the most damning indictments of the Kennedy role. What he does instead is to give them the "correct interpretation." So, for example, he explains Kennedy's judicial appointments to the federal judiciary in the South. A notable example was Harold Cox, a buddy of Mississippi's Senator Eastland. As soon as he mounted the bench Cox began to throw out civil rights suits. At one point he roared at the Black people in his courtroom: "a bunch of niggers... acting like a bunch of chimpanzees."

Other Kennedy appointees were not much more subtle in their racism. One called the 1954 Supreme Court school desegregation decision "one of the truly regret­table decisions of all time." But after all, argued Schlesinger, Kennedy couldn't just ignore the influence of the Southern Senators in his appointments. "Indeed, the final Kennedy record of southern judicial appointments was comparable to that of the Eisenhower administration."

Indeed! Kennedy was no Eisenhower, and had he been, the bourgeoisie would have been in a lot less trouble. He could speak with some credibility among the masses. He could inspire hope that justice could be achieved in capitalist America. Yet for all the efforts of the Kennedys and people like King, the struggle continued to escalate and constantly burst beyond their control. Each time they scrambled to re­solve with a new promise, a new action, a new maneuver. After George Wallace made his stand blocking the door to Black students at the University of Alabama, and then backed down in the face of the steamroller pressure of the movement and the government's fear that an explosion might erupt, Presi­dent Kennedy went on television to try to define the terms of the struggle and propose his solution.

"We are confronted primarily with a moral issue. It is as old as the Scriptures and is as clear as the American Constitution... If an American, because his skin is dark, cannot eat lunch in a restaurant open to the public; if he cannot send his children to the best public school available; if he cannot vote for the public officials who represent him; never mind that he is a principal advocate of patience and delay..."

"...Neve­r mind that the American Constitution from the beginning had counted Blacks as 3/5 of a person and for almost two centuries had been just as much a prop of Jim Crow and ex­ploitation as the Bible... Never mind that the basis of national oppression is capitalism itself. It is a color question. It is you, the racist white people out there who are holding Blacks down. And most of all, never mind those demonstrations! It can't be left to the people in the streets! And police repression won't work (well enough). Only legislation in Congress can solve the problem."
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Now such people cannot lead a revolution. And people who are vulnerable to it and liberal about such things as homosexuality? And what is the broad view and outlook of the world as a whole in whose position society and whose socialized way of working, which is the power of things that are stamped from Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, France. For example, we take the broad picture and the potential of using all this for the benefit of society and the advancement of humanity and for the development of the working class. And that capital, who don’t have a stake in the system, only such people can come into revolutionary movements and that’s why our Party has remained firm. We didn’t just look at the last few years or at this country. We looked historically, internationally, and studied the revolutionary development. And only if we go about it and get away with that what our outlook might be today, the working class of all races and nationalities can be, must be, and will be brought to the forefront of the struggle and rally increasingly, as the crisis deepens, toward the goal of revolution at its front rank.

This is why it is an important political event that is going to take place in this country in the next year, going take place on May 1st, 1980, which is this Day. The international holiday of the working class and oppressed people, and especially the working class, celebration of May Day. For the first time in this country in decades, and in fact if ever, revolutionary demonstrators will be held, mobilizing the working class revolutionary work in the socialist, revolutionary stand of the working class—many thousand workers and the other oppressed people to take to the streets today. To the bunker, where we work and we call on others to come along and join in for the cause. That’s gonna be a tremendous step and it isn’t gonna be all smooth sail ing, but it will be an inspiration. The capitalist will not give free days off, or any days off, to build for it or take part in that demonstration. Many of course will come out, including the oppressed people. Some will have to even lose their jobs, people will have to work. But it is necessary—because increasingly our Party’s gonna be among the workers, as well as others, but especially among the workers, and the people who uncover revolutionary interests and rally them around the banner of their Party which upholds those interests and their highest aspirations. And this is the future we have to look to.

We don’t stand up here anywhere else and make easy promises. Anybody who-done is lying to you. There is no easy way to live, especially under this system, but in the struggle we will get rid of the rid of the daily madness we have to go through. Revolu tion and emancipation from all this enslavement and degradation will come very slow but it will come. It’s gonna involve struggle and sacrifice. People. People to the Party. And that’s why we have to stay down their lives, but that’s gonna happen anyway. Why are we talking about when we’re talking about the Russian revolution, the workers in China, why we talk about all of us. Why do we talk about when we’re talking about World War 3? They’re gonna take our lives anyway. Our lives don’t belong to us. I don’t even care if you’re in the middle class, it still doesn’t belong to you. It belongs to the rulers of this system and their capitalist dog and cat jungle law. That’s who it belongs to and the only way for your life to mean anything at all is to try to find something you can do and contribute to your society, everybody else and fall right into the capitalist game. But it’s so give your life to the one cause that is the struggle and to the best that can advance humanity beyond this dog and cat jungle stage, the one thing that is gonna give you the solution to the struggles of today but can contribute to the struggles of the future. And that’s what we all are going to do. That’s what we’re fighting for.

Many people do say to us, “Listen, you talk a good line, your Party has some great plans, but aren’t you just going to be like other people out there before, how do we know that you won’t sell out the revolution again?” We’ll try to turn it into your own thing! Well we have two things to say to that. First of all, I’d like to say to you that the Party is a part of the whole long political, political and professional history of the Party. It’s a lie and a promise that anybody’s experience knows that’s it’s not all that’s cracked up to be any damn way. But the Party is the record of the whole opposition and degradation of people out here every day, never mind the Party. It’s got to come up on the whole idea of what it’s like here in Iran, Nicaragua, people in this country rising up against police murder, don’t you think that it’s part of the rest of the rest of the things people face. Never mind, I want to if I can speak with whom I want to sleep with things that are and I could say.

So people say, “Well, how do you feel about going to jail and facing jail?” And could anybody look at attacks on your Party, aren’t you concerned? Of course we’re concerned. Because this attack on our Party means an attack on the masses of people, on the working class and oppressed people and on their ability to have a voice in our future and the future of the world. And the most important reason why we have to try and try and turn around the situation and achieve another exposure and another blow against the system itself. Of course we don’t want to go to jail or be shot. But we’re gonna be ready to do that if we have to. But when we go to jail, we will join with others taking up resolution and will spread revolution there. But the most important thing is that we’ve got to prepare for to prepare for, to prepare for, to prepare for, to prepare for, to prepare for, to prepare for, to prepare for, to prepare for, to prepare for, to prepare for, to prepare for.

People will go on the streets, they will fight and they will struggles against this system toward the goal of revolution—and we know that whether it’s in the next few years or even further, things are sharpening up. There is a real possibility even within the next decade that a revolutionary situation will develop and we are determined and precise and must be ready to help those people into the ranks so we don’t lose it. Think of it

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around Iran looming directly ahead makes it clear that there is a major accele-ration taking place now in the moves of the superpowers and their blocs towards world war. The U.S. imperialists' global empire has been in decline since their shattering defeat in Vietnam, cannot afford to back down... The young and rising Soviet social-imperialists are poised to take advantage of the vacuity that now exists in Iran, including hoping its offer of arms and "aid" is accepted by the Iranian government. But for now the Soviets are generally laying low and letting the U.S. take the rap as "the aggressors" in Iran just as the U.S. did after the Soviets invaded Afghanistan. And while the U.S. imperialists are weighing very carefully what the Soviet reaction to their next moves will be, they are clearly more and more willing to risk even a direct clash with them... The stage is thus set for a new U.S. military assault on Iran—this time with far more of the military force to make sure there are no hostages left behind—now armed to the teeth. For our part, we are prepared to face them head-on, with all the courage and determination we have to defeat the danger from the USSR and restore America's position as "number one in the world"...
German Social Chauvinist Party Dissolves

The thoroughly opportunistic Communist Party of Germany (KPD) had been killed by its own counterrevolution, the KPD announced it had dissolved. Meanwhile, outside Germany, the KPD line of social-chauvinism from watching the all-American representative success of the Communist Party of the United States-Chauvinist Leninism-LCPML-came as a whole swarm of organizations that arose in the 1970s. Encouraged by revisionist terrorism of China (the same forces who seized political power and restored capitalism after Mao's death), the social-chauvinist organizations have long been necessário in the Leninist or Trotskyist camp. The tendency of the U.S.-led bloc in general and to their own ruling classes in particular, from crawling, they have used the fact that the Leninist evolution is the rising and developing imperialist power which must now challenge the status quo, that is, the existing division of the world now dominated by the U.S. imperialist.

In 1975, the KPD withdrew from the mass movement against German rear- nationalism, making an important focus of radical struggles in West Germany. Instead, they announced, they would mobilize in a new way: "A new kind of the movement in order to win Germany's 'natural' political line and the situation in East Germany and the Soviet threat to West Germany. Only after this struggle would it be possible to decide whether the KPD could question of socialism be put on the agenda.

Of course, West Germany was no more rearming for self-defense than in the previous two world wars. The very essence of the old imperialism, a threat to the domination and expansion of the empire enjoyed by the bourgeoisie of West Germany and the other members of the ruling class.

The problem lies in the fact that this kind of movement under an imperialist line of communism is getting a little hard to perform lately. For one thing, while joining together a ragtag crew under an opportunistic political line is hard enough under any circumstances, the dissolution of the KPD was due not mainly to the internal dynamics of the organization itself, but to the war that is shaping up in the world and the speed at which it's approaching world war.

As a question of the world war, of whether to stand for or against your own ruling class in this war, is a question which consciously or not has conditioned the development of all the political forces which arose in the 1970s, including both the genuine and phony communists. It is fast becoming a practical necessity. For the KPD, so practiced in capitulation, the very label "socialist" and the existence of a "communist" organization became an obstacle to crawling all the way into the most lousy of the lousy capitalist parties.

In the KPD's third and final congress of graduating Leninists in Gelsenkirchen, West Germany. After three days filled with bitter internal discussions and disagreements, the KPD has called for a series of elections scattered in "shock and relief" after having agreed on only one thing—the first motion on the floor, which was to dissolve the KPD. The vote was almost unanimous, with only eight delegates voting to carry on. From every corner came the summation that the KPD was "a shipwreck," "a total failure," and "politically bankrupt." Of course, we agree with these assessments, but it certainly is not the case that these forces in dissolving the KPD, have put the political line which guided the KPD behind them. By rejecting Marxist-Leninism even in words, they have tried themselves up to work both directly with the Socialists Party, West Germany's ruling party (itself ironically a former workers' party which degenerated into social-chauvinism prior to World War I, and to infiltrators in West Germany's anti-nuke "Green Party," no doubt they will devote themselves to winning over these mainly middle-class dissident elements to fall in line with the ruling class.

The approach of war is making itself felt in different ways in different countries and organizations—but it is being intensely felt in every single one, especially within the imperialist countries. Those forces which have played the role of advocates of "solidarity" among revolutionary-minded people are now more and more openly practicing revisionism. For instance, the Norwegian Workers Communist Party-Marxist-Leninist, long one of the brightest stars in the social-chauvinist heavens, has recently been reduced to a plebiscite in the Norwegian war budget in parliament. It has called for drafting women and other practical moves for dragging the Norwegian people into World War 3—a war which is no less imperialist for the fact that the tiny Norwegian Socialists just seeks and seeks to expand a subsidiary role in the U.S. bloc, like the small vultures who live off the droppings of bigger ones. In return for this service the Norwegian government has given the WCPML a state subsidy for its daily newspaper, which up till now was in danger of going out of business. And, of course, in the U.S., the CPML's latest maneuvers, including the removal of the slogan of the Party "People of the World Unite to Defeat Imperialism" from the masthead of its newspaper, is part and parcel of this trend. (See "How to Support/Oppose the Draft," KW, April 18.) Describing the social-chauvinist parties of his time, Lenin wrote that with the outbreak of World War I "the real burst"—the true essence of these parties and their disgusting nature broke into plain view. One such people has now broken in West Germany, and more will follow. This scumming to openly fly the political banner of the bourgeois is a truthful act, even if it is not in any way motivated by honesty, and it's all the better when these forces drop even the pretense of Marxism-Leninism.

We realize that the unique dramatic touch of the West German Congress make it a tough act to follow. But we suspect, that the U.S.'s own social-chauvinist, the CPML, have enough pus and venom building up in their diaforetic to put the KPD's suicide to shame.

Comrade Damian Garcia

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Alamo, "How did we get out of Texas alive?" — "I'd have thrown you in a bayou." — "We may still have a chance." — In addition to the murder itself—the targets being two of the men who shot down the Alamo, the professional manner of the execution, the police who dispersed any further responses to any other revolutionaries while convenient—missing the capture of the killers, etc. (see last week's AWP'all that. We can prove just which "gang" murdered Damien Garcia. The Alamo Front and the coordination of various aspects of this case point clearly to the FBI's well-documented CPML's bid to run the by the highest circles of the ruling class.

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Meanwhile the media faithfully re-
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problem and save the nation!"

As even Schlesinger admits, "the

President felt he would lose control
even if Kennedy were not re-elected, leadership," Robert Kennedy was as candid: It was necessary

... not only the passage of legislation
but what in my judgement was even
more important, to obtain the con­
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government... I thought there was a
great danger in losing that unless we
took it seriously, there was obviously a revolution within a revolu­
revolution... We could not rely on the direction of Martin Luther King go­
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Kennedy himself admitted that he was<br/>&lt;ul&gt;&lt;li&gt;Continued on page 18&lt;/li&gt;&lt;/ul&gt;
The General Line of the Revolution

Dare to Grapple with the Battle Plan for Revolution

In early March, the Revolutionary Communist Party published drafts of its New Programme and New Constitution. Now, in the days and months following Revolutionary May Day 1980, it is possible and vitally necessary to distribute these documents broadly and deeply, to individuals and organizations who yearn for a way out of the madness of this imperialist system. As the struggles of the proletariat and with the real possibility of revolution—it is crucial that revolutionary-minded workers, fighters from the oppressed nationalities, women engaged in the struggle against their oppression, prisoners, students, farmers and more—take up these documents, discuss and struggle over them.

"With these drafts," states the introduction to the New Draft Programme, "...the Party is issuing a declaration of war, a call to action and a battle plan for destroying the old and building the new. We are presenting these drafts widely and deeply so that many among the working class and others oppressed by this monster, imperialism, will seriously study them, take them up and help sharpen them. These documents are weapons. In preparation. Study them, write us, meet with us to criticize and strengthen them—and unite with us to carry them out."

Reprinted here is a section from the draft of the New Constitution—The General Line of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.

The Revolutionary Communist Party of the USA is the political party of the working class in the United States. It is a vanguard party, a fighting party, and a part of the communist movement internationally, just as the working class and the USA is one part of the revolutionary movement of the international proletariat.

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Programme and Five-Year Leaflet

under this proletarian dictatorship lies within the vanguard party of the proletariat itself, especially among its top leadership. This is because, with the seizure of power by the proletariat and the socialisation of ownership of the means of production, the party becomes both the leading political center of the socialist state and main driving force of the economy, and the contradiction between the party as the leading group and the working class and masses under its leadership is a concentrated expression of the contradictions left over from the old society. Where and to the extent that party members, especially leading party officials, deviate from Marxism-Leninism, depart from the socialist road and divorce themselves from the masses, their position of authority turns into its opposite, is transformed from leadership guiding the masses in revolution toward the goal of communism into oppression over the masses, forcing them back toward capitalism—in the name, however, of “socialism” and “communism.”

This, throughout the entire socialist transition period until the worldwide victory of communism is finally achieved, the proletariat and masses of people, led by those party members and officials who continue to adhere to and apply Marxism-Leninism, must not only uphold the dictatorship of the proletariat but must continue to wage struggle in all spheres, both practical and theoretical, to distinguish genuine from sham Marxism-Leninism and the socialist from the capitalist road in order to expose and defeat the attempts of the bourgeoisie, especially the bourgeoisie in the party, to usurp power and restore capitalism, and in order to continue revolutionizing all of society. And, as a crucial part of this, the party itself must be continually revolutionized amidst the storms of this class struggle and the interrelated struggle within the party itself between the two lines of Marxism-Leninism and opportunism and the two roads of socialism and capitalism. Through this continual pro-

cess, punctuated repeatedly by all-out struggles to determine which class in fact holds power and in which direction society is moving, unfeeling opportunists within the party must be exposed and driven out, while broader and broader sections of the working class and masses are tempered and steeled in struggle and fresh forces from among them, and especially those who come to the fore in the mass revolutionary struggles, are brought into the party, so that the revolutionary line and vanguard role of the party is safeguarded and strengthened and new generations of revolutionaries are reared within the party and in society as a whole.

For all these reasons, the proletarian revolution and the advance to communism cannot be and has not been a smooth and even process, proceeding in a straight line, but one full of twists and turns, even temporary setbacks and reversals, and therefore proceeding in a spiral. But, this has been an upward spiral, with three major milestones: the first actual seizure of power by the proletariat in the short-lived Paris Commune in 1871; the successful coalescence of power and establishment of workers’ state economy in the world’s first socialist state, the Soviet Union, where the proletariat retained state power and remained on the socialist road for four decades, until the mid-1950s; and the Chinese revolution, in which one-fourth of humanity not only embarked on the socialist road but, through the course of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, made the greatest advances along that road so far.

Yet only through its victories but also through its defeats, the proletariat as well as the communist movement internationally, through the process of sharp struggle itself, has time and again summed up the historical lessons and made new leaps forward. This has been guided on the highest level by Mao Zedong, who by applying Marxism-Leninism to both the positive and negative experience of the proletarian revolution, and deepening this revolutionary science in the world, has summed up that the final victory of the proletariat and the ultimate achievement of communism throughout the world would inevitably be realised amidst earth-shaking storms and unprecedented struggles. Such is the stand of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought; such is the stand of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.

In the United States today, reviled as a bastion of reaction and enemy of the international proletariat only by the equally imperialist Soviet Union, the first great step of the proletarian revolution—the seizure of power by armed forces—is now only a historic task that demands to be accomplished. It is also an urgent necessity, not only for the working class and the great majority of people in the U.S. itself but for the international proletariat and people of the world. It will summarily sum up the imperialist system and reaction everywhere and will mark a tremendous leap toward the liberation of the proletariat and oppressed peoples throughout the world—toward the emancipation of mankind itself from the fetters of capitalism and every form and manifestation of class division in society.

To carry out this first, great step the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, as the vanguard of the proletariat in the United States, must systematically and unceasingly make up the preparation of its own ranks as well as the masses for the eventual development of a revolutionary situation and then translate and uncompromisingly seize the opportunity to win state power through the armed overthrow of the capitalist state in the U.S. when the conditions do come. Create public opinion; seize power; raise the consciousness of the masses and, when through the development of the objective situation and the work of the Party they become convinced of the necessity and possibility of proletarian revolution, organise and lead them in the armed onslaught against the military forces and political institutions of capitalism—this is the very method through which the preparation for revolution and then the revolutionary overthrow of U.S. imperialism will be realised. It is the central task of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.

Throughout this entire process, and beyond, until the final victory of the proletarian revolution and the attainment of communism—upon which the distinction between the Party and the masses will be eliminated and the Party will cease to exist—the Party must both learn from and lead the working class and its allies through the application of the mass line. This means to take the ideas of the masses and the experience of the class struggle, in the U.S. and internationally, and by applying the science of revolution to them concentrate the essential lessons, distinguishing what is correct from what is incorrect, and then return these concentrated ideas to the masses, propagate them widely and deeply among the masses and unite with the masses to apply them to transform the world through class struggle. This is the process which proceeds in an upward spiral, in accordance with the development of the objective situation and the class struggle overall.

To unite the broadest ranks of the working class, together with its allies, both to carry out the armed overthrow of capitalism and to maintain the dictatorship of the proletariat and the road toward the goal of communism, the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA must apply the dialectical and historical principle of the unity of the Party with the masses. The Party is the vanguard of the proletariat and relies foremost on the class-conscious proletariat. In the U.S., the party and its allies in the proletariat are the movements of the oppressed nationalities in this country that fight against both the ruling class and the imperialists, and must be united with the working class. For the United States, the revolutionary movement is not only their own but a part of the whole revolutionary reality of what is now the United States of America, proletarian revolution will not ever leave them here unless it takes up and carries through as a central and decisive question the fight to abolish every form of oppression and discrimination against these peoples and to uphold every basis for this, material and ideological. The revolutionary unity of the working class movement with the oppressed nationalities against their oppression as peoples must and will be
During the Kennedy years, the United States engaged in a variety of covert operations around the world. This was a continuation of the Cold War strategy of containing and defeating communism. Kennedy's administration adopted a policy of direct military intervention in several countries to halt what was perceived as the spread of communism.

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civil revolution in the countries of the which the whole country calls her.

The progressive character of this program is being upheld by one of its famous participants—Miss Lillian "F charitable work...in Latin America the Alliance for Progress was given top PR billing. It promised to effect an agricultural and economic social and political changes in the countries of the southern hemisphere. "If the Alliance for Progress succeeds," said Robert Kennedy in 1963, "if reform, social, economic and political changes in the countries of Latin America and Castroism will collapse in Latin America." According to the Kennedy program, the goal is to defeat anti-yankee imperialist sentiment among the masses, through the implementation of a series of policies that would benefit the masses of people and therefore strengthen the position of the middle class and capitalism.

In reality, the Alliance for Progress was a thinly veiled attempt to maintain American economic dominance and control in the region. The program aimed to provide short-term benefits to the masses in order to buy their support for longer-term goals of maintaining American political and economic influence.

Furthermore, Kennedy's foreign policy was marked by a series of domestic reforms that were designed to stabilize the economy and to create a favorable climate for investment. These reforms included the establishment of a loan program to assist with the repayment of foreign debts, the creation of a Development Loan Fund to finance development projects, and the establishment of a new Central American Council to coordinate economic policies.

The Kennedy administration also launched a series of ambitious development projects in Central America, including the construction of roads and bridges, the expansion of agricultural production, and the development of new industries. These projects were designed to create new economic opportunities and to attract foreign investment.

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