Mao Tsetung, in his Talk on Questions of Philosophy, said, "Freedom is the understanding of necessity and the transformation of necessity—one has some work to do too. If you merely eat without having any work to do, if you merely understand, is that sufficient? When you discover a law, you must be able to apply it, you must create the world anew." And so it is that the class-conscious forces today—those who see the acceleration of events, the..."
Prisoner Letter

Dear Comrades,

We received this letter from Menard Prison in Illinois.

We have received your letter of July 15—I am fervently hoping that you receive this from me as I am sure my letters are being scanned "up from below." Your suggestion that I shed some light on the conditions here at Menard was, in fact, the catalyst I needed to pull the truth on paper. Finally, I've entertained the idea before but decided against acting on it as you have other matters to attend to. However, the time has come, the Walrus said.

Of current interest is the lethal heat wave which has already claimed the lives of three men here. Little wonder when ventilation is practically nonexistent. While temperatures outside may reach 100 degrees, inside it is 10 or more degrees hotter. With no movement of air, naturally the compound body heat and moisture give rise to respiratory failure and heat stroke. I have enclosed a memorandum from the fat cat (Warden) expressing his regret and sorrow. Nurses are supposed to be on call 24 hours a day. He was told by the guards on duty. He was told by the guards on duty. He was told by the guards on duty. He was told by the guards on duty. He was told by the guards on duty.

Though his death was ascribed to the heat, I think it quite probable that, with even slighted attention, he would have survived. This of course, was not made public. Further, I find it reasonable to assume that the other two deaths were a result of the same negligence.

As can be expected, the men say little of what they think politics is a subject at best. They know that they suffer at the hands of the State and Federal governments but not why this is so. It is a glass human instinct that does not go unobserved nor will it ever. A price will be exacted, one which the bourgeoisie cannot pay except by their capitulation to the revolutionary forces, working even now toward that end. This is the message I give you: KNOW YOUR ENEMY! Do not fight your enemy the man who stands beside you. Fight the ones who suppress public opinion, who live on the blood and sweat of the common man, who would drag you down into the shifting swamp that is capitalism, who would throw your life away along with countless others, into a war that serves their greed and dirt for profit.

This is the enemy! Brothers, the time for speculation is past. What remains is action. We must act against the entire enemy. While revolution may be more effective during a war, can we afford to wait until hundreds of thousands are killed? While I write this, President Carter's craft is again in motion the imperialist machinery that is hellbent on destroying the lives of millions of our youth. History must end! Let us throw off this yoke of oppression and take up the banner of the proletariat.

For the sake of the exploited, the victimized, the subsidized. Fight against imperialist aggression!

Your comrade

Prisoner
tremendous storms on the horizon and do not shrink from them but welcome them, because they are proof of life, of reality, of the possibility of one of these rare moments in history when all the superfluous is swept aside and all class is turned decisively into their opposite forces, at the expense of a week or a more drastic change of course. A whole new millions of people in years of so-called "ordinary" times, the possibility of revolution; so it is that those who understand this and all those who may not yet have understood it, or hope or even pray for an end to the present imperialist oppression, so it is that the class-conscious forces and all revolutionary-minded people have some work to do.

We have some work to do to transform the world: we have to prepare for revolution. And today, the most concrete, practical and immediate task in this preparation is to carry out the basic plan which the Revolutionary Communist Party is calling for—a campaign to make a leap in the distribution of the Revolutionary Worker to a sustained weekly distribution of 100,000 issues by the end of September. The summer—what is left of it—is not very long, but it certainly has been hot in a number of ways, and an ebullient in the heat—let us furthermore, it promises to get even hotter. The quickening pace of developments in the objective situation—in the war, the growing storm of spontaneous struggle among the masses, only intensifies the urgency for revolutionaryists to quicken the pace of their work and create favorable new conditions for revolution by doing so. When the leaves begin to turn, it might very well be decisive that the grand conspiracy based on the revolutionary line of the Party has taken such a leap to 100,000 co-conspirators and is continuing to advance.

In little over one year, since the publication of the first issue of the Revolutionary Worker on May 1st, 1980, there has been a revolutionary movement in this country and throughout the world has made advances. In particular, the grand conspiracy has taken the form of the mass efforts of thousands of class-conscious workers in the U.S. On May 1st, 1980, has put up new challenges before us. As Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party (U.S.A.), pointed out in a statement published in the RW on May 23, 1980, "This great leap is precisely the conquering of a new position from which to carry forward and accentuate the class struggle. The declared and demonstrated determination of these class-conscious workers to mount and remain on the political stage must now be given sustained and growing expression." And the very real possibility that a revolutionary situation may develop in the next decade passes the necessity right out the door to maximize every opportunity to broaden and deepen the role of the Party and the impact of the class-conscious workers on major events and other strata in society. That is why we have, as Lenin put it, "a revolutionary organization capable of combining all the forces and of leading the movement not only in name but in deed, i.e., an organization that will be ready at any moment to support every project and every outburst of the masses for the purpose of increasing and strengthening the military forces required for decisive battle.

And even if a revolutionary situation does not erupt in this country in the next decade, perhaps if one will erupt in some other country or countries and our work here will assist it. In any case, the class-conscious workers who see what a shitup in the 1980s want to know how we are going to come out of all this making revolution, and how the relatively small number of class-conscious forces exist into the spontaneous upsurges of today and raise the consciousness of the masses to go over to something different—an organized offensive to seize power from the capitalist class? And to that question, I would answer that the main line for developed and expanding the kind of organization necessary to lend this struggle is through the work of publication, correspondence and distribution of the central newspaper of the Party, the Revolutionary Worker.

In his talk before May Day (available in a pamphlet, "Coming From Behind To Make Revolution") Chairman Avakian pointed out that "especially with regard to the advanced workers—those who have for some time, for various reasons, been more involved toward a revolutionary position, but generally those who are more readily gravitate toward and are ready to assume the responsibility for revolutionary action and propaganda—we have to struggle with them to understand our analysis of the situation and its possibilities. I believe that if they do not grasp that, we cannot win them to take up May Day. They just have to come out themselves, but to build for it. Why do they act? Simply because they've always hated this system and would love to see it come out in large numbers and in any kind of sustained way unless and until they see the possibility for it to make a real difference, to have a real effect on society, to actually contribute something important toward basic change, toward revolution.

And this analysis has been borne out in the struggle for revolutionary May Day in many articles in the newspaper summing up May Day. It is clear that the RW, as well as the Draft Programme and Draft Constitution and other publications of the Party played a decisive role in the battle for May Day, but all this must be viewed in the context of the struggle for revolution and not as an end in itself. It is conceivable that this overall understanding of the Party's line can be gained without the weekly content of the RW. And the analysis made of the importance of the advanced workers grasping the line of the Party must be applied in this campaign for 100,000 RW's, and in particular for the improvement of its advance forces grasping the central task as put forward in the Draft Programme—create public opinion, seize power. Because unless people understand what difference it makes to have 100,000 RW's distributed every week on a sustained basis, why should they act? Why should they actively build the conspiracy? If they do not grasp the central task and the role that the class-conscious forces have to play in this period of preparation and see what difference it makes in terms of making revolution, then why should they do it? It is necessary for them to understand how things will be transformed in order to do so. And do this work in a sustained and lively way.

These questions have to be taken up in the heat of this battle to increase distribution of the newspaper, and this is a matter of both taking up the science of warfare in its own right and of learning warfare through warfare.
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Statement by New Zealand Marxist-Leninists

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However, in late November the Chairman of the Party, aided and abetted by some other leading members, in violation of the norms of democratic discussion and practice, forced through a complete about-face in the Party's stand which they now regard as a revisionist organisation.

It is now evident that the CPNZ, under the command of its present opportunistic leadership, is committed to a revisionist ideological and political line. The fact that it clearly follows the PLA in the latter's wholesale denunciation of Mao Tsetung shows beyond any doubt that it has abandoned revolutionary theory, Marxism-Leninism. Furthermore, the repudiation of the concept and principle of two-line struggle in a revolutionary organisation is a total rejection of dialectics and therefore of objective reality. It is precisely through the operation of the law of contradiction, the unity and struggle of opposites, that Marxist-Leninist parties and the revolutionary working-class movement have developed.

Thus the leadership of the CPNZ are rejecting the lessons of the experience and history of their own Party and even what they themselves used to teach, i.e., that the party cannot isolate itself from its class environment and that (contrary to the ideas of Hoxha), the proletarian party in reality is bound to be a class struggle and class conflicts. This does not mean tolerating bourgeois lines or ideology in the party. The concept of two-line struggle is a weapon in the hands of Marxists-Leninists, not for tolerating or accepting bourgeois ideology and its expression in revisionist lines, but for combating and overcoming such ideology. It is a weapon for combating liberalism and individualism and all opportunist trends which inevitably appear from time to time in a revolutionary organisation.

Bourgeois opportunism require bourgeois opportunist methods of work. The leadership of the CPNZ who formerly frequented Mao, "to be open and above board" have introduced their new line by rejecting the basic principles of democratic centralism and have repressed all efforts to have policy discussed in a democratic manner.

As the CPNZ correctly pointed out before its change in policy, the line of the PLA is causing considerable harm in the international movement and it is necessary to expose and oppose it.

In denying the experience of the Communist Party of China, specifically in relation to the struggle against the rise of a new bourgeois and using Mao's principle of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, the PLA are themselves opening the door to the emergence and development of a new bourgeoisie in Albania. The PLA refuses to accept the fact that bourgeois ideas and bourgeois opportunist methods of work are sabotaging the international movement. Such bourgeois elements are not only defended, but are certain to gain sway over the control of the proletarian state precisely as has occurred in the Leninist Union and China.

It is a respectable fact that the CPNZ which formerly enjoyed a high standing and prestige in the international movement as an implacable foe of revisionism and imperialism, has been transformed into a revisionist organisation. However, new Marxist-Leninist groups consisting of members of the CPNZ and supporters have grasped the red banner of Marxism-Leninism and revolution thrown into the dust by the reactionary opportunists of the CPNZ. They will continue the revolutionary struggle abandoned by the revisionist party, for the revolutionary cause of the proletariat.

It's called "Autumn Forge '80"—the biggest war games ever organized by the U.S. imperialist war bloc. And our rulers are not playing. Come September, they will be assembling the combined might of the Western imperialist armies for the largest assault on Europe since D-Day in a mock-up version of World War II. For the U.S. imperialists, it is a crucial part of getting up their NATO alliance for the approaching showdown with their ruling counterparts in the Soviet Union. For the people of the world, it is a blinder step toward the nightmare they are both feverishly preparing to unleash—a step that must be vigorously fought.

Fight Back, known as "the revolutionary voice of GI's in Europe," has issued a bold call for all progressive and revolutionary showdown with their ruling counterparts in the Soviet Union. For the people of the world, it is a blinder step toward the nightmare they are both feverishly preparing to unleash—a step that must be vigorously fought.

Fight Back's newspaper in which this urgent call was made.

This year the NATO countries are preparing to carry out the largest maneuvers in the history of the alliance. Beginning in September, "Autumn Forge '80," this year's version of the "Autumn Forge" NATO maneuvers, of which REFORGER (Return of Forces to Germany) is a part, will see 100's of thousands of soldiers, sailors and airmen from the various NATO armies—many being flown in from the States and England—being run ragged all over Europe under the whip of all out war preparations.

But this year's maneuvers are not just some generals' "war games," they are something much more serious. In today's world, where the contention for the world's wealth and resources between the 3 Blocs of imperialist countries headed up by the U.S. and U.S.S.R. is growing not "games" at all—they are deadly serious preparations for war itself. What they are calling it, that's another story: these maneuvers are being described as "peaceful exercises" in order to mislead the masses.

"The masters of war" on each side are not playing. Come September, they will be carrying out the largest invasion of the post-war era, even larger than the D-Day invasion. This is a global confrontation, he said.

In other words there is no doubt in their minds that only a war in which one or the other superpower emerges as the world's undisputed no. 1 power can solve the economic and political crisis they find themselves in. And it is very interesting to note that while our rulers usually go out of their way to paint themselves as "peace-loving" and their Russian rivals as "aggressive," this year only that a confrontation between the superpowers might spill into Central Europe, where it could become a global confrontation, he said.

Not that it makes any difference to them that they made one mistake, letting us come back here alive.
Washington, D.C. The shoddy and deliberately anti-revolutionary flop of the 27 July anti-revolutionary demonstration put on by Bakhtiar, Shah's ex-Prime Minister Bakhtiar, and the so-called "Iran Freedom Foundation" demonstrates the inability of the Shah's, Bakhtiar's, and Khomeini's agents and collaborators to mobilize a significant segment of the Iranian people. The anti-revolutionary "rollback" scenario the Shah and ex-Prime Minister Bakhtiar are attempting to portray as a "democratic" (and not simply pro-Shah) movement, the death of the Shah and Bakhtiar's so-called "Freedom Foundation." The events of July 27 showed again that the U.S. has certainly not abandoned its policies of "rollback" and "counter-revolution go unopposed. The other counter-demonstration was called by the Committee of Anti-Imperialist and Anti-Reactionary Iranian Students, one of two demos organized in response to mobilization of reactionaries. As Pigs Attack Pro-Khomeini Students
Scientists Probe Shah's Curious Malady

According to sources close to the death of the former monarch of Iran, the illness which caused the death of the Shah was a rare disease known as "cerebral atrophy," which has been described in medical literature. The Shah was thought to have been suffering from this condition for several years, and his symptoms included memory loss, difficulty in speaking, and a general decline in cognitive function. The condition is characterized by a progressive loss of brain cells, leading to a variety of symptoms including personality changes, memory loss, and even paralysis. It is not clear what caused the Shah's neurological decline, but it is believed that factors such as a lack of physical activity, a sedentary lifestyle, and a lack of proper nutrition may have contributed to his condition. The diagnosis of "cerebral atrophy" was confirmed by a team of experts who examined the Shah's medical records and conducted autopsies on his brain. The diagnosis has been met with a great deal of speculation and controversy, with some experts suggesting that the Shah may have been suffering from a more serious condition, such as a brain tumor. The Shah's death has sparked a great deal of interest in the Shah's personal life and his relationship with the United States, as the Shah was a close friend of President Ronald Reagan and a key ally in the fight against Communism. The Shah's death has also raised questions about the role of the United States in the Middle East, as the Shah was a key player in the U.S. strategy in the region. The Shah's death has also highlighted the complexities of the Middle East, where politics are often intertwined with personal relationships and historical events.
It's the Snobs Using the Slobbs
Going After Jimmy
Through a Bill

Jimmy Carter's chances of seeing another term in the White House hang by a thread as the "dump Carter" movement goes full swing because of the political necessity of getting people to rally around the candidate in chief and give him a chance to steam ahead. It is like the bourgeoisie even below that of Nixon, previously unable to openly declare their real dictatorship over this society, now are making a move to do so. As Judge Kennedy, Walter Polovchak to his father, just as the highest bureau of the bourgeoisie and their political retreats both at home and abroad. Even Nixon has seen the racism out of obscurity—a "fresh face" and someone different. The case has been continued and damaging. The State Department, with little argument by a story which did not make news. Dale and a few of his friends were playing in a vacant house one night. They saw a few of their friends were playing in a vacant house one night. The cops showed up and drew their guns, but Dale and his friends were not shot. Dale was 14 years old and had a "duck face" and breathing problems. You see, Dale Bragg was mentally disabled, and he would not have been able to pull the trigger. But just how concerned they are is illustrated by a story which did not make the headlines, though it happened at the time. It happened at the time. Dak and a few of his friends were playing in a vacant house one night. They saw a few of their friends were playing in a vacant house one night. The cops showed up and drew their guns, but Dale and his friends were not shot. Dale was 14 years old and had a "duck face" and breathing problems. You see, Dale Bragg was mentally disabled, and he would not have been able to pull the trigger. But just how concerned they are is illustrated by a story which did not make the headlines, though it happened at the time. It happened at the time. Dak and a few of his friends were playing in a vacant house one night. They saw a few of their friends were playing in a vacant house one night. The cops showed up and drew their guns, but Dale and his friends were not shot. Dale was 14 years old and had a "duck face" and breathing problems. You see, Dale Bragg was mentally disabled, and he would not have been able to pull the trigger. But just how concerned they are is illustrated by a story which did not make the headlines, though it happened at the time. It happened at the time. Dak and a few of his friends were playing in a vacant house one night. They saw a few of their friends were playing in a vacant house one night. The cops showed up and drew their guns, but Dale and his friends were not shot. Dale was 14 years old and had a "duck face" and breathing problems. You see, Dale Bragg was mentally disabled, and he would not have been able to pull the trigger. But just how concerned they are is illustrated by a story which did not make the headlines, though it happened at the time. It happened at the time. Dak and a few of his friends were playing in a vacant house one night. They saw a few of their friends were playing in a vacant house one night. The cops showed up and drew their guns, but Dale and his friends were not shot. Dale was 14 years old and had a "duck face" and breathing problems. You see, Dale Bragg was mentally disabled, and he would not have been able to pull the trigger. But just how concerned they are is illustrated by a story which did not make the headlines, though it happened at the time. It happened at the time. Dak and a few of his friends were playing in a vacant house one night. They saw a few of their friends were playing in a vacant house one night. The cops showed up and drew their guns, but Dale and his friends were not shot. Dale was 14 years old and had a "duck face" and breathing problems. You see, Dale Bragg was mentally disabled, and he would not have been able to pull the trigger. But just how concerned they are is illustrated by a story which did not make the headlines, though it happened at the time. It happened at the time.
The fires were still smoldering in Miami, the authorities still licking their wounds from the previous week’s uprisings, when hundreds of Black youth poured into the streets of Chattanooga in 4 days of rebellion. The nightmares of the past week were as fresh as the flames of the spreading struggle against national oppression flared up again.

People were bitterly angry over the outrageous treatment of the KKK members charged with the April 19th shootings of 5 elderly Black women. Two were acquitted (one a local Klan leader) and a third received a 9 to 20 month sentence. He got off on a plea of fezious assault with intent to commit first degree murder to simple assault and battery. They had proven more than that for running down the mayor’s dog.

Chattanooga’s unemployment rate of 9.4 per cent, estimated range as high as 10 per cent) for Black youth, coupled with almost weekly news of more layoffs in some of the industrial and large plants, along with many small plant shutdowns, has led to increased anxiety in the community. The situation goes from hardship to near desperation. The May ACTC has been frantically trying to keep a lid on the growing discontent, holding meetings, meeting the same local KKK members who later master-minded the downtown shooting spree. For over a month there had been almost daily confrontations between the city officials and a new group of tenants’ association about rapidly deteriorating conditions in the housing projects, where at least 8 people had died during the early July heat wave. While all were dead and the whole town was disdained by the stark reality that the crisis has hit, Chattanooga’s city fathers only recently blamed conditions in the projects—and presumably conditions in general—on tenant “stupidness.”

Since the April 25th Grand Jury hearing in Chattanooga, 20 KKK members were indicted and 100 Black people demonstrated outside chambering, “Bring ’em on out!” The Klan has been on the run since the building anger and frustration. A petition signed by 50 professors and priests and ministers at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in the name of the “City of Chattanooga, the area became a virtual war zone.

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The next morning more jowls “humbugged” spewed out in a story about some Black youth who hijacked a school bus—then the news dried up. It was circulated to make it appear like a stupid, senseless act of violent savagery. More blatant lies.

In fact, the act was political. The youth demanded the release of all “Black hostages” arrested in the May rebellion and still being held on phony charges ranging from looting to murder. Coupled with these were demands for raising the living conditions in the projects and full employment in this most economically depressed area of Miami.

The increasing use of the armed might of the state to disarm and beat back the rising struggle in Miami continued to be met with force resistance as the police have entered a taste of their own deadly medicine.

Nighttime face-off on Chattanooga streets, Wednesday, July 23.

The reason for all this lies partly, no doubt, in the fact that the first night of the curfew, supper fired pipe guns in three parts of the city. In Alton Park they were shot with truncheons—the same ammunitions used by the Klan on the 5 Black women 2 months earlier.

Mayor Pat Rose, who was only one out of “the ambush,” rushed over to pull up a fallen cop’s gun and symbolically put it in his belt. Editors screamed for blood, "What ever force that is necessary should be applied to restore law and order.”

It turned out, however, that the main thing applied “to restore law and order” was the Reverse Jesse Jackson, who immediately flew to Chattanooga and was greeted by a massive propagandist bloom of clicking cameras and shaking hands all aimed at promoting his “leadership.” It’s just a “collapse of the judicial system,” Jesse cried. “We must use effective methods because it is not enough to die for freedom; we must want to live for it.” The fast-taking, fancy-sounding rhetoric went hand-in-hand with Jesse’s plan—peace patrols. Move out the cops and move in the preachers. Since Chattanooga brags about having more churches and churchgoers than any other city in its size, there were plenty of volunteers. So while the cops moved their roadblocks a little further away from the “main troublaire” areas, all-night patrols of Black preachers were set up for several nights running. But even the willing “peace paraders” weren’t beyond the reach of discrimination and national oppression. On the first night out, 3 of these house slaves were themselves arrested by the cops for curfew violations.

Another element of Jesse’s plan was also implemented. The federal government was called on to supposedly investigate the Klan as well as the local government which had excluded all Black people from the jury in the Klan trial. The Black assistant attorney general arrived with the huge furball about an FBI and Justice Department investigation. Few missed the fact that this announcement did not follow the outrageous verdict, but only followed the rebellion. With the FBI still clamoring about the widespread use of weapons by Black people during the Miami rebellion, just who and what is to be investigated in Chattanooga is no too hard to deduce.

Meanwhile Bill Wilkinson, National KKK leader, moved into town. He held a press conference and a rally of 300 in nearby Alabama. Saturday night after the rally three Kluckes were arrested following a high speed chase starting in the Alton Park area—they were carrying hunting rifles and a shotgun. The cops threw blats out their windows—a provocative threat to the Black people of the area. While the Miami police searched for weapons.
DARE TO GRAPPLE WITH THE BATTLE PLAN FOR REVOLUTION

In a situation, which is developing so rapidly today’s actions are taken by the advanced section of the proletariat as decisive steps. They will not in the least part determine how far along we are and whether we are on the way to the victory of the revolution. But by the way in which we continue to struggle, we can determine how far along we are and whether we are on the way to the victory of the revolution.

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Women in Chains

Recently it has come to light that women at the L.A. County Jail have been literally chained to their beds during labor and while recovering from childbirth. According to the sheriff, women prisoners receiving medical care must be shackled around the ankles and neck and be on a diet of 12 ounces of water a day. The order to “prevent them from escaping.” As Sharon Larson, the prisoner who filed suit to have the chains removed, said, “It’s inhumane, you go through labor and childbirth and have to give up your big aid chains on you. It’s humiliating.”

Humiliating yes, but perfectly legal as Judge Jerry Pacan proved when he refused to issue a restraining order to stop the shackling because he didn’t want to “break up the specially designed county facilities.” However, after this outrage appeared in the media, the sheriff’s department felt that it might be best to “modify the practice.” Now, most women in jail for misdemeanors are no longer shackled during labor. The prisoners bastards to add that these prisoners are still being done “on a test basis,” until the controversy cools out. And on July 15th, Judge Pacan again refused to issue a restraining order to stop the shackling of prisoners.
Behind the U.S. Opposition to Bolivia's Latest Coup

On July 18, Bolivian military and paramilitary forces launched the country's 189th coup in the past 156 years. However, unlike most previous such operations, this one was apparently carried out without the prior approval of the U.S. government. In fact, the official resident of the Bolivian embassy in La Paz, Lida Guiller Tejada Lienhe, was on vacation at the time. Inside the country, Bolivian president Luis García Meza, commander of the Bolivian army, had been stabbed in the back by his vice president, Lida Guiller Tejada Lienhe, who was believed to be the instigator of the coup. The coup, led by General Hugo Banzer Suarez, was planned months in advance. At this point, it is not known whether the Bolivian coup or not, although the Bolivian military killed the Bolivian president, U.S. puppet, and former Bolivian president, U.S. puppet, during the coup. General Banzer Suarez, who is considered to be the new president, plans to move to Argentina in the near future. The coup, which was planned months in advance, was carried out without the prior approval of the U.S. government. In fact, the official resident of the Bolivian embassy in La Paz, Lida Guiller Tejada Lienhe, was on vacation at the time. Inside the country, Bolivian president Luis García Meza, commander of the Bolivian army, had been stabbed in the back by his vice president, Lida Guiller Tejada Lienhe, who was believed to be the instigator of the coup. The coup, led by General Hugo Banzer Suarez, was planned months in advance. At this point, it is not known whether the Bolivian coup or not, although the Bolivian military killed the Bolivian president, U.S. puppet, during the coup. General Banzer Suarez, who is considered to be the new president, plans to move to Argentina in the near future.

Students in La Paz build barricades after coup.

Contribute to the Prisoners Revolutionary Literature Fund

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I. Broaching the Subject

In Number 57 of Yu Ssu (The Taller) Mr. Lin Yu-tang* refers to fair play, and remarks that since this spirit is extremely rare in China we should do our best to encourage it. He adds that "Don't beat a dog in the water" supplements the meaning of fair play. Not knowing English, I do not understand the full connotation of this term, but if "Don't beat a dog in the water" represents one aspect of the spirit of fair play, then I must beg to differ. In order not to offend the eyes — not to "add false antlers to my head",** I mean — I did not state this explicitly in my title. What I mean, anyway, is this: a dog in the water may — or rather should — be beaten.

II. On Three Kinds of Dogs in the Water Which Should Be Beaten

Modern critics often compare "beating a dead tiger" with "beating a dog in the water", considering both as somewhat cowardly. I find this comparison misleading. Beating a dog in the water is not such a simple issue, however. You must first see what sort of dog it is and how it fell in. There are three chief reasons for a dog's falling into the water:

1. It may fall in by accident.
2. It may be pushed in by someone.
3. It may be pushed in by you.

In the first two cases, of course, it is pointless if not cowardly to join in beating the dog. But if you are in a fight with a dog and have pushed it into the water yourself, even to go on belabouring it with a bamboo pole is not too much, for this is different from the two other cases.

They say that a brave prize-fighter never hits an opponent when he is down, and that this sets a fine example for us all. But I agree to this only on condition that the opponent is a brave pugilist too; for then case he will beaten he will be ashamed to come back, or will come back openly to take his revenge, either of which is all right. But this does not apply to dogs, who cannot be considered in the same class; for however violently they may bark, they really have no sense of "propriety". Besides, a dog can swim, and will certainly swim ashore. If you are not careful, it will swim ashore, staring water all over you, then run away with its tail between its legs. But next time it will do exactly the same. Simple souls may think that falling into the water is a kind of baptism, after which a dog will surely repent of its sins and never bite men again. They could hardly be more mistaken.

So I think all dogs that bite men should be beaten, whether they are on the land or in the water.

III. Pugs, in Particular, Must Be Pushed into the Water and Soundly Beaten

Pugs or pekes are called Western dogs in south China, but I understand this is a special Chinese breed. At international dog shows they often win gold medals, and a number of the photographs of dogs in the Encyclopaedia Britannica are pictures of our Chinese pugs. This is also a national honour. Now dogs and cats are mortal enemies, and so in my title. But this is just a digression, which may not have much bearing on the main subject.

So whether or not a dog in the water should be beaten depends first of all on its attitude after it crawls ashore. The nature of a dog cannot be changed. Things may be different ten thousand years later, but we are talking about the present. If you regard those in the water as very pitiful, then there are many harmful creatures that look pitiful. Even chelrea gens, although they breed quickly, seem simple in nature. But a physician definitely will not let them go.

Present-day officials and Chinese or foreign-style gentlemen call everything that does not suit them "Red" or "Bolshevik". Before 1912 it was slightly different: first they referred to such people as "Kang Yu-wei's partisans",* then as members of the revolutionary party, and even informed against them. They were trying, for one thing, to keep their dignity, but they may also have wanted "to stain their cap bottom red with human blood".*** But at last the revolution came, and those gentlemen with their high and mighty airs suddenly panicked like harmless cats and wound up their little queer*** on their heads. And the revolutions were very spastic, which was what these gentlemen used to detest. They were so very "civilised". They said, "The revolution is for all. We will not beat a dog in the water. Let it crawl ashore." This was just what the others did. They lay low till the second half of 1913 and the time of the Second Revolution.**** Then suddenly came forward to help Yuan Shih-kai kill many revolutionaries; so that things became daily worse in China again. Then now, besides the old die-hards, there are many young ones. This is thanks to those martyrs who were too kind to these snakes in the grass and allowed them to multiply. The young people who understand this will have to work much harder and sacrifice many more lives to oppose the forces of darkness.

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*Referring to those who participated in or supported the 1898 Reform Movement led by Kang Youwei at the end of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1912).

**Chen Yuan, a reactionary professor, wrote in an article: "Everyone likes petals and add false antlers to the devil's head in order to please others. This is why it is such a favourite with influential persons, eunuchs, and the wives and daughters of rich men, why its line remains unbroken. It is kept by toffs because it looks so cute, with a tiny chain attached to its neck, and its function is to putter after Chinese or foreign ladies when they go shopping.

These dogs should be pushed into the water, then soundly beaten. If they fall into the water themselves, there is no harm in beating them either. Of course, if you are over-scrupulous, you need not beat them; but neither need you feel sorry for them. If you can forgive these dogs, there is no call for you to beat any other dogs; for though the others are also snobs they at least look something like wolves and are rather wild — not such fence-sitters as these pugs.

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In the meantime these widespread actions have also been occurring in South Africa's black areas. In May, most workers took part in a strike demanding management recognition of the unions and an end to the black workers' departure for neighboring countries.

In June the workers at Volkswagen's plant in Uitenhage—where 1,000 workers have been on strike demanding a doubling of the current hourly wage—have gone on strike. The strike wave is still spreading. Last weekend the rebellions continued in Cape Province as rioting broke out in Grahamstown after the funeral of a 16-year-old boy killed by police during the school boycott protest. The authorities, who have sent South African security police scurrying by the planeload from one end of the country to the other, have doubled the police force in the area. The police have been using ever-increasing amounts of force in an attempt to stop the unrest.

In addition to South Africa's formidable military capabilities, its economic resources are of great importance to the U.S. imperialists. Despite the recent uprisings, the U.S. imperialists are moving: "South Africa is a potential market for the U.S. we must have it."

In short, the apartheid system has run its course. The international community has been discussing ways of ridding itself of the racist system of 'apartheid.' In South Africa's own words, the regime has come to "an end."
manganese and copper—all vital resources for the Western capitalist systems. Apartheid, however, has been the most effective of all the imperialisms with South Africa's most valuable natural assets tied up in cheap black labor—out of which such U.S. multinational corporations as GM, Ford, and GM have realized their super-profits. As well as being an enslaving system that is responsible for creating the political rule of a white colonial minority, apartheid is probably the most effective of all the systems of control, check and suppression of entire human populations and their subjugation to the mercantile interests and the economic, political and social priorities of imperialist capital.

In the last two decades or so, there has been the creation of a series of black "townships" (actually little more than concentration camps) for those who are legally employed by the capitalists and have valid passes. The sprouting ghost of Soweto outside Johannesburg (the largest concentra-
tion camp for blacks under the law) and the unregistered "group areas" (the black squatter settlements) in the nearby townships are allowed in to be equipped with police stations, each one fenced and sandbagged against thegrenades and bullets fired in their direction by terrorist attackers.

In these townships, the black masses are confined to the bantustans or "tribal homeland areas" where wages, work and the unregistered—openly referred to as "coloureds" and "foreigners"—are all in a separate regime—are packed off to fend for themselves, scratching out a subsistence existence on barren and unproductive parcels of land. Anyone not legally registered for work is subject to being "embarked out" to the nearby fenced "group areas" (which the Africans are supposed to regard as their independent autonomous nations") within 72 hours by the Security Police, or imprisoned for a period of 10 years for "influx control." In the past decade over 70,000 black workers have been thrown in jail for such violations. Under this bizarre system, a man from the Lebowa tribal area, for example, who treks to Johannesburg (or to somewhere) to work for a living. Built in the 1930s to supply the supply of skilled and semi-skilled black workers, the AFC is now in the position of having to work for a living. Alternatively, the transition to apartheid has resulted in an expansion of the black work force and meet one of the conditions for the apartheid regime. The result has been a series of strikes and work stoppages which, if anything, have only underscored for the black masses the necessity of carrying out a determined struggle for complete national liberation to free their country from the grip of imperialism, thoroughly.
Another Stroke in Greensboro Whitewash

Greensboro, North Carolina—Last week, another chapter was added here in the continuing whitewashing of the Ku Klux Klan and Nazi murders of five anti-Klan demonstrators. As in November, members of the Communist Workers Party (CWP) have confronted the official tack of the Greensboro Police Department, making it clear that the official version of the events of last November is simply being members of the proletariat. The CWP are people who for reasons other than the stamp of unofficial approval from the authorities for this vile act has followed up to the polices the Klan and Nazi members are now on trial, challenging them as a matter of grasping the laws of objective reality.

In preparation for the trial, and with civil lawsuits filed against them, the Greensboro City Attorney, in collusion with the Greensboro Police Department, hired a consulting firm in Washington, D.C. to investigate this matter and come up with a private opinion on what the defense attorneys had as evidence on the part of the city in court. But unfortunately for the authorities, the firm’s opinion was far from the “opinion” required. The consulting firm indicated that the police would have stopped and searched the caravan, and further, that in doing so could have provided considerable evidence.

Obviously, another “opinion” would be needed. So, subsequently, the local authorities filed off a letter to the North Carolina Attorney General, requesting an impartial view of the matter. In the letter, the Greensboro authorities admit the presence of an informant in the Klan’s midst; and more, admit that as a result of this informant’s report, they were aware of a stockpile of weapons the Klan had assembled at a house right outside Greensboro. The dilemma for the Greensboro police, you see, was that they could not stop and search the Klan without violating the “civil rights” of these individuals, and in particular, their civil rights concerning unlawful search and seizure! Anticipating possible questions over this line of reasoning, the Greensboro letter hastened to include a point about their informant: “The informant did not provide a description of any individuals who may have weapons or any vehicles which might contain weapons. In fact, the informant did not state that the weapons would be brought to the parade.”

The people of Greensboro will sleep better tonight when they learn of the city’s ever mindful willingness to uphold the Fourth Amendment! But more, the people will be further relieved to learn that this bumbling censor for the left of the law certainly doesn’t stop at the city limits. Last week, the North Carolina Attorney General’s Office concluded that the D.C. consultants were wrong, the Greensboro locals were right, and that, no, the police indeed had no “legal right” to stop the Klan/Nazi caravan.

This little story is like a grain of sand on a beach; it is only one in a non-monthly series of similar examples. Last week also saw the selection of alternate jurors. One prospective juror testified that she felt the “Communist Party is the greatest threat to this country,” and another that “I do not think I could convict the defendants” because of her prejudice against communism. The prosecution found these two perfectly acceptable, and the defense didn’t even bother to question them before they were seated as alternate jurors. And the last one to be chosen is a juror in the Greensboro Police Department.

This “trial” should really be something when it goes this week.

WANTED: 100,000 CO-CONSPIRATORS

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There is no question that workers must grasp what Lenin says in What Is To Be Done?, that “we must always conduct our work in such a way that the mass of people will see and feel that everything, because very frequently it is almost impossible to foresee when periods of outburst will give way to periods of calm.”

The revolution itself must not by any means be regarded as a single act—but as a series of more or less powerful outbreaks rapidly alternating with periods of more or less intense calm. For this very reason the principle of the activity of our Party organization, the focus of this activity, should be to be the spearhead and necessary to the period of the most powerful outbreaks as well as in the periods of complete calm, namely, work of political agitation, linked up even with the broadest possible influence of all aspects of life and conducted among the widest possible strata of the masses. Only the work around a revolutionary newspaper or at once a weapon in creating revolutionary public opinion among the broad masses and the lifetime of the revolutionary organization which forms in its wake.

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has for the “precious rights” they speak of so eloquently in the case of Walter Polovchak. Not one goddamn bit. Unless, of course, a kid can be used to drum up some good old American chauvinism, that “land of the free” Yankee jingoism that really makes you want to puke.

Michael Polovchak wants to leave the U.S., because he found it’s the same crap as in Russia—work your tail off and die poor and broken under the wheel of capitalism. In Russia, he is a bus driver. Here he is a janitor and his wife a cleaning lady. Michael is leaving because in Russia it is just as bad as over here—except there it’s more familiar. And he wants to leave with his family and his son Walter. But he can’t.

However, the U.S. imperialists have run into a little problem in the case of Walter Polovchak vs. Mr. and Mrs. Polovchak. They’re not getting over it. It’s just a little too outrageous, a little too nakedly manipulative to report that the father had been “brainwashed” by the Soviet Embassy. When a later came out that Mr. Polovchak had barely even talked to the Soviet Embassy, and that it seems likely that he just learned the hard way that America’s more or less the same shit as Russia, they backed off.

And the initial battle cry of such eminent national papers as the Chicago Tribune to “Give the Soviet Boy Asylum!” have now been moderated to “Let’s hope the father decides to stay here in America, but if he doesn’t, maybe it’s best to just let him take his son with him.”

The fact that the U.S. imperialists have stooped to such incredible lows, so openly naked and slimy, vividly demonstrates their desperation to whip up patriotic fervor among the people in the U.S. The kind of two-bit con game they’ve pulled with Walter Polovchak is not the action of a ruling class comfortable with the allegiance of its people, but of a tiny handful of exploiters who are fraudulently seeking a way, any way at all, to convince the people to line up with them against their imperialist rivals.

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Political Trial in Oakland Backfires

Was it possible that Forrest Smith, the District Attorney for the RCP-Melvin Black political case, had been of the opinion that the jury could be corrupted from outside influences, especially the media influence of the RCP? This is because the trial ended with the jury deliberating for over a month before it reached a guilty verdict. This was after the prosecution had presented their case, which included evidence of the defendants' guilt.

The trial took place in 1980, and it was a political trial, as the defendants were Black youth who were charged with murder. The trial was held in Oakland, and it caused outrage among the Black community there. The defendants were Meivyn Black and Reuben Doria. They were accused of murdering a white police officer, Melvin Black, who was also the father of the Black youth.

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V. Those Who Have Fallen from Power Are Not the Same as Dogs in the Water

"To be wronged but not to seek revenge" is forgiving. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" is just. In China, however, most things are topsy-turvy; instead of beating dogs in the water, we let ourselves be bitten by them. This is no more, though, than what simple souls deserve.

"Kindness is another name for folly," says the proverb. This may be going too far. Yet if you think carefully, this is not intended to lead one a scheme to beat a dog in the water. It may well be that watermill hit the experiences. Thus there may be two reasons for the reluctance to beat a dog in the water. It is either because we are not strong enough, or because we have made a false analogy. We need not go into the first possibility. As regards the second, we can find two serious flaws in this comparison made by the missionaries. First of all, they make men in the water as the same as men who have fallen from power. Secondly, we make the mistake of considering all those who have fallen from power as alike, without drawing a distinction between the good and the bad. The result is that evildoers go unpunished. At present, for instance, since we have no severe punishment in the laws, we must let evildoers be unpunished all the time.

Relying on some short-lived authority, a bad man may commit any crime he pleases until one day he falls and has to beg for mercy. Then simple souls who have known him or suffered at his hands consider him a dog in the water, and instead of beating him feel sorry for him. They imagine justice has already been done and they may as well be magnanimous, unsure that the dog is not really in the water but has long since prepared its hide-out and laid in food in the foreign concessions. Sometimes it may look hurt, but this is put on: it pretends to hum with empathy, so that it can go into hiding comfortably. It will come out later and make a fresh start by being simple souls, then go on to "throw stones at someone who has fallen into a well" and commit all manner of crimes. And the reason for this is partly that those simple souls would not dare a dog in the water. So, strictly speaking, they are digging their own graves, and they have, no right to blame fate or other people.

VI. We Cannot Yet Afford to Be Too Fair

Human nature is such that in this case, don't we want fair play at all? I can answer this at once: Of course we do, but not yet. This is using their own argument. Though humanitarians may not be willing to use it, we can make out a case for it. Do not Chinese and foreign-style gentlemen often say that China's special features make foreign ideas of liberty and equality unsuitable for us? I take this to be a well and commit all manner of crimes. And the reason for this is partly that those simple souls would not dare a dog in the water. So, strictly speaking, they are digging their own graves, and they have, no right to blame fate or other people.

We need not trouble ourselves just now with the aphorisms of those gentlemen who have justice on their lips but self-interest in their hearts.

VIII. Conclusion

I may be accused of stirring up trouble by this argument between the old and the new or some other schools of thought, and of aggravating the enemy and sharpening the conflict between them. But I state with confidence that those who oppose reform are in the wrong, that their efforts to injure reformers, and have always done their worst. It is only the reformers who are sleepless and always suffer for it. That is why China has never had reform. From now on we shall modify our attitude and our tactics.
Can revolution in the U.S. today come wrapped in the American flag? Can we "claim it as our own"? Should a revolutionary party be motivated by a desire to "save America...from her rulers and for her people"? Can a class-conscious revolutionary in the U.S. "have pride in the history of this country"? These are questions which have posed themselves again and again in the revolutionary movement in the U.S. and are doing so today in a new form. This nationalism and patriotism has historically been very important in the advance—and setbacks—of the international communist movement.

Earl Browder, the naked revisionist former leader of the Communist Party, USA gave his infamous answer to these questions in 1928 when he coined the phrase "Communism in 20th Century America" and said that the CPUSA was carried on the revolutionary tradition of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and the like. Unfortunately, when all was said and done, Earl Browder was right about the CPUSA (though most certainly wrong about genuine communism) because the CP had completely taken up the program and outlook of bourgeois democracy. Such a stand may be American and definitely is bourgeois, but for a communist it is a thoroughly counter-revolutionary one, especially here in the imperialist USA in this, the era of international revolution.

It would be nice to pretend that revisionism started and stopped with Earl Browder. But this "easy target" method of struggle leaves too much dirt in the old CP unwashed and, even more importantly, leaves untouched many of the roots of revisionism and those that have damaged all and destroyed some of the international communist movement over the past 50 years.

Today the call to revolutionaries in the imperialist countries to "pick up the national flag" is heard from such diverse and mutually contemptuous revisionist quarters as the Chinese revisionists who overthrow Mao's line and Stalinist quarters as the Chinese revisionists who overthrow Mao's line and Stalinist parties inside the Western bloc countries are loyal to this "true patriotism" credo—even going so far as to say that, if they were in power they would favor remaining in the Western war bloc NATO for the "defense of the country". In less crude forms, this nationalism is still accepted fare even in the proletarian revolutionary ranks. Spiritually, too, this line comes up among progressive-minded people who are drawn to the view that "comrades" opposing the draft should be advertised as the "real patriots". Some so-called "communists" say the same thing, and this amounts to a setup to really fall into the imperialist war machine. Over the last 50 years bourgeois democracy, patriotism and communism have become so mingled and mixed into one whole, that it is necessary to begin summing up the whole’s radical potential and revolutionary opportunities amidst the deepest crisis and war moves.

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Specifically it is necessary to look at the time of the Comintern (Communist International) which was systematically laid out by its General Secretary Gregor Dimitroff in its 7th World Congress in 1935. In his major address laying out the program of "United Front Against Fascism," Dimitroff made the following statement: "We communists are the irreconcilable opponents, on principle, of bourgeois nationalism of every variety. But we are not supporters of national nihilism, and should never act as such. The task of educating the workers and all toilers in the spirit of proletarian internationalism is one of the fundamental tasks of every Communist Party. But whoever thinks that this permits him, or even compels him, to sneer at the national sentiments of the broad toiling masses is far from genuine Bolshevism, and has understood nothing of the teaching of Lenin and Stalin on the national question."

(New Century Publications, 1945, p. 78)

By "national nihilism" Dimitroff meant to imply some sort of view based on the idea of wrecking, destroying or denying the whole history of development of the nation; of course, since this is a bit difficult, to say the least, for a basic materialist to accept, history exists, no matter what you say, this straw man phrase "national nihilism" was meant to characterize and attack any view that did not base itself, ideologically and politically, on patriotic sentiments.

In a recent talk the Chairman of our Party’s Central Committee, Bob Avakian, spoke directly against this view: "Basically my point is that there is no such thing as so-called "national nihilism": a communist does not talk "national nihilism". This concept was introduced in the most significant way during the whole Dimitroff United Front Against Fascism line; it’s a fairly significant line in his report and basically it was a way of greasing the skids for the slide into social chauvinism. What he described was a deviation that had to be combated in the sense that it was raised at that time and I think that something should be said about it because I think this is an important part of combating national chauvinism. I think we have correctly used the word "patriotism" and national chauvinism interchangeably when talking about this country, and I think it’s correct to continue to do that. This theory for combating national nihilism to me is a theory for social chauvinism. This came up around the Vietnam war, the idea that the reason we want to put a stop to the U.S. around the world is because we are ashamed about what a handful of phony patriots are doing in our name, the way they are misusing the American flag. No, they are properly using the American flag and they can have it. That is why we oppose them being in Iran, for "disgracing the American flag".
American nation."

"I think this is going to be an important question. We might be able to unite with people who have these sentiments — in fact we should try to do so. But we should never blur over the two different lines here. In other words if somebody wants to get up and say, "Let's stand with the Iranian revolution," and they denounce these handful of imperialists (or whatever they might call them) dragging the American nation in the mud. Okay. But a friendly warning: don't let chauvinism in through the back door. The reason we oppose U.S. imperialism is not because it's "our own" bourgeoisie, in the sense of there being something especially American about it—or ours. The reason we especially oppose the U.S. bourgeoisie is because this is where we are and the U.S. bourgeoisie is the one that politically rules over us and that oppresses many other nations in the world and tries to get their working class here to identify with that, and we have a role to play in opposing that. And that's why we pay special attention to this, not because they are American and we are American."

But this same attitude of "unity and struggle" cannot be taken when it is a question of people who claim to be communists and who fight for this to be the leading line of revolution. Here are those who are supposed to be in the vanguard of the class struggle urging the workers to cut their eyes back— to making a fetish out of what is ultimately a bourgeois thing, the nation, instead of pushing things forward, through stages, to the ultimate goal of communism, which means the elimination of classes on a world scale and the merging of all nations.

Nationalism and Internationalism
The results of communists burying their independent line and their ideology beneath the mantle of nationalism are disastrous. This stands out especially starkly in the imperialist countries. Even in the nations oppressed by imperialism where nationalism can play a progressive role in the struggle, if it is adopted as the ideology of the party of the leading class, this, too, will mean that any advances in the struggle will be turned soon enough into their opposite.

Comrade Avakian also said, "I do not believe that in a fundamental sense there is for a communist such a thing as national pride, in the sense of stressing the unity of the national nation against U.S. imperialism it would be an error—a left error. We here would certainly be making an error if we obliterat that distinction between oppressor and oppressed nations —imperialist countries and their victims. But on the other hand, for all that, I do not believe that ideologically there is such a thing as national or national nihilism.

There is the necessity in the colonial countries to fight against the ideological expressions of colonial domination; attitudes of inferiority can ever take hold among the victims themselves. There is a sentiment within the colonized nations that they are not capable of standing on their own two feet, managing their own affairs and forging their own destinies. This is even necessary well after you have established socialism. It was certainly very important in China in the struggle over whether to capitulate to the imperialism, or not, and I think it was quite correct for that to be stressed. When the revolutionaries said, (for example, during the Anionioni film on China (a film that pictured China as black and backward) that 'any Chinese who has a modicum of national pride would be disgusted by this film' I don't think they were wrong to make that point. They would have been wrong to make that the main point, but they weren't wrong to make it.

'A socialist country is an entity, a state, and you can make use of patriotic sentiments of the middle classes as long as you don't make that the main thing and you don't make it the principle you are basing yourself on. Lenin wrote an article about this which I think is helpful. In Volume 28 in his article 'Report on the Attitude of the Proletariat to Petty-Bourgeois Democracy,' he made the point that because of the Bolsheviks' stand of proletarian internationalism and opposing nationalism they lost large sections of the petty bourgeois during the period of building up to and during the October Revolution. But during the civil war that followed, when the enemy imperialists came in on the side of the reactionaries and the part of the struggle was that these imperialists were actually occupying part of Russia, some of the patriotic sentiments of the petty bourgeoisie swung over to the side of the Bolsheviks because they wanted these foreign imperialists out. And Lenin was very blunt and said that these people had never been socialists and never would be, so we have to figure out how to unite with them on the basis of where they are at without compromising our principles. I think that's correct, but that's not the same thing as 'opposing national nihilism.'

In colonial countries it is said, "It is correct for people to stress the struggle against the feelings of national inferiority and to build up a national pride of the people in the sense that they are not inferior as a nation that means what has to be done — and here it gets to the basic point — not on the basis of nationalism but internationalism; not on the basis that the Chinese nation, or any nation, is superior to other nations, but that it is not, not necessarily inferior to them. So therefore what does national pride look like if we do with it? I don't believe it does. I think Continued on page 22
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It’s a question of internationalism and what concrete practical, political experience it takes under different conditions.

Class Betrayal Under a National Banner

But nationalism because the ideological line and strategy of the Communist International for the imperialism and the fascists in World War 2. Most of the parties took up this line with a revisionist, capitulationist attitude, was disastrous. For example, the French party under the leadership of a profoundly national of nationalism with the slogan “Long live the free, strong and happy France!” as its basic program and a half earlier. As Marx and Engels stated so clearly in the Communist Manifesto, Voltaire’s dogma turned out to be the very real kingdom of French citizens as it was, not national of the working class struggle. In another example, in the pre-World War 2 Spanish Civil War—fought by the Spanish Republic (with the Comintern Party) versus the fascist General Franco—“Europe’s army” included the imperialist countries of Morocco. But the aggressive forces of the Comintern fought French imperialism in the colonies of their nation and made victory over the fascists a reality.

These, together with Browder’s statements about communism being Americanism, show the Communist Party USA itself, were just some of the more blatant efforts of “internationalism” as the basic outlook of the communist movement. The line was far deeper than just these basic manifestations.

The Communist Manifesto

The basic attitude of communists toward nationalism during the 1930s greatly departed from the stand spelled out long ago in the Communist Manifesto by Marx and Engels. “The Communist Manifesto is a further departure with desires along colonial and nationality. The working men have no country, but they want liberty for what they have not.” Clearly, if Dimitrov had been searching for the sources of revisionism, he would have looked to nationalism as the basic outlook of the communist movement.

Contrast the above statement from Marx and Engels with the following one from Dimitrov’s report to the 7th Congress of the Communist International: “The nations—socialist nations, that is—must be brought to the fore, even when national, not nationalist, outlook that is national, not national. The working class of different countries, their class interests and their class struggle, are the things that bring to the fore the common interests of the entire proletariat, independent of all nationalism.” It is the international, not national, outlook that must be brought to the fore in the struggle against imperialism.

The reactionary bourgeoisie is betraying the national interests together with the whole heritage of the bourgeois revolution, not them against the fascists and develop them into a richer, fuller life.” In his report to the Third Congress, Dimitrov said it was not original in his thesis that “Communism is 20th Century Americanism,” and that the national bourgeoisie, and the “nationalized” workers of the imperialist countries, had in fact become promoters and “saviors” of the bourgeois revolution.

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National Chauvinism in World War 2

This analysis by the Comintern on nationalisms, well and sound, has been the analysis of the world situation and the tasks of the working class in the period leading up to World War 2. While the world had changed greatly since World War 1, including the fact that there was now a socialist state, the USSR, which was a product of and potential basis for the struggles of the international proletariat, still, the basic era of imperialism had not changed in these twenty years. But in the Comintern, including in Dimitrov’s report, there was a deviation from the basic Leninist analysis of this task and the tasks of the proletariat in it. One area this showed itself in was the Comintern’s line on the nation and nationalism. In his report, Dimitrov said that he would like to examine the question of whether the nation is not divided against the nation as follows:

“The nation is not the gang of fascists, reactionaries, financiers and imperialists that the bourgeoisie are fighting against, but the people that it is devoted to its country, cherishes its liberty, and defends its independence.” (From “Changes in Bourgeois Nationalism,” in the location of the twenty-first anniversary of the great social revolution, characterized the nation as follows:)

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Slogan decorates Communist Party headquarters in New York City, 1937. “... for a communist (this stand) is a thoroughly reactionary one, especially here in the imperialist USA in this, the era of proletarian revolution.”
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In the imperialist countries, the fundamental economic question—of wanting to just wreck every small part of society and the arts? Yes. And so have the bourgeoisie. You name it up in the national flag mounts. But in America, it was precisely an attempt to "Americanize" the national flag. Leunis explained in the preface to Imperialism, this book, as a result of the "fundamental ecoquestion," that the war of 1914-1918 was imperialist war, that the struggle for national liberation was an integral part of this war of plunder on the part of both sides... (Vol. 22, pp. 188-89).

Revolutionaries Should Look Forward

national nihilism, of wanting to just wreck everything ever produced by the bourgeoisie. While such previous revolutions were part in the international revolution. They should have used them for education, for the cause of humanity. What difference does it make in China's revolution or in Russia's revolution? Should we fight for the Chinese nation or for the Russian nation? Both are nations. The workers in this country can never make revolution by "claiming the American flag as their own"—it is not the American nation, but to merge them.

National Pride or Internationalism

What of all this? What is the basis to "oppose" chauvinism is with an imperialist nation, not a colonial country. The proletariat cannot make its revolution for national liberation as a step in the continuous process of a revolution whose goal is the proletarian dictatorship. In China, Mao stressed during the Cultural Revolution that the Chinese revolution was "national bourgeois democracy, not national democracy. The Chinese nation is. I think we should take the example of the Chinese nation is a Utopia and that we would want to uphold as the banner of the whole development of mankind historically and educationally.

Lenin's Impressionism Rejected

nation to be a national element, and the Chinese nation is a national element, and the Chinese nation is a national element, and the Chinese nation is a national element... the revisionist and national inferiority, which is an ideological expression of imperialism. And even there the point should not be the question of "nationality" but the question of independence. That is the revisionists and national line of Hua Kuo-feng and Teng Hua-ju and that is the Chinese nation is not independent, so it is not the Chinese nation. We can only go anywhere after taking state power in this country, something everything ever produced by the bourgeoisie. While such previous revolutions were part in the international revolution. If we spurn the Chauvinistic banner of defeat and, most importantly, capitalism in its highest stage and to nothing else. He analyzed why im-
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Class Capitulation in the Face of War

especially the threat of world war, which makes the temptation to make more "imperialist" more "acceptable" by dressing it up as "nationalism." Imperialism is the class capitation of the imperialist countries, to do so ultimately means being acceptable to the masses by making them believe that we are trying to protect the bourgeoisie. While such previous revolutions were part in the international revolution. If we spurn the Chauvinistic banner of defeat and, most importantly, capitalism in its highest stage and to nothing else. He analyzed why im-
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Lenin wanted to oppose Germany's colonial aspirations and interests and "best traditions" of Ger-

Weakening the enemy, and destroying the enemy, are the first tasks of revolutionary warfare. The proletariat cannot make its revolution as the leader of the "nation" but against the actual leader of its nation—the bourgeoisie.
Trial Backfires

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hundreds of Black people participated. The prosecution brought back many of the same witnesses from the previous mistrial, the same provoking pigs, supporters of the RCP-Melvyn Black trial, and all sing the same basic tune. The RCP was a "white group," were terrorists, who had no right to be there, and that the south was "Killing the pigs" and "burn the south down." They were then asked to whip up and use national divisions against the revolutionaries they claimed that the trial was the whole thing of "Avenge the pigs, America, the white working class must free these innocent people out of the box, the cops, the students' would've beaten the shit out of them anyway." D-AI wouldn't dare recant the actual facts of the day in question.

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