Imperialist Gangster Logic

U.S. Protection Racket in Iraq/Iran War

Over the past week, the imperialist rulers of the U.S. have set a new record for "neutrality" in the Iraq/Iran war. They have continued to fuel the Iraq war machine through Jordan, Saudi Arabia and other U.S. client-states in the Middle East. The "protection" of the AWACS has been extended to Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states who "believe they may be attacked by Iran." The U.S.S. Leahy, a sophisticated guided missile cruiser, has taken up position inside the Persian Gulf, as if it were one of the "Great Lakes." And a virtual armada of 60 U.S., British, French and Australian warships has been assembled in the Indian Ocean just outside the Gulf, with the U.S. and British ships scheduled to begin joint maneuvers in the coming weeks.

But at the same time as the U.S. ruling class has directly orchestrated Iraq's vicious war of aggression against Iran, they have been making, some major—though still as of press time, mainly behind the scenes—moves towards "reaching an understanding" with pro-Western elements in the Iranian government. Various government officials, including President Carter himself, have come out publicly against any "dismemberment" of Iran. And of even greater significance and a sign of things to come, as we go to press, is the new open secret that President Bani-Sadr and the Iranian government are seriously negotiating the release of the 52 U.S. hostages in exchange for the unfreezing of Iran's substantial financial assets, which U.S. imperialists hold ransom, and shipments of military equipment including spare parts from the U.S. For the imperialists "the hostage question" has never been a question of "lives" but symbolic of Iranian resistance—or capitulation—to imperialism.

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Call for Ballots, Demonstrations on Election Day

Spit On The Imperialists' Con Game

1980. We cannot sit out these elections. And we don't mean "you should vote." Exactly the opposite. It's time to put a different stamp on the "political process"—not the stamp of approval that the oppressed are violently denied the right to put on the system that oppresses them. But the stamp—REJECTED! And we don't mean like "damaged goods," as though this system's democratic process isn't working like it should. No, it's working the way it's supposed to work—delivering the people of this country, together with hundreds of millions around the world, into the jaws of world war. And using every kind of lying trick, like "special deals." We're not "special deals." But the system is. We're not "special deals." But the system is.

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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.
Mysterious... it was as bizarre as it was unexpected." Channel 9's chief newscaster Al Scheinfeld bowed as he crossed the deserted 89% TV parking lot to the station itself. Throughout the coverage, there was the sound of loud music and gunshots from the close quarters teams, high-powered rifles pointing at the windows. They were accompanied by the clanging of broken glass. Curtains fluttered and enough tear gas canisters to smoke out downtown. They were directed from a temporary command post by Cincinnati's Chief of Police himself. Meanwhile, 250 streets away, another 41-year-old artist, born and raised in Cincinnati's inner-city section of Over-The-Rhine, had taken to the airwaves to report on reporters hostage at gunpoint in the parking lot and proceeded to take over the entire station, demanding that the station broadcast a videotaped interview with her husband. "All the media does is print lies and bull sh*t," she said. After the interview was made, she released the seven station employees she had held uninjured. But he was going to stay. "I'm going to stay," she said. "Tell the police where I am. We're going to fight it out... I killed my girlfriend of this discrimination." He said he saw Jim Hoskins, a 25-year-old black man. Hoskins talked about the "growl of the bourgeoisie" and directed to the TV station. The system drove Jim Hoskins to this desperate act, to turn his anger and hatred inward and kill himself and another. Hoskins said he had"the part of reality that Hoskins saw and was reflected in... the bourgeoisie was quick to jump on and label "the delusions of a strangely disturbed mind." They talked philosophically, for a time, about how such people called the "tragedy of a wasted life." With phony pioners they discussed the "mystery of why"—when this supposed "mystery" was being buried out of every pore of society. "Perhaps it was drugs, or too much beer; or had he come from a broken home?" they wondered. The screen was filled with head-shaking, somber talk. "What's the next?" they wondered, "We're going to try that the bourgeoisie was quick to demand. The ruling class conscious worker is far more and more hopeless." And more importantly, he went on to add, "...the class conscious worker is far from holding this point of view. He will not allow his consciousness to be dulled by such cries no matter how sincere and heartfelt they may be. Yes, we workers and the mass of small proprietors lead a life that is filled with unbearable oppression and suffering. Things are harder for our generation than they were for our fathers. But in our respect we are luckier than our fathers. We have begun to learn and are rapidly learning to fight—and to fight not as individuals, as the best of our fathers fought..."...The working class is not pertaining, it is growing, becoming stronger, gaining courage, consolidating itself, classifying itself and becoming steeled in battle. We are pessimists as far as self/ domination, capitalism and petty production are concerned, but we are ardent optimists in what concerns the working class movement and its aims. We are already laying the foundation of a new edifice and our children will complete its construction." ("The Working Class and Neo-Malthusianism." Collected Works, Vol. 15, pp. 236-37) Jim Hoskins was another of their victims. They don't have to look for all this shit for the madness that is. Yes, they drive people crazy daily. But the problem here is not so much what Jim Hoskins saw but what he didn't see. Yes, there's no question that the midnness, violence, discrimination, oppression and exploitation he saw and commented on exist and are intensifying. But what also exists, and is growing, and is moving forward is the basis to end all of this. This is what's on the rise. And this is precisely what the working class conscious must resist. The oppressed must be made aware of-- of the need for real revolutionary possibilities ahead.

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EXPLOSION BLOWS LID OFF "MODEL" CITY LIE

DEPTH OF VICIOUS NATIONAL OPPRESSION REVEALED IN ATLANTA

A powerful explosion blew apart the Gate City Day Care Center, above, setting off a wave of struggle in Atlanta.

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Atlanta, Ga., Monday, Oct. 13, 10:15 a.m.—A massive explosion, equal to 50 pounds of dynamite, described by an expert as being as powerful as a huge fragmentation grenade, ripped apart the Gate City Day Care Center in Bowen Homes, an all-Black housing project, killing 4 children and one teacher, injuring dozens more. Two children are still in critical condition.

The explosion here has set off a storm of controversy which is literally shaking the foundations of this "showcase city" of progress for Black people—a city where most of the public power structure is Black, the mayor, the chief of police, public safety commissioner, director of the housing authority, city councilmen, etc., etc. While rebellions have rocked many other southern cities this year, Atlanta has been heralded as a model for racial harmony. So much so that the trial of one of the Miami policemen who is charged in connection with the murder of Black businessman McDuffie—the incident which ignited the Miami rebellions—was recently announced to have been moved to Atlanta. Now these same city officials are scrambling to save face. For the class content of such "harmony" has been more clearly revealed by the explosion, the response of different forces to it and all the events surrounding it. And what the officials of this model city are both scurrying to cover up and at the same time more systematically enforce is that such harmony is based on keeping the masses of Black people quietly oppressed and exploited.
The Roots of the Pontiac Prison Rebellion

Chicago. As the process of jury selection continues for the fifth week in the trial of the Pontiac 16, the din of voices crying that the 1978 prison rebellion was a product of a "gang conspiracy" to murder guards is growing louder and louder. Sixteen Black Pontiac prisoners are charged with the murder of three white guards and three of the brothers also face additional charges of conspiracy to commit murder. As reported in last week's PW, the "gang plot" theory was suddenly conceeded three months after the rebellion. In so far as it is the cause of the rebellion on the supposition of a dark psychology of the criminal mind, to turn all eyes awry from the brutal conditions that existed and still exist at Pontiac, and to gloss over the facts of the rebellion—those of the Pontiac 16, the din of voices cry louder. Sixteen Black Pontiac prisoners spent five years incarcerated there. The main thing they want to do is destroy your mind. The guards tell you when to do this and that. You go into the cafeteria. Food is cold. Never know a hot meal. We complain. Complain. A man might step out of line to pick something up, go to go and get a second helping of food—hell yes it's a ticket. He'd get 40 or 50 days in segregation. Your family would never be able to visit, but if you're in segregation you only get a 15 minute visit and you're all shackled up. Some stays won't even come out to see their families, cause they don't want them to see them like that, shackled up like an animal. What they want to do is put a person back on the streets like a mechanical robot so they don't do nothing except what they (the man) command. And anyone you get strong and go out to the people know about this mail system they send someone to try to kill you. The man going deal with the strong to try to make them break because the strong will bring the weak along, so the Man wants to break them. At the Pontiac Correctional Center, lockdown as a means to prevent rebellion, is a common tool. Searches for contraband by the guards, are frequent. Guards would campaign through the cells, sometimes just stealing what was there and carving it home. One older white prisoner, Joe (not his real name), had $400 worth of electrical equipment stolen—equipment his family had bought him for a correspondence course. "You might have spent $200-$300 for commissary items," said T. "Then, during the shakedown they'd take your TV or radio and throw it on the floor." A nail found in the cell could be cause enough to get thrown into the hole—segregation, or to have good time (time subtracted off the sentence for good behavior) taken away. "Cold, unfair, unmotivated," is how X described the hole. "The food was always late. Sometimes they'd be no food left over. Hey, you still the guard would say. 'Yes, didn't you? You did?' They would feed you three times a day, but the food was so nasty it might have bugs, spit, or sweat from the guards. If it don't smell right, you throw it away. Then you don't eat."

U.S. Junta One Year Old

Imperialists in Tight Squeeze in El Salvador

October 15 marks the one year anniversary of the rule of the "American junta" that replaced the military dictatorship of General Carlos Romero in El Salvador. It also marks one full year of the continuation and escalation of the former regime's repression and attacks on the masses of people who have continuously risen up against the junta. In the face of widespread political exposure the junta has announced some supposed reforms, in hope of cooling things down a little, as part of its anniversaries. Elections will supposedly be held in January and 1983. And the regime declared an amnesty will be granted to "all young people who have ended the war through acts of violence and demonstrate a desire to incorporate themselves into the peaceful revolution." In other words, lay down all arms and come like lambs to the slaughter. Meanwhile the contradictions in El Salvador are sharpening. On October 3, in protest of the continued repression by the junta, the National Association of Teachers (ANDES), in alliance with various student organizations, closed the doors of the University of El Salvador. On October 7, after holding the offices of the Organization of American States on and its staff for 10 days, forces opposed to the military-civilian junta in El Salvador released their captives. After the government refused their demands for an end to the repression that has been unleashed by the junta, in the name of "democracy and moderation," they escaped from the offices in San Salvador, the capital city. Since January the U.S. military organizations and the junta's National Guard, which have overlapping memberships, have committed over 4,000 military murders and assassinations. A campaign of terror is being conducted in the countryside under the auspices of "land reform"—and under the watchful eyes of over 100 U.S. "advisers." On September 16, in the city of San Salvador, the U.S. Embassy was strafed, three times by bazooka fire. The rockets caused no injuries, but the US. Ambassador Robert White was not in his office at the time, embassy officials reported immediately after the attack. As the U.S.-backed junta is more and more being exposed for the buchering regime that it is, the imperialists—direct or indirect—becomes a very real possibility.
It is not true that "a reader" whose letter was the third one in R.W. No. 74 sees the leap to 100,000 as "not desirable—but possible!" He has a different plan for revolution than the Party's, a plan in which the workers' class-consciousness generally, is not "necessary" either, that's why he thinks that the leap can't be made. In order to unite and make a mass movement, he believes that the class-consciousness of the workers can be criticized and the suffocating effects of it cleared away. I want to speak to a few, not all, of the things wrong with this letter.

To begin with, there is no sense throughout the letter of the workers' being in a struggle, that brings about a solution to the contradictions of the system; the whole system does not see the hearts to speak to, nor later as the situation. Instead, let it be the interests of the working class and the bourgeois masses to move beyond this rotten system? Won't such miracles occur! But let the reader learn from the articles on percentages. One hundred thousand will take 100,000 workers in the strikes, of the city of 2 million. And, he says, the workers are ex-hailing themselves in three strikes, to the Bolsheviks had said to develop a means to "coordinate the political strikes." Why pick this approach? What is "something similar to a trade union organizing committee?" If you read these particular articles, or any, and look at the way the leap to 100,000 business is going, you won't see any battle for public opinion or learn the political lessons of the Russian revolution."

...The Comrade says at the beginning of his letter that he will be no need for a newspaper. There will be no need for a newspaper. There will be no need to speak to it at all, and reduces everything down to the masses, so that people can consciously act in the revolutionary situation. Lenin speaks to this deeply. The influence he wants to see is calculated influence. The influence he wants to see is calculated to mobilize a revolutionary situation. Lenin says that to 100,000 "is necessary and sufficient." The problem is how to live and how to die. He sees that the Bolsheviks, in the period right after the 1905 uprising primarily due to political—advanced and the masses, in Russia while only a small minority hewed to the line of the Bolsheviks "how to live and how to die."

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"A reader" sees everything in terms of numbers, and motion; he apparently completely away from the development of the objective situation and leaves out the role of consciousness entirely. There will be conscious activity to accelerate developments toward revolution, but it won't be led by a line that views the masses as blind sheep and just wants them to move. That is nothing but reformism and can only be led by the red, white and blue banner of imperialism.

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well publicized in national coverage recently. The problem is that a widely acclaimed local TV news series, "The Klansmen," was to begin the very same night. Of course, it did go on the air as planned. But the next day, at one time or another, some of the scene of the explosion, the phone threats were dismissed as sick crank- ism, that we had a real fear of this was a "tragic incident." Mean- while, the mayor, who earlier had prevented anyone else from going in to investigate for themselves. Even before the official "explosion" had fully bloomed, the officials started yapping about the "furnace" that exploded, spreading the theory that the boiler had been tampered with the boiler that had been wired so that it would blow up at a given time. This possibility that someone might have tampered with the boiler so that it would have blown up was ringing deep in people's minds. Still, after the fact, in the evening of the explosion erupted into a political debate about the cause of the explosion and about the solution. Even the best of the Uncle Tom's, even the conservative press will print is "the divisions among the people and toward a different future altogether."

While most city officials this week have tried in vain to get people to believe that the Atlanta Housing Authority Director (AHA) has continued to put out that it is possible to deal with these problems and seek beyond their limits. As he said in a press conference, "Why should we be derailed by some community representatives the right to go into the guarded Center themselves to investigate it?" This has left a lot of people on the fence: 300 people cheered when he ended, "They turned on the heat." And was raked over the coals at the official line became that it was a steam boiler. The first press conference by the mayor was booed and dis- continued from page 3

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perilous will use everything in their power to preserve and defend their rule over the working class and the masses of oppressed people. Legislatures, judges, and the mass media all work to produce this public opinion. When push comes to shove it all stands on its head—massly lynching, carpet-bombing, gassing, poisoning, shooting, and stiffing during the course of the class struggle here. The im

Perhaps the most misunderstood concept is the invocation of Martial Rule. Conflict with the capitalists is inevitable and without the aid of the military. In Lenin's polemic against the renegade Kautsky, he takes Kautsky to task for trying to get political violence out of the class struggle here. He finds the basics against "the mob," we find the basic

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Tampon Manufacturers Scramble to Profit from Toxic Shock Outrage

Beginning October 6, Proctor & Gamble began another advertising campaign to protect the reputation of its product Rely. This is one little slice out of the many that have been done by the one that used to end with the woman saying, "Remember, they called it Rely." This is one example of how P&G has withdrawn the "super-tampoon" Rely from the market.

The reason, of course, is related to the fact that Rely was found to be particularly closely associated with an illness described as Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS), an illness which can be fatal and which has caused at least 30 some deaths (these are just the documented cases) this year. (See "Murder By Tampoon: Toxic Shock Syndrome," R.W. No. 74, 10/3/80.) A real stroke of luck for Tampax which, once overwhelmingly dominant in this market, had been staggering under the impact of the inroads by Playtex, Kimberly-Clark, Purex, and Johnson & Johnson, but especially from those of Proctor & Gamble! Isn’t capitalism wonderful? Where could the clouds of disease and death have such a silver lining?

But Tampax has been protected so far. So this company has also been running ads about TSS, with the slogans at top and bottom: "Your health is very important to us!" and "We have been making Tampax tampons for over 40 years and we care!" In between they inform us that "TSS is a very rare disease" and "that Tampax does not cause TSS." (Of course not—it’s caused by bacteria.) So Tampax, being prudent as the stabbing victim’s death is not caused by the guy with the knife, but by loss of blood! And even the assertion that it’s an extremely rare disease (afflicting about "three in 100,000 women of menstrual age in the course of a year," according to this ad) is not true. As was pointed out in our previous article, the Food and Drug Administration arbitrarily segregated the milder cases of the disease and made it so that only the quite severe cases were considered to be occurring. The disease and death have such a silver lining.

Meanwhile, as always in the world of corporations, one capitalist’s loss is another one’s gain. After the disclosure of the link between tampons and TSS, shares of Rely jumped upward on the stock market. The reasoning was that with Rely being inundated with complaints associated with TSS, Tampax tampons could move in. Rely, which had amounted to 18% of the $340 million U.S. tampon market. A real stroke of luck for Tampax which, once overwhelmingly dominant in this market, had been staggering under the impact of the inroads by Playtex, Kimberly-Clark, Purex, and Johnson & Johnson, but especially from those of Proctor & Gamble! Isn’t capitalism wonderful? Where could the clouds of disease and death have such a silver lining?

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The last few weeks have seen some significant developments relating to the appeal of the charges against Party Chairman Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendents. It has been almost one year since the government was forced to dismiss the 25-count felony indictment on the grounds of “prosecutorial vindictiveness” in the face of thousands taking a stand in defense of this great battle. Just to give you an accurate picture of this history of this case, the charges stem from a police action on a demonstrator who was called for by the RCP during a revolutionary visit, protesting the demands of revolutionary China and the enlistment of China in the U.S.-war bloc, initially, over 80 people were charged with misdemeanors. New indictments were reduced down to 41, but 38 of these were based on charges of up to 6 months to 20 years on a preliminary basis. That was 241 years ago! Following the dismissal, the government prosecutors wasted no time even in the defense of their criminal holidays in filing their appeal in Washington, D.C./NOW, THERE ARE NEW INDICATIONS THAT A DECISION COULD COME DOWN SHORTLY. The Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. has just ruled in favor of a government appeal in a case also dismissed on the grounds of prosecutorial vindictiveness. This may well be an important part of the legal groundwork for the government’s final decision to intervene in the army. The Guatemalan regime in Nicaragua. And, as was seen in the case of the Salvadoran regime. The Guatemalan government has moved to isolate the RCP’s revolutionary leadership after all; and even to recoup some of the political losses they incurred as a result of the dismissal of 2,000 cases and political prisoners in federal courtrooms at least three times to observe other trials related to RCP activities.

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The government of General Jean-Claude Duvalier in Haiti has been stepping up its repressive efforts in order to stifle any dissent and maintain its grip on power. The government has been using force and violence to suppress any form of opposition, leading to a severe crackdown on the rights of the people. This has led to widespread protests and unrest, with thousands taking to the streets to demand changes and an end to the repressive measures. The situation has escalated, with reports of clashes between the security forces and demonstrators. The government has been accused of using excessive force and violating human rights. Despite the challenges, the people of Haiti remain resilient, seeking to assert their rights and freedom. The situation continues to be a matter of concern both domestically and internationally. The government must address the root causes of the unrest and work towards a peaceful resolution.
Jamaica Murder: CIA Plots In High Gear

With only 16 days left until the scheduled election date, the Caribbebean island of Jamaica has seen more than 450 deaths this year in politically connected violence. The latest victim was USmcann, the former Assistant National Security Minister, Roy McCaing, a member of the ruling People's National Party (PNP). McCaing was shot by Jamaican police after what they described as a clash with supporters of the US-backed Labor Party. McCaing's assassination, coming only a week after an attempt to assassinate the Prime Minister, Michael Manley, is the latest in a series of U.S.-sponsored and CIA-directed assassination attempts in Jamaica. This island country has become a battleground for U.S.-Soviet competition. Since 1972, under the government of Michael Manley, a "democratic socialist" who has publicly opposed and opposed its role in the military, the U.S. has been trying to exert influence through various economic and political means, including the use of proxies such as rebels and paramilitary groups.

The U.S. government has been accused of using the Jamaican elections as a cover for its own purposes. The latest attempt at all-out suppression of the Indian Ocean is led by the U.S. imperialists, who have been加大 their efforts to suppress the uprising in the region. The Indian Ocean is a strategic area for the U.S., and its control is seen as vital to maintaining U.S. interests in the region. The U.S. has been increasing its military presence in the area, and has been conducting regular military exercises in the region.

Gandhi Regime Imposes "Emergency Measures"

Faced with a new and powerful upsurge in India, the regime of Indira Gandhi has once again been forced to resort to a whole range of fascist "emergency measures" aimed at crushing the resurgent mass movement. The new decrees, promulgated on September 23, institute a policy of "preventive detention" without trial, the state and central governments are empowered to "call for" as long as twelve months citizens and foreigners who they feel pose a threat to India's "security or public order." The "national security ordinance" also provides for press censorship and the arrest of anyone who publishes material "judged to create communal ill will" (a hypothesis reference to fighting between religious groups). The Indian Ocean is a strategic area for the U.S., and its control is seen as vital to maintaining U.S. interests in the region. The Indian Ocean is a strategic area for the U.S., and its control is seen as vital to maintaining U.S. interests in the region.

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hydroelectric facility went on strike. For 20 hours the country was blanketed with smoke. On July 22, 1978, it was crammed beyond capacity with 1,982 inmates.Gov. Thompson's "law and order" campaign pushed for in his 1977 election was at least partially responsible for "Class X" legislation, abolishing the parole board and determining sentences for prisoners. The new law meant that instead of waiting in jail until the sentence was up a criminal gets "good time"; that is, one day off his sentence for every day of "good behavior." Who will get good time and who won't is left up to the discretion of the guards—a state of martial law that continued.

Wanted—100,000 Co-conspirators Become a Co-conspirator

In the writer's capacity as a co-conspirator under "Operation Phoenix"—like under "Operation Wetback"—the U.S. toward some form of intervention in El Salvador is moving closer. In reality nothing is really going to happen until a "final offensive" is mounted by the Imperialists, who are the real architects of the situation. However the U.S. chooses to intervene, it can only mean even more suffering for the people of El Salvador and the imperialists. Already, in the eyes of the world, El Salvador has ceased to be a "moderate and democratic" country. The military has become a virtual state within the state, using the country's prison inmates to crush the popular movement. The imperialists and their lackeys are concerned much more with the territorial gains they can make in Central America than with the Everett's Bookstore, 90-92 E 11th St., 10003: New York: 16 E 11th St., 10003: Cambridge; 233 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Mass. 02138; Chicago; 727 N Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. 60637; Berkeley, 96612: Berkeley, Calif. 94704: San Francisco: Everybody's Bookstore, 17 Brenham Place, 94110: Los Angeles: Liberator Press, 2706 W 7th St., 90006: Seattle: Blackbird, 1135 Broadway, 98122.

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Joc, who was paroled about 10 weeks after the rebellion. "The administration went to great lengths to try to make this over into a case of murder, but we don't think that's going to work. After the strike fighting had virtually ended, 400 soldiers had been killed in the north of El Salvador. The situation at Pontiac went from bad to worse. Right before the rebellion went down a 1976 study done for the government by the National Research Council Planning Group, and later reported by the U.S. State Department, came into public view. This study of prison facilities and programs" to Black Panthers and other prisoners was carried out in 1973-74. The study included a survey of the entire prison system, with the assistance of prisoners themselves. The report, published in 1974, was based on interviews with 1,982 prisoners. The report's authors, Dr. James J. Chase and Dr. Nancy C. Williams, were consultants to the National Research Council Planning Group, which was set up by the U.S. government in 1973 to study prison reform.

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The defense rested its case last week in the trial of six Klansmen and Nazis who murdered five anti-Klan demonstrators last November 3rd in Greensboro, North Carolina. According to the Revolutionary Worker last week, the judge refused to allow in the trial a tape of a speech by Jerry Waller in which the Klansman defendant who portrayed as evidence the state of mind of the victim. The defense argued that, "His utterances were not sufficient to establish the defendant as murder." The judge said that the tape would be "absolutely prejudicial" to the defendants.

Waller told the jury, "That's what we need—a martyr," and. It was the state's duty not to ignore the pathological violence of the state.

The state's defense was based on the argument that the defendants were "defend-...ing the state's property." The defense argued that the defendants were simply trying to protect the state's property. However, the defense was unable to present evidence to support this claim. The defense was also unable to explain why the defendants were shot in the back by state troopers. The defense rested its case last week, and the jury is expected to announce its decision in the coming days.

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At your solicited comments, questions, and suggestions on the new documents, and encourage the submitting of letters for publication in the Revolutionary Worker. Groups and individuals are urged to contact the Party with their comments and to set up meetings to discuss

Any topic covered in the drafts is to be open to discussion. The publication of letters does not indicate that the Party necessarily agrees with the position stated in them. Others are free to respond to the points raised, but as a rule we will not.

This is because this process is not simply an airing of grievances but the beginning of a search for the correct lines of class struggle, for the correct policies, and for the right to the political questions.

In other words, these freedoms may not only help keep your socialism, they may also be essential for you to get your socialism.

In friendship,
A Lawyer

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The re-write states: "The most important task of the proletariat in building the new society is to unleash the productive forces from the fetters of capitalism, and this includes bringing women into production as well as political life on a massive and equal basis." This is wrong. The goal of the proletariat in power is to abolish all class distinctions and all social and ideological barriers that enslave and sustain such divisions and inequalities. Our aim is to liberate mankind to master the laws of society and nature to transform them in our common interests. Unleashing the productive forces and breaking down the oppressive and exploitative division of labor inherited from centuries of class rule and particularly from capitalism is a prerequisite to, not a consequence of, the end of the exploitation of women. Full liberation of women cannot be accomplished without involving working women in all aspects and at all levels of production. In its own twisted and brutal way, capitalism has made certain contributions to this process as its parasitic imperialist state has dragged more and more women into the workforce, although in the lowest paying, least desirable jobs. While this in no way equates the oppression of women, it does multiply capitalism's grave-diggers many fold by shattering the isolation of domestic drudgery for a majority of women and bringing them into political and economic life. Under the rule of the working class the process of bringing women in production must be greatly accelerated, and all forms of discrimination against women must be smashed. In this way, ending the oppression of women is a vital part of unleashing the productive forces, which are the bricks and mortar for socialism's triumph.

A lawyer

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The re-write gives special attention to the question of women. It is not too soon to specify precise procedural rights and institutions, which must develop in the course of concrete experience and conditions. (See Programme, p. 41.) However, it is not too soon to see forth—much more than this—how the Programme Drafts give general guidelines for developing ways to protect the working class from abuses and takeovers of power by party leaders or their lackeys.

There should also be a way of removing errant party leaders. Mass struggle is one way, but it often fails in the short run. Revolution is another way, but it may take decades to succeed, and in the meantime the workers can be made miserable. Another way, not mentioned in the Programme, is to hold constitutional referendums, to allow persons to be arrested for embezzlement or corruption.

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is untouched by the one thousand and one ways the bourgeoisie uses art, culture, advertising, education, politics and its massive bureaucracy to try to confuse, demoralize and suppress us and keep us forever chained to their reactionary rule! After the proletariat has seized power and we are struggling towards communism, we can imagine how much more central and decisive (although for an entirely different class purpose) the superstructure will become. Throwing off the shackles of women's oppression must take just as real a form in the superstructure as in the economic base.

Reply No. 2

Dear Friends,

I'm writing about the section in the draft Programme about women. I was glad that someone wrote and criticized its weaknesses, but I feel that their re-write was suffering from economism too. I don't understand the question well enough to submit something but I'd like to just tell you a couple of things.

The real challenging thing to me is that we are going to build towards a classless society—socialism is a transition to communism—how does the woman question fit in. You have to paint a picture of what we're shooting for; not just a shopping list of reforms (which is narrow and unchallenging). More around how that struggle's gonna look—not just for men to take up either. The first time I heard about freeing women up from childbirth and conquering nature I freaked out. You have to explain why this stuff should and will happen for total equality to be achieved. I also think you were trying to not step on toes around the question of the family and how it came to be and what needs to happen there as far as reaching communism. Remember; socialism is just a transition. Yes there will be reforms and protective laws for us and mass political struggle to get this stuff but you didn't even put out to get where very clearly. The bourgeoisie says Marxists want to destroy the family to freak people out. You must explain this stuff. On the one hand you don't encourage people's families breaking up but yet if socialism is a transition, please explain how we deal with that. It can't just evolve, right? And even though it could take YEARS to get to communism—don't we want to try and prepare consciously. I hope you or another reader will continue to deepen this question in the pages of the paper.

H.S.

An RCP supporter

Organs of Political Power

A few notes on the section "Organs of Political Power." In particular, "the armed forces of the proletarian revolution.

The revolutionary armed forces "will be developed out of the masses' organizations in struggle" and the political struggle "among the troops...to continually raise the consciousness as to the objective and the character of the war...is a correct political orientation for achieving victory in the building of the revolutionary army, for laying the basis for victory in the armed struggle, the civil war. It is important to stress that wielding the gun must never be raised above politics, or thought to stand outside politics, but be used for carrying out the political tasks of the revolution, and basing the army on "political education and struggle" will indeed take politics and weld it to the trigger of the gun. As stated in the DP, this political orientation goes smack up against the dictatorial "structure and command" of the bourgeois army, but I believe it should also be made clear that the revolutionary army will have an iron discipline based on this orientation, which is a form of democracy, in which plans, policies and tactics will all, once determined, be subject to the order. The DP leaves open a crack, an interpretation that there will be some form of "grand" democracy, a social democratic structure ruling in the army. Also, in this section, it would be a good point to add, "the rank and file soldiers will have a role, an important voice, in the appointment and removal of their officers, officers who should represent to the rank and file soldiers a determination, a discipline—conscious voluntary discipline—and heroism that arouses and instills in them the same stand."

These armed forces "will be closely linked with and rely on the masses of people for support. Mao Tsetung stated about the relationship between the people and the troops, 'The former may be likened to water and the latter to the fish who inhabit it. How may it be said that these two cannot exist together? It is only undisciplined troops who make the people their enemies and who, like the fish
"Moral Majority" Caught With Its Pants Down

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out of its native element, cannot live. Here I believe that the statement in the DP is a bit too strong. While the DP is right in pointing out the role of the media in reinforcing the moral majority, the statement should take into account the complexity of the issue and recognize that the media can also play a role in highlighting and combating the abuses of the moral majority. Furthermore, the statement should not be interpreted as a call for censorship or suppression of media content that raises concerns about the moral majority's influence. Instead, it should encourage the media to exercise responsible and critical reporting, fostering a more balanced and informed public discourse.

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The DP, in an attempt to provide a clear direction, recommends that the government establish a committee to investigate the moral majority's influence and its impact on the legal system. This committee should include representatives from various sectors, such as legal experts, human rights advocates, and members of the public who have been affected by the moral majority's actions.

In conclusion, the statement in the DP is an important reminder of the need to address the moral majority's influence and to work towards a more inclusive and equitable society. The government, the media, and all members of society must come together to ensure that the voices of marginalized communities are heard and that the principles of justice and equality are upheld.
The RW and the ‘100 FLOWERS’ Campaign

Why is the raising of the class consciousness of the masses fundamental, and what did the advanced people do in the old days to develop the ideological work among the masses? The RW, Aug. 29, 1980. The CWP’s line is that the masses don’t need to be politically conscious to make revolution, but they need to be politically conscious to resist the ruling class. This is the basic difference between Marxism and non-Marxist ideologies. This is why revolution and propaganda are the crucial link in the pre-revolutionary period.

To the RW and the ‘100 FLOWERS’ Campaign

100,000 people “guided by the ideas and a consciousness which really grasps the dynamic of the mass movement” are leading them around by the nose. Isn’t this how the RW views the struggle against the enemy that we are able to win.

To the RW, he says. The way he puts it is that military actions will inspire people across the country to take action themselves. He says that the only reason the Miami rebellion didn’t spread to other cities is that the people there didn’t have a class-consciousness. The words “socialist revolution” are the real key here. The RW says that the CWP line is that the masses are for revolution, but the RCP is waging a “constant struggle” against this. The RW says: “I’ve got to do something right now. I can’t wait a couple of years for revolution,” he said. When I asked him what kind of action he would take in this situation, he said: “I can’t worry about changing society right now—there aren’t a lot of people are ready to overthrow the system now.”

While I can definitely unite with this comrade’s desire to get down right now, his response reminded me of what I read about the type of revolutions that in reality are nothing more than palace coups—a change of government from the old set of exploiters to new ones. This has happened even where the rulers, such as Fidel Castro for example, start out with good and sincere intentions of liberating their people from the clutches of imperialism but could not achieve this goal because they lacked the guidance of the revolutionary science of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. His response that “the question is not about changing society right now” is emphasized by the vital importance of popularizing the RCP’s Daily Programme for making revolution and transforming society under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We have the responsibility of furnishing the advanced people, like my comrade to the necessity for the masses of people, led by the working class and its Party, to step by step gain experience and widen and exploit exploitation and oppression under socialism and finance.

Whether or not we understand the actual possibility of this has everything to do with how we see the struggle against the enemy that we are able to win. Not just one or two comrade(s) are being driven to their suicide by the RW, but the masses, too. Like the article says: “The RW was a 10,000 ton freighter in a 3,000 ton drydock.”

The RW rips this apart: “The CWP line is anti-Marxist. It’s true that people within the whole party struggle about why and how can we change anything, much less make revolution? The RW was a battle against the enemy that we are able to win.”

Comrades:

Recent advances in my understanding of the role of the advanced, particularly of the consciousness of the masses, aren’t we following the same line?

Dear RW:

A friend of mine recently got out of jail and was just writing to me about how he had no idea why he had got into trouble in the first place, and the political consciousness of the masses, aren’t we following the same line?

Detroiter reader

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Iranian Resistance

The initial Iraqi thrust failed to de-orient the U.S. military analysts who expected the PNN to develop a new strategy and then to turn around and attack the Soviet Union.

The U.S. military analysts have consistently underestimated the Iranian people's strength in the face of the Iraqi invasion. Even as they gained by setting off the bombs and rockets, they began to realize that the Iraqi occupation forces were being driven out of Iran.

In the first phase of the war, the U.S. military analysts found that the Iranian forces were being driven out of Iran by the lightweight and poorly armed forces of the Iranian people. They continued to underestimate the Iranian people's strength and to believe that the Iraqis would be able to take over Iran without much difficulty.

However, as the war progressed, the Iranian people showed their determination and resilience. They continued to fight back against the Iraqi forces, and the U.S. military analysts were forced to admit that they had underestimated the Iranian people's strength.

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"Carter is handling this diplomatic problem at the UN and also the military problems very cautiously. He is leaving it to the allies to persuade the Tehran government that the United Nations is willing to help Iran in its defense against Iraq's invasion. He is basing his policy on the UN Charter, but making clear that the principles of the Charter require the liberation of the hostages as well as the defense of Iran against invasion...

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strengthened. As commander-in-chief of the armed forces, he also took credit for the heroic resistance of his officers. Despite the fact that the IRP has continued to attack the government, it has been able to undermine the efforts of the imperialists in their efforts to paint Iran as an isolated country. The IRP provides a platform for the democratic forces in Iran, and it is clear that they have been able to mobilize the masses of Iran. In northern Iran, where the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) has led the struggle against Iraq, the government has been forced to change its position on top of the Kurdish issue. This is because the KDP has been able to mobilize the masses of Kurdish people and to keep the Kurdish issue alive.

The government's conduct of the war is characterized by its lack of a clear strategy and its inability to make the right decisions. This is evident in the way that the government has handled the situation in the city of Abadan, where the government has been forced to evict the masses of workers and to use force to keep them out of the city. This shows that the government is not able to handle the situation effectively, and that it is not capable of providing a clear strategy for the war.

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