Democratic Convention Concludes

A Naked Face of War Beneath a Veil of Reform

There was a different cast of hustlers, shills and dealers. The style was different, this last crew was much slicker, tried harder to ingratiate themselves with the folks looking on. But as the 1980 Democratic Party Convention wound down to its dreary close what stood out above all most clearly is that this con game, like the one staged in Detroit by the Republicans a few weeks ago, was run by the same gangster class. And the suckers who get pulled into these rackets, or any of the “independent” hustlers the capitalists license to be run in the periphery of their main games, are going to be taken out good. Well practiced in stuffing their pockets with the profits they suck from the toil and misery of the masses of people, the capitalists are now into their

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Morgantown, West Virginia. It was late Friday night, August 1, and Alan Antonak, a 19-year-old youth, and his two buddies were on the way home after stopping for a few beers at a local tavern. Suddenly a gunman began blaring at them with a .45 caliber, silver-tipped, hollow-point bullet at the three—the kind designed solely for the purpose of killing. Alan died immediately and the other two were seriously wounded. The murderer was a 27-year-old Timothy McWilliams, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who served from 1973-75 as part of an elite reconnaissance team during the Vietnam War. McWilliams, right in the face of U.S. imperialism, this patriot was so thoroughly indoctrinated with his country's imperialist war观念 that he was ready to do anything to further the cause of U.S. imperialism.

The red flag has been at the storm center of controversy in West Virginia ever since the arrest of Mary Day and three others in May for carrying red flags in the coal mining town of Beckley and became a nationwide issue last month (see RW #46). In the last five months 30 arrests of revolutionary workers have been made on this political and patriotic charge. And when red flags first came down again in June in Morgantown, more struggle broke out—widespread outrage at the busts on the part of the people and divisions in the government as to what to do and how to handle the red flag. Circuit Court Judge Stancher publicly condemned the police for shooting the busts. The police proudly told him to butt out. The Charleston Gazette ran an editorial "Let the Red Flags Fly!" This is a tactical difference over how to get the whole question out of the public eye—made crystal clear by the fact that both of RW sellers have continued to make a living off of them, and that the newspapers reported he had a list of people he wanted to get, and the cops actually found a map to some of these people's houses, including Judge Stancher.

The opaqueness of the unapologetic, unapologizing youth McWilliams encountered in the war is seen in the last straw for this red-blooded American. So he grabbed a .45 out of his car and 20 bullets to shoot them dead—the same way that McWilliams saw fit—by blowing blind and obediently shooting down whatever stands in an obvious advance of U.S. imperialism. In the coming world war this means shooting down workers of other countries in the name of "defending America." The RW received a letter from some friends of Alan in West Virginia. They said, "Some people will say this guy is a nut. Just don't drop out of the sky, they grow on trees. This nut came down for less politically revealing reasons. The people he wanted to get are saying 'we're not going for your lies and bullets.' The ruling class ruled this way and their twisted followers tremble at this, especially as it's more and more expressed in a revolutionary way."

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We must primarily train these youth—people are mainly trained—and that concretely by them being with us when they are being with us. This is a newspaper through which it trains them for revolution. Sharpened up how we saw what was going on was “Seize power” and the central role of the Party, “Create public opinion...” and the necessity for us to come from behind, to make it. This was the Party’s call for distributors to help somebody in their verbal agitation. And, secondly, on studying the newspapers, it became clear that the big majority of distributors should be avowed agitators, that verbal agitation was itself a specific task, in which a relatively few people were designated. How do we do it—if we want to have a real impact on people, especially in “hot” circles?—in their practice. The best seller on our paper is the one that sells the most. Even some sellers who before tended to see the selling as a drudgery, that verbal agitation was it that dramatically pushed things for us, was sold to aid somebody in their verbal agitation. There were more, not up to what they should be. The Party’s call for distributors to help somebody in their verbal agitation was discovered that what had been holding things up to aid somebody in their verbal agitation was that the Party’s call for distributors to help somebody in their verbal agitation was immediately swooped down on the scene, but many refused to be satisfied with our results. What was to be done to change this? A team of us that sold the paper regularly took this up. At first, our opinion was that it was our inability to engage around particular articles which was hindering our sales. So, initially, there was quite a bit of struggle to charge up an agitation. While we did study the articles more carefully in order to do this—and this was good—still our approach didn’t seem to do the key contradiction. Sales did not increase significantly. We still felt that we had not yet taken a sufficient step forward, and tried to sum up some more.

Going deeper into our summation we discovered that the question of how urgent is it to come from behind? To come from behind the Party, “Create public opinion...” and to actually come from behind. The sales in the foreign-born area were being sold, and distribution networks were being set up. When we zeroed in on this contradiction, struggle soon broke out—struggle that dramatically pushed things forward. The crisis that we fight for every paper to get sold sharpened up that we were not going to be able to be behind the Party, to be behind, to vigorously carry out revolution. A contradiction that we see is that we’ll be the best possible position when the time is ripe, what came out on the side of the writing line was some pretty strong reminders of economics which says that we have to go beyond the newspaper. Distributors should not count only the masses to grab hold of and that a newspaper doesn’t fulfill their immediate interests. Lack of a revolutionary vision, this view fed some skepticism, even of the报纸 as some kind of “gnats” issue. As the Chairperson of the distributor strongly made yet another attempt to make sure they were not, that the newspaper—there are many thousands of newspapers that we should be able to make it on the paper itself, but also the pamphlet “Create Public Opinion...” and this was the Party’s call for distributors to help somebody in their verbal agitation. The Party has many tools for doing just this—not only the paper itself, but also the pamphlet “Create Public Opinion...” and this was the Party’s call for distributors to help somebody in their verbal agitation. The Party has many tools for doing just this—not only the paper itself, but also the pamphlet “Create Public Opinion...” and this was the Party’s call for distributors to help somebody in their verbal agitation. 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quadrilateral effort to make sure they've got the political allegiance of the people staffed away.

Historically both the Democrats and the Republicans have had a particular role to play for the bourgeoisie in this political process. The Democrats showed in New York that they had a slight edge over the Republicans in hawking their wares. Their convention had much more of the populist touch than the GOP. There were the standard deluge of demagogy about the welfare of the common man, the working man and woman and endless talk of equal rights for all, blah, blah, blah. And of course there was the all new Teddy Kennedy show—as this pompous and unconvincing champion of the downtrodden worked out his old invitation to step right up to the bourgeoisie's merry-goround. And there were many colorful little teatures missing from the Republican show: the Democrats had twice as many extras, precisely half of them women and the delegates were women and the reporters didn't have to search up and down the aisles to find Black delegates.

There were Black political lackeys and poverty pimps by the score, from Andy Young, Maynard Jackson, Richard Hatcher, Coleman Young, and even a few camera appearances by Muhammad Ali, and of course, Jesse Jackson, who as usual threatened to walk out—this time unless his demand for the appointment of a Black presidential assistant at the White House was met. (Jesse undoubtedly would be glad to take such a job.)

But all the demagogic rappings, best exemplified in Ted Kennedy's supposed tear-striking speech before the convention in which he rehearsed practically every time-worn cliché about helping the poor and helpless masses yearning to breathe free, etc., and all the concentration on the economy, civil rights, etc. actually was only the usual sop to those who have been bewildered and tricked into supporting the Democratic Party because of its traditional image as the party of the common people. All the haggling and debates over this and that, over the few bits of reform or attack in the guise of a reform was only for the benefit of this misled crowd. More than anything else, behind the distracting shadow-boxing of open convention vs. closed convention and inflation vs. unemployment, the 1980 Democratic convention was a war convention. The bottom line for the Democrats was identical to that of the Republicans. And there is scarcely any difference in the essence of what both are running out even in the details.

In an unprecedented move, Carter dispatched a handwritten note that was handed out to the delegates during the debate on a minority plank on the MX missile. It was signed, Commander-in-Chief of the American Armed Forces, and read in part:

"It is crucial that our strategic nuclear forces not be vulnerable to a pre-emptive Soviet attack. The MX missile system is our optimum means of meeting these vital goals. "We Democrats must demonstrate to our nation and to the world that we are committed to defending our country..." the New York Times described it.

"The Carter Administration rolled out its heavy artillery for the MX missile debate." Earlier in the convention Senator Daniel Moynihan ran the basic war program of the Democrats. He had on behalf of the platform committee:

"The source of our concern is clear and open. The Soviet empire has entered a new period of expansion." At the expense of our empire, he might have added. "The United States gave the Soviet Union every opportunity to choose a different course—the Soviet response is known. So is ours. We had increased our defense efforts each of our four years in office, fixing a new direction only just begun in the final years of the previous (Ford's—RW) administration. In the long history of our republic, there has never been in peace time such a reversal."

Reminding the delegates that it was the Democratic Party which held office during both world wars, Korea and Vietnam, the American existence that "From his exile in Gorky, Andre Sakharov appealed to us with words, SALT limits nothing. It only represents the present situation and the planned increases. And the Soviet Union will never agree to any real limitation on the arms race. That leaves only one alternative, doesn't it? From his exile in Gorky, Andre Sakharov appealed to us with a blandly unappreciated courage. Do not, he pleads, fail mankind in this matter. And what has been the appeal of Sakharov, a rabid reformer? Sakharov has made repeated warnings that the Soviet Union will never give up its quest for world domination, that it grows stronger every year, and that the U.S. must, in order to Somerset, before it is too late. (And please get me out of Gorky A.S.A.P.)"

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Send one of these ballots to the Revolutionary Communist Party and we will find something dramatic to do with all of them together at election time. Keep the other one and think of something creative to do with it yourself on election day.
Nuclear Arsenal

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In case there's any who might think that Puerto Rico is a fixed point as a basic change in the intentions of the U.S. rulers, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown has made it perfectly clear that it was not "a major break with past policies"—in other words, the U.S. has always been prepared to wage nuclear war if necessary, even under the old concept of MAD. The new strategy, said Brown, is an "evolutionary development" and a "more subtle approach". Any under- cover operation was to be kept secret and to create favorable public opinion. The vast majority of people don't mind us being there. That's because we've been in the area since World War 2 and we don't cause an uproar.”

By early 1973, Leo Sloss, a State Department aide, under orders from Kissinger, organized small teams to develop military strategies along these lines. This research gave birth to the MX missile, which the bourgeoisie approved in 1979, and which is designed to “counter Soviet military targets and missile silos with reliable accuracy before the Soviets from getting any ideas about ‘going for broke’ and to hold America’s more highly developed nuclear arsenal over the Soviets’ heads. But new Soviet nuclear capabilities are on par with the U.S. and their conventional forces are 'well-placed' at the heart of Europe (the main focus and most covetable prize of superpower contention). Moreover they could move quickly into the oil-rich countries of the Middle East (this was the highest number of traps ever set and the number of people that the Vieques has become a target of intimidation by the masses of people in the Caribbean Sea area as well as attempts to end the oppression and domination of U.S. imperialism.

For the Viequenses and for the masses of Puerto Rican people as a whole for whom Vieques has become a battle cry, Vieques has come to symbolize their hatred for and determination to end the oppression and domination of U.S. imperialism.
The forthcoming retirement of Robert McNamara from his 11-year-old post as president of the World Bank has led to a search for a new leader for this gang of "respectable" robbers and rapists. According to an article in the international Herald Tribune, John J. Young's name appears among those at the top of the list. In many circles he is the favorite to win.

The World Bank, consisting of the bank itself and its two affiliates, the International Development Association and the International Financial Corporation, is a big business. It is a part of an international economic network, set up and controlled by U.S. imperialists. It was founded at the Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, meeting of the major capitalist countries. This was a meeting which reorganized the international economic system to regulate monetary activity and trade in a way that accurately reflected the new division of the post World War 2 world—that is, with the U.S. on top. The meeting led to the formation of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a new international economic structure of the world on the basis of the U.S. dollar. Throughout the years, the World Bank, as well as the IMF and other organizations, have served to grease the skids for U.S. imperialism's domination of other countries. Under the slogan of "humanitarian" aid and loans for "development," the bank has played a key role in the impoverishment, exploitation and oppression of scores of nations and literally hundreds of millions of people.

The World Bank means imperialism, and all the more sharply so in the recent period of international imperialist economic crisis.

Of course, being the president of such an organization is no easy job, especially under present conditions. In fact, one of the qualifications for the job is the ability to speak in words of compassion "for the haves' condition of the world's poor." The right man for the job must be moved to words of compassion for people living in conditions where, as McNamara stated in a 1979 speech, "Now nutrition says their energy, stunts their bodies, shortens their lives, limits their minds and slows their futures, preventable diseases make life shorter and unproductive lives mean a slow death.

Already he has the backing of some of the world's financial heavyweights, including James Grant, Executive Director of UNICEF and Pierre-Paul Schweitzer, the former managing director of the IMF, as well as most of the executive directors of the World Bank itself. They are positive that "unice Andy" has more than proven his qualifications. And Young's long career in the service of the U.S. rulers, whether in the civil rights movement, the United Nations or on his own, proved him right beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Imperialist "Equality" of Language

"Speak English!"

Years ago actually only a few years ago in a school child the only thing of use that they spoke anything but English had been beaten out of them. Spanish-speaking students in the Southwest, Asians in San Francisco, or American Indians at federal schools, for instance, who were caught speaking their own language could expect a fast rap on the knuckles and maybe getting kicked out of school.

You might think that all this has changed in the last few years with the establishment of bilingual education programs in some areas; but it hasn't. The Department of Education issued guidelines Aug. 5 to "clarify" the purposes of such programs: "First, students must be taught English as quickly as possible. Second, they must be permitted to retain and continue to use their own language. Third, speaking classmates while they are learning English." In other words, students can speak and learn their own language as well as they want as long as they can learn two languages as fast as other kids can learn one. If that turns out to be impossible it is to be corrected by subtle methods (but no less brutal) of coercion were added. Even according to the federal government's own figures, only 60% of students whose language is not English get classes in their own language. But these figures are wrong and actually the vast majority are denied such an education because of the lack of bilingual programs or pressure not to take them. How can it be said that the purpose of this set-up is anything but to rob them of their language, when so many millions leave school unable to read and write their own language, or English either?

Due to the national liberation movements which swept the country in the 1960s, beating kids for speaking their own language became itself an example of how to brutalize people and stifle their own language. "For years, the civil rights movement, the United Nations or on his own, proved them right beyond a shadow of a doubt.

A New Job for Andy

Minister of Great Britain was also in the running. White Heath let it be known that he would much rather become head of NATO than president of the World Bank. Andy's particular qualifications as an "oppressed American" who made it to the big time but can still "return to the Third World and their problems" may make him a shoo-in.

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Seize the Hour: Seize the Day.
The Plan for an All-Russian Political Newspaper

Chapter 5

The Revolutionary Communist Party has announced a plan, and has made the call for people to save for
November and August—100,000 Revolutionary Worker Newspapers. Its aim is to prepare ourselves and our
brothers and sisters, and to speak now. These (instances like the worker's letter to the Iskra, we are
saying ridiculous when supplemented by the idea of an or
nevertheless, for, on the one hand, the view to talk "now" about an all-Russian organization of revolutionaries, and it will never be too late to talk about that until the real, and non-paper, attack commences.

"Yes, as far as organization concerned the situation is
astonishingly brilliant," comments Nadezhdin. "We, the
Iskra is absolutely right when it says that the mass of
our military forces consists of volunteers and insurgents.
...You will do well to give such a sober picture of the state of our forces.
But if the Iskra would only emerge from its sphere of
interest, and forget that on the contrary we shall stand in need of the results of our
doctrine, addressed just this question—for this was his
line, the line that led the Russian revolutionaries of
1901, in the Izvestia Rokochevo Dvory, No. 6, it of
come down on us with accusations of being
"disseminators," of failing to understand our revolu-
tional duty, of calling for caution, etc. Of course we
were not in the least surprised to hear these accusations from those who totally lack principles and who
evade all arguments by references to a profound
"armchair work." What an unimaginable muddle!
And so the newspaper means propagating armchair ideas and
armchair work. What an unimaginable muddle!
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"We will miss the revolution itself," continues
Nadezhdin in his attempt to scare the Iskra. "In the
same way as we missed the recent events which came upon us like a bolt from the blue. This sentence taken
in connection with the one quoted above clearly demonstrates the absurdity of the "eve of the revolution" point of view," specially invented by the Iskra. So far it has proved that this newspaper "point of view" boils down to this: it is too late—now—to discuss and prepare. If this is the case, on most worthy opponents of "literariness," what was the use of writing a pamphlet of 132 pages on "questions of theory" and "tactics"? Don't you think it would have been more becoming for the "eve of the revolution" point of view to have issued 152,000 copies of the Iskra as a handbill? Those who make nation-wide political agitation the cornerstone of their programs, their tactics and their theoretical work are the ones who have no risk of missing the revolution. The people who were
engaged over the whole of Russia in spinning the net
work of organizations linked up with an all-Russian newspaper not only did not miss the spring events, but
on the contrary, enabled us to foresee them. Now did they
miss the demonstrations that were described in the
Iskra, Nos. 13 and 14? On the contrary, they took part in these demonstrations, clearly appreciating their
duty of coming to the aid of the spontaneously rising
crowd and, at the same time, through the medium of the
newspaper, helping all the comrades in Russia to
become more closely acquainted with the demonstra-
tions and to utilize their experience. And if they live
they will not miss the revolution which first and
foremost will demand of us experience in agitation,
ability to support (in a Social-Democratic manner)
every possible attempt, ability to direct the spontaneous
move-
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of friends and the traps of enemies!
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Black Youths' Blood Runs in Cincinnati Streets

A sticky hot Sunday, August 10th in "Over the Rhine," the integrated inner-city section of Cincinnati. Old men sit in the shade of the sun shade, their faces through alleys littered with empty beer cans and paper and trash on the street, trying to get away from the oven heat of the roasting red brick tenements.

"Hit" Charles and 8 or 9 other Black youths stand around on the corner as the hot sun beats down on them. One of the men in the black block, pulls to a dead stop. "I got something to keep you all off the streets." One of the men in the car fires off a .38 right at this crowd. Alan Pakson falls down into the gutter. He dies in a pool of his own blood at age 17. "Hit" Charles, the shoot, stumbles in the hallway, wounded in the shoulder.

People come running from all directions. Cops who suddenly appear are too busy trying to get the crowd to disperse, too intent on yanking Alan, his mother off her dead son's body, to notice that the blue Chevy had circled the block a third time. "There are!" a youth calls out. The cop pulls the three in a squad car. No rough stuff. People surround the car shaking. "Get away now boys, we'll take care of them," the cop says. The shooting was the second of its kind in less than 2 months in Cincinnati. In June two Black teenagers gunned down on the eve of a widely publicized Klan rally in a nearby town. Despite many tips and evidence, the cops somehow fail to turn up the killers.

Are things going to go on and on this way? The media says it's "just part of everyday life in Over the Rhine." The mayor and some of the city's human relations commission call the following night to take a "peace stroll" around the area.

But the stroll turns into a run as Mayor Blackwell flies to his car with shouts of "Black funky!" and "Shine mother Miami!" ringing in his ear. And the press has to do some frantic footwork to avoid taking pictures of the Revolutionary Worker in people's hands and red flags circulating through the crowd.

"A woman whose son was grazed by a bullet took her own little stroll—up to Blackwell's face. "Alan's Blood runs in the gutter while you sit up there with your white capitalist friends. This whole system stinks and you're part of it. I stand with the RCP and we're going to bring it down." This woman, a regular distributor of the PW, had written up a leaflet the night of the attack and called for a protest march the next day. Her plane has been ringing off the wall. People from all over the city, out of town, and waiting to act.

As the major flyers, the human relations squad brushes through the crowd. We've got to keep cool," they say, trying to sign people up for committees to investigate problems. "We don't need a committee. We need to get out from under this mess," yells one white woman.

"We don't need that revolution staff. We want peace down here," say the human relations flunkies. "What peace?" yells one youth. "The kind we had here Sunday? Ask Alan about it!"

Says another: "Alan was going to join the Marines today to fight for his country and they gunned him right down in the gutter last night."

And he adds: "The revolutionaries are right!"

Cynthia O'Donnell ran as fast as she could. But it wasn't fast enough. 25 bullets were pumped into her body as she lay beneath the Clay Wade Bridge in Covington, Kentucky. Her murderer was Thomas O'Donnell, her ex-husband. That same night, February 21, 1980, O'Donnell turned himself and the two murder weapons (a .38 automatic and a .38 revolver) over to a local priest who called the police. O'Donnell was charged with murder but instead of being brought to trial, he was admitted to Emerson North, a Cincinnati psychiatric hospital. O'Donnell v. Clay Wade, Inc. or O'Donnell v. Covington city corp., "with a fine record on the force."

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Chicago P.D.'s Latest

The Murder of Richard Ramey

Sunday afternoon, July 6—the 35th St. elevated train platform in Chicago was crowded with baseball fans from nearby White Sox Park. A train creaked into the station. On board, three white plainclothes cops dragged Ramey onto the platform where they continued beating him. One pig kept shouting at the people on the platform, "I'm a police officer, keep moving! This is police business!" The other two pigs, both bigoted beasts executed their "business" quite thoroughly—four hours later Richard Ramey lay dead. The cops had pummelled him to death, not stopping until they broke both his ankles, fractured several of his ribs, and left him with multiple internal injuries. The autopsy report states that he died from "blunt trauma." So what else is new? Isn't this standard behavior for the pigs? They go pig, as for their counterparts in 100 other cities across the USA? The only difference is that it was maybe a little more brutal and more blatant than most. It had happened before, but it had been a scant six weeks previously.

That rebellion had been touched off by the failure of the "justice system" to indict Richard Ramey's murderers. So this time in Chicago things were a little different. The cps had suspended a mere 4 days after the murder. A mayorial spokesman issued an appeal for calm and a full and impartial inquiry into the incident surrounding the death of this man. After all, the pigs are the people. On July 22 the Illinois State's Attorney congratulated the A.D.P. for its "meticulous" and "hard boiled" investigators. He had promised an investigation and several new suspects. Indeed, the cops have learned that the wages of sin for murder is a higher-paying job. The city and Teamsters have already lined丘的 rusty jobs at McCormack Place, the city's huge exposition hall, so they can take a little paid vacation while on suspension from the police force. In other words, "It's fine to kill a Black man if you're a cop. (The same as always.)" And if you want to make a show of prosecuting you, well, we'll make it in other ways.

As a columnist in the New York Times explained: "Kennedy put some passion into a convention that had seemed crestfallen. So he made the delegates care. He rounded the old Democratic platform emotions, not only in Madison Square Garden but surely around the country." Or at least that's what the media did their damnedest to try and convince us he did. At a time when the crisis of imperialism is towering millions of jobs and forcing wholesale cutbacks in social services, at a time when the loss of faith in the system and its politics is shown in thousands opting out of the farce of elections, Ted Kennedy steps boldly forth, points to the sky and says, "There, there, can't you see it? There's the pig!"

The very fact that the Kennedy program was so totally removed from the reality of the imperialist crisis seemed to give it an almost mystical appeal to his faithful mourners at the convention. He proposed the re-industrialization of America, the building of new plans to make America competitive again. He called for a complex system of national health care. There was a $22 billion emergency jobs program. And--now here is a real reform—wage and price controls. Richard Nixon showed what a progressive piece of social legislation Continued on page 12

Beatng, killing and terrorizing the masses into submission to keep them "in line," the pigs are the No. I oppressor and ex-
A new strategy for conducting nuclear war, the announcement of the new U.S. strategy, is therefore attempting to do two things: to improve our survival prospects, and to win our war. Of course in its platform approved in Detroit last summer, the New Democratic Worker, a Trotskyist weekly newspaper, put it in a speech last year:

"We can't have any illusions thinking that this is going to be some nice clean marquis of Queensbury battle gone on between two blood-thirsty dinosaurs who are desperately trying to prolong their rule. And it is the whole imperialist system that produces all this rot and pus. We have to understand the nature of it. That they will stop at nothing to divide up the world... and if they have to kill off 200 or 300 million in this war to try and prolong their existence, then we will do it, and for this war this is the beginning, they are also directly responsible. They will be held accountable for all the suffering that they bring down, but nonetheless they cannot succeed in destroying the whole world and all the people in it. But even if they could blow up the whole world and all the people in it, nevertheless we can do in the face of such a prospect, except to make revolution. It will come back to the same thing. All that we should do is once more intensify our determination to rise up and overthrow them and accept what we can do that from them."

San Pedro Youth Put Cops on the Run

On a Sunday in early August, what started out as an ordinary day of baseball and basketball in Peck Park in San Pedro, CA, ended in an all-out battle between hundreds of Chicano, Black and Puerto Rican youth and the Los Angeles Police Department, with nine of L.A.'s finest ending up in the hospital. It seems some cops had come to the park, trying to "break up the fights" which were being held there.

The LAPD certainly didn't forget it, though, as they went into a nearby project a week later to take out some revenge. Apparently hoping for an easier target, the youth in the park, the LAPD was greeted with cheers, the police were beaten, and the police station was in a frenzy over this "deplorable violence." (1) Calling it a "riot" was "disgusting." (2) Indicating just how badly the police were beaten, these new stations haven't had a word about it ever since.

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The following is an article by V.I. Lenin which originally appeared in the
newspaper Pravda in 1919. The question Lenin addresses—that of
bourgeois democracy and proletarian dictatorship—was an extremely
sharp one in the wake of the first imperialist war, the revolutionary crises
produced by this war and the successful revolution fought by the working
class in Russia under Lenin's leadership. The article can be found in
Volume 20 of Lenin's Collected Works, along with others which stress the
same general themes. The questions are highly relevant for us today.

The few numbers of the Berlin Red
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ism—those who supported the war of
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stand as defence of "democracy" (Kautsky has even gone so far as to call
it "pure democracy") as distinct
from dictatorship. In the pamphlet
The Proletarian Revolution and the Ren-
gade Kautsky, which has just come
off the press in Moscow and Pe-
trograd, I examine Kautsky's views in
detail. I shall try briefly, to give the sub-
stance of the point as issue, which has
become the question of the day for all
the advanced capitalist countries.

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**Join, No. 6, “Where To Begin?”** Revolutionary columnists, who do not accept the eve of the revolutionary point of view, are not in the least perturbed by the prospects of work. Their situation is highly fortuitous. They would not even be able to ask what position we are taking, and what we are going to do, not even if we were to ask ourselves the question. But this is the main tenet of their commentary. The Plan would be the work that is necessary to achieve the general tenor of their commentary.

The Plan of the Worker

Naked Face of War
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"Democracy" and Dictatorship

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falsehood and hypocrisy of bourgeois democracy—democracy for the rich—and establish democracy for the poor, that is, make the blessings of democracy really accessible to the working people and poor peasants, whereas now (even in the most democratic—bourgeois-republic) the blessings of democracy are, in fact, inaccessible to the vast majority of working people.

Take, for example, freedom of assembly and freedom of the press. The Schiedemands and Kautskys, the Austere of Renner, and now, to our regret, by Friedrich Adler as well) and by the bourgeois officials, bourgeois judges, bourgeois state apparatus, that is, bourgeois officials, bourgeois judges, and so on. The dictatorship of the proletariat will take from the bourgeoisie the "property" the landowners' mansions, the best buildings, etc. The dictatorship of the proletariat will take from the capitalists and hand over to the working people the landowners' mansions, the best buildings, printing-presses and the stocks of newspapers.

But this means replacing "universal," pure" democracy by the dictatorship of one class,animates the bourgeoisie (a dictatorship which so much was said by Marx, who had been distorted and betrayed by the Schiedemans and Kautskys or by a state of the Soviet type, can keep the proletariat from capitalist oppression and war. In Germany and Austria this resistance has not yet begun. But once expropriation begins the resistance will be force and desperate. In concealing this from themselves and from the workers the Schiedemans and Kautskys, the Austere of Renner betray the interests of the proletariat, switching at the most decisive moment from the class struggle and overthrow of the yoke of the bourgeoisie to get the proletariat to come to terms with the bourgeoisie, achieving "social peace" or reconciliation of exploiters and exploitated.

Revolution is the locomotive of history, said Marx. Revolutionists rush quickly. The urban workers and farm hands in Germany and Austria will quickly discern the betrayal of the cause of socialism by the Schiedemans and Kautskys, the Austere of Renner. The proletariat will cast aside these "social traitors." Socialists in words and believers of socialism in practice—as it did in Russia with the same kind of petty bourgeoisie and "philistines"—the Mensheviks and "Socialist-Revolutionaries."

The more complete the domination of the above-mentioned "pigs," the quicker the proletariat will see that only the replacement of the bourgeois state, be it the most democratic bourgeois-republic, by a state of the type of the Pariz Commune (about which so much was said by Marx, who had been distorted and betrayed by the Schiedemans and Kautskys or by a state of the Soviet type, can open the way to socialism. The dictatorship of the proletariat will deliver humanity from capitalist oppression and war.

A lot more is heating up in Watts these days than the weather. Just 10 minutes after several people began selling the RW in Belmont Park the announcement came over the L A P D loud- speaker, "All communists must leave the park immediately or be arrested." Several minutes later, most of the 200 or so people on the Buena Park side of the park to continue to discuss and debate everything from what the police were doing to the draft, to what difference a paper like the RW makes.
Visit to an Iranian Factory

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But the activities of these workers didn’t stop at demonstrating at the U.S. Embassy. “We have the mechanism to react against a U.S. coup d’etat. For example, we are starting to learn how to fight to be part of the army of 20 million to defend the revolution.”

Heated discussion also raged on the question of the Soviet Union and developments towards World War 3. Some workers felt that any anti-Soviet propaganda was simply anti-communism stirred up by the U.S. to divert attention from itself. Others knew that the USSR was in fact a dangerous imperialist country which at some point could go to war with the U.S.

When I posed the question of how they thought Iran should break free from imperialist economic strangulation, a lively debate broke out among the Shah’s members. “There should be two programs,” one asserted. “In the short term we should do what the government is now doing: look for different suppliers, like the Arab countries or other countries we trust for the parts we need. In the long term we have to make the technology we need ourselves, and change the American-style consumer mentality that has been implanted in the people.” Someone else jumped in to disagree: “I believe the way is to break all relations with imperialism, like they did in China. We need to be self-reliant; as long as we are dependent on oil we will never be truly independent.”

This worker clearly didn’t think the present government is capable of carrying out such economic and political transformations. Later as we were walking through the factory, another worker uneasily approached us and asked, “Do the workers in America read Marx?” Yes, I replied, Marx’s legacy is alive in the U.S., just as it is here.

At my too brief visit to this Iranian factory demonstrated, while not yet the dominant force within the Iranian revolution, the working class is making tremendous progress. Workers have learned great lessons in the course of the revolutionary struggle; genuine communist forces have linked up with and expanded their influence among the workers; and a section of class-conscious workers is being forged that will play a crucial role in rallying other oppressed classes throughout Iran to its revolutionary banner of carrying the anti-imperialist democratic struggle through to victory and advancing from there to socialism.

Workers there, like workers in the U.S., took part in very important May Day demonstrations this year. And from their description, it seemed that the spirit of revolution and internationalism was very much alive at both.

“We are not fighting with the people of America,” one council leader told us as we conveyed the American people. “We have solidarity with them, especially the workers of America. When we take part in the May Day demonstrations here we feel solidarity with the struggles of workers in America and other countries. And we want the American workers to support the Iranian revolution.”

“We know the American capitalists and imperialists are opposing the people of America also,” another continued. “And we hope that one day you will do what we did, get people together, and make revolution so that those imperialists in America will be for all time wiped away from the world.”

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NEW PAMPHLET AVAILABLE

This pamphlet has been written to arm millions now awakening in political life with the science of revolution. It is a reprint of a series of articles which appeared recently in the pages of the Revolutionary Worker newspaper, a series which summed up and served as an introduction to an important new book to be published soon, The Science of Revolution (RCP Publications).

This book will very sharply and thoroughly explain the fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought and the fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought and the line of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. This pamphlet serves as a very basic introduction to the profound lessons summed up in the book. As Lenin said, “Without revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement.” The difference is that between fighting blindly or fighting consciously with your head up. The difference is that between random sparks of struggle or using a blowtorch to destroy the chains that bind us.
Disasters Natural and Unnatural

Hurricane Allen roared into the Caribbean last week battering Haiti and other islands with full-force 75 m.p.h. winds. The miserable tin and cardboard hooing on the coast of these islands oppressed by U.S. imperialism meant the death toll climbed steadily to 200 people as Allen mercilessly flattened these hovels. Allen then raged toward Texas, pounding at the southern tip of the Texas coast. But major damage was far less than anticipated as the hurricane’s strongest winds stormed through largely untouched areas. In 1933, the last time a 75 m.p.h. hurricane had slammed the area, 6000 people were left dead in its wake. So officials of the state of Texas thanked the Lord above for sparing them the wrath of Allen and began congratulating themselves on how well they had prepared to meet this challenge.

But while they were putting themselves on the back for a job well done, 250 residents of a federally-funded, low-income housing project—appropriately a showcase for what HUD (Housing and Urban Development) is doing for the elderly—were an angry testament to the contrary. While there were supposed to be elaborate rescue efforts co-ordinated by Civil Defense, the Red Cross and the National Guard, these people were totally abandoned, left with only the building’s air conditioning which could power for any length of time. The only water was in the brim with people who were to remain there for an indefinite period of time. The only ven emergency shelters found that they had to bring their own supply of food and water. And because of the small number of shelters available, each was packed to the brim with people who also wanted to remain stranded in a windowless room for an indefinite period of time. The only ventilation was provided by electrically-powered air conditioning which could have caused disastrous results if cut off for any length of time.

Bulletins on the disaster were broadcast constantly in cities as far away as El Paso which did not even face the threat of being affected by the hurricane, lacking the distinct impression that “even if this doesn’t affect you, you’re going to have to deal with situations like this in the future (like war perhaps)”—so pay attention! Even this minor crisis has been utilized by the bourgeoisie as a “wet run” to condition the masses of people, to acclimate them to the hardships this system certainly holds in store for the future.

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CORRECTION

In the article entitled “U.S./Soviets Tie For Gold in Contention,” the end of the article was inadvertently left out. It should have ended as follows:

Recently, another “get even with the Russians” track and field meet has been organized in Rome, Italy. This time 19 countries who boycotted the Games are participating, along with 13 gold medal winners from the 1980 Olympics, and some of the Sov athletes. No doubt these new arrivals are to be considered “the real Olympics” whatever an East/West match-up is slanted and the winners of (if they’re Americans) will get “unanother- cal” medals for their efforts.

As the Olympic torch was extinguished last week, many eyes turned towards the 1984 Olympic Games in L.A. as host country, has already produced its mascot to replace Michka the Soviet bear. Walt Disney Productions has designed an American bald eagle, appropriately named SAM (for Surface to Air Missile no doubt). And in the spirit of U.S. imperialism struggling to regain its number one position over the rest of the world, they coined the Olympic slogan of “faster, higher, stronger” (and more megatons, we might add—RW). The one thing that was clearly evident with the invasion of Afghanistan, the boycott of the Olympics, and the hand-to-hand combat in the realm of public opinion, is that the superpowers’ war preparations are escalating. The fact that the Olympic Games have been postponed for both world wars one and two was certainly not lost on the U.S. imperialists. The August 4 Time magazine essay quoted earlier is a clarion call-to-arms for them: “The Games have their significance, but they also come and go, the political advantages come and go; in the long run even the champions come and go. As for the possible collapse of the Olympics after Moscow, that would not be the worst thing either... The Games collapsed in 393 B.C. and neither sport nor the world came to an end...”

Whether the 1984 Olympic Games come off as planned or not, whether they are postponed for war or whether new provisions have to be made to account for the athletes having to compete in combat zones the world in the next four years, will definitely be propelled that much closer to war wherein the bourgeois sys will certainly hold in store for the future.
Visit to an Iran Factory

Struggle Sharpens Over Course of Revolution

in Tehran, in October of 1978 a massive strike wave exploded across Iran. Within two weeks, more workers had gone on strike than had in years. What began as mainly economic struggle didn’t stay that way for long. Inspired by the revolutionary mood of the masses, the work of the left, and the advanced political stand of the oil workers, political consciousness spread rapidly. By the end of the month hundreds of thousands of workers were echoing the demands of the oil workers, and militant, free all political prisoners, end imperialist exploitation of Iran, and Down with the Shah. The workers’ demands, and their refusal to take the regime’s desperate offer (bride) of 100% wage increase to get them back to work, gave the existing movement a more powerful anti-imperialist thrust. Within three months, due in large measure to the role played by the working class, the Shah had fled Iran, his “military” regime in shambles; and U.S. imperialism’s “island of stability” — paradise of the Persian Gulf — smashed by revolution.

Since that time, struggle has raged between opposing class forces over whether to push forward and complete Iran’s anti-imperialist, anti-imperialist, anti-socialist revolution, or whether to retreat. To understand which direction the masses are taking, one must look closely at the working class movement. The Workers Councils. One of the focal points of that struggle, within the working class, has been the Shoras, or workers councils. These councils were largely the spontaneous creation of the workers in the course of the revolution, and immediately after the revolution. During the revolution the Shoras played the role of strike coordinating committees, and were often centers of political struggle. After the overthrow of the Shah’s regime, many, compliant factory owners (including the one who used to own the particular factory I visited) fled the country, and workers’ councils sprang up independent of the new Islamic government in hundreds of factories. Since then, these councils have generally taken on a mixture of economic and political tasks.

I had the opportunity to meet with the Shora that represented the several thousand production and office workers at a big truck assembly complex outside of Tehran, that was dependent on a major European truckmaker for parts, tax, technical assistance and capital. Talking in their office, just off the factory floor, and talking to the dozen or so Shora representatives, it didn’t take long to get a feeling for the tremendous ferment among Iranian workers; every one of my questions brought forth comment from the workers and all were full of spirited anti-imperialism: “The whole world is changing,” one told us. “US imperialism is trying very hard to crush our revolution, but we are a witness that they are nothing! They will only make our revolution succeed.” Another carried on. “Everyone was involved in our revolution, and we are all working together for the future of our movement — to understand which direction is the right one for our country.”

This consciousness poses real problems for the U.S. plans for restoring a pro-imperialist regime, as well as the Iranian bourgeoisie’s dream of bringing the revolution to a halt and consolidating its political power. Both the forces grouped around President Bani-Sadr and those of Ayatollah Beheshti and the Islamic Republic Party have insisted that the workers concentrate on raising production and leave political affairs to them, while at times trying to get the workers to follow their lead in reactionary political causes such as opposition to the struggle for autonomy in Kurdishistan. To crush the political movement among the workers, Ayatollah Khomeini as well as numerous government figures have spoken out against the Shoras, and banned any strikes or “disruptions” of production as “anti-revolutionary.” When workers have taken matters into their own hands, as at the Minoo biscuit factory in Tabrnan, where workers went on strike against government attacks on their council, Pastaran (the government’s so-called “revolutionary guard”), they were sent to the factory to crush the strike by armed force, killing at least one worker. Revolutionary communist forces within the working class have been singled out for special attacks.

The following article was sent to the RW by a revolutionary activist and journalist who has recently returned from a trip to Iran.

“We are aware of U.S. imperialism’s actions in Iran,” one worker, a leader in the truck factory, loudly declared. “We hate imperialism and are ready to fight it in any way!”

Little more than two years ago, he told me, “we couldn’t even whisper such words” in the truck factory, or in any Iranian workplace for that matter. Unions were SAVAK-controlled and strikers could be arrested and jailed, if not shot. But the regime’s main fear was that revolutionary politics would infect the working class. Anyone suspected of being a revolutionary leftist working in a factory — even if the only clue was the language and manner of an intellectual — was immediately arrested and banished to one of the Shah’s torture chambers. Distribution of revolutionary literature was extremely difficult. And when, in spite of all the precautions, dozens of thousands of workers were echoing the demands of the oil workers, and martial law, free all political prisoners, end imperialist exploitation of Iran, and Down with the Shah. The workers’ demands, and their refusal to take the regime’s desperate offer (bride) of 100% wage increase to get them back to work, gave the existing movement a more powerful anti-imperialist thrust.

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