BLACKS & WHITE YOUTH VS. BRITISH COPS

BRIXTON SHAKES
A SINKING EMPIRE

May 1st, 1981
INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY
DOWN WITH THE OLD ORDER AND FIGHT TO BRING ALIVE THE NEW

Brixton, England. The predominantly Black ghetto of Brixton in south London has exploded in a massive rebellion against the police that is sending Britain’s imperial rulers, from Whitehall to Downing Street, as well as the bourgeoisie internationally, reeling from the shockwaves. Brixton has been turned into a seething battleground by hundreds of Black West Indian youth in a righteous eruption of pent-up hatred for the savage national repression they face. And in this revolt they have been joined by hundreds of white youth as well as other residents who live in this working class district. Together, in the flames that engulfed Railton Road—now known in Brixton as “the Front line”—they are delivering a proletarian manifesto that will not soon be forgotten in England or around the world. And in the despicable attempts of the bourgeoisie to portray these events in Brixton as a “race riot,” it is

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Dear Revolutionary Worker,

On April 8, 1981 the following "subpoena" was served in the name of the War Crimes Tribunal on Professor Barker as a representative of the UC Berkeley Livermore Lab where, in conjunction with UC at Los Alamos, every nuclear weapon in the U.S. arsenal has been developed:

Text of the Subpoena

"To those who are involved in research and development at the Livermore Lab: the Mass Proletarian War Crimes Tribunal of U.S. imperialism summons you to appear at the mass crimes tribunal which will open in the San Francisco Bay Area on April 24th, 1981, at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St, San Francisco, California. In particular you are called to testify at the hearing session on nuclear and other weaponry from the A-bomb to the neutron bomb which includes testimonies from survivors of the A-bombs dropped on the people of Japan in 1945 and also other victims of the products of the research and development in which Livermore Lab has led the way, and which has been used by the U.S. imperialists to try to exterminate, terrorize and intimidate sections of humanity and which now threaten nuclear war. Today, as the rulers of this country carry on their criminal actions in El Salvador and elsewhere and prepare for even more foul deeds, the people of the world justly demand that those who have taken part in the development of these weapons appear before the tribunal and explain and defend their actions. Many scientists have over the years repudiated the unspeakable criminality that is concentrated in such weapons. We call on them to testify and help build the tribunal and we challenge others who continue to support and take part in this activity to appear before the tribunal or be exposed as willing and conscious agents of imperialism."

We presented this demand to Mr. Barker at a debate on "counterforce weapons" attended by several hundred. Barker was explaining why more nucleas, particularly the MX, are needed to restrain the Russians while his opponents argued that the U.S. doesn't need the MX but that if it was needed it should be debated.

We interrupted this criminal charade to serve the subpoena on Barker and pass out copies to the crowd. The mood of the evening changed; as one said later, "It was like a breath of fresh air." The moderator and a few others who said we shouldn't interrupt the debate were unable to rally support as the subpoena and the War Crimes Tribunal continued to support and take part in Imperialism's war crimes against the peoples of the world will begin this week in California:

San Francisco Bay Area
Friday, April 24, 7-11 p.m.
Saturday, April 25, Noon-5 p.m.; 7-11 p.m.
Sunday, April 26, 10 p.m.
At the Women's Building
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The Tribunal Subpoena Servers
Wherever the Masses of People Are in Revolt the Red Flag Must Be Raised!

A Proposal for a Red Bridge

“Everywhere the modern overlords look, they see the people in their midst. They see the people invading their playgrounds, their playgrounds invaded in turn. They see the people in their midst, they see the people in their midst. They see the people of the world marching, demanding their rights and bear the unmistakable signs of May First.”

In every sphere of society, there are healthy stirrings of rebellion, protests against the demands of authority, and the hint of imperialism’s decay to bring to birth new things. Armed with a sweeping vision of the revolutionary transformation of all society, training for and being closer to the surroundings, Marcuse is absolutely required for such profound change, new ways things can be transformed. The revolutionary proletariat is born into the world on May First 1981. What liberating transformations of present relations can we create now so that May First is the most powerful manifesto for the future?

In the sphere of literature and art, a genuine revolution of consciousness is taking place. A gulf which exists quite “naturally,” as Marcuse would say, the gulf between the creators of new art and the audience is breaking the barrier of “refined” taste, “natural” wage slaves are not interested in or able to influence the kind of art which is produc
ted and consumed; “naturally” this has come about because the bourgeoisie, who do see further and cleaner, the urgency of action is all the more evident in the context of an imperialist world, willing to die to rid their country of the “natural” proletarians and those artists who do see further and cleaner, the urgency of action is all the more evident in the context of an imperialist world, willing to die to rid their country of oppression breeds resistance and in their growing crisis they cannot tolerate this. They must reorder order and progress further. But they are stuck here too. They can’t eliminate the fact that oppression does breed resistance.

The attacks in El Salvador or in Atlanta are not accidents or isolated phenomena. Hardly anyone thinks that any kind of sin of the bourgeoisie than any kind of something is the “throwback” to a reactionary force. This, and far more variegated, ugly crimes—i.e., the future imperialism is offering the masses of the whole world. These policies are the product of a ruling class that has lost its mind temporarily and simply needs a mass movement to pressure it “back” on to series. On the contrary, this is imperialism’s forward motion. But it is also, and most importantly, imperialism showing what this motion gives rise to. The imperialists, movements here and internationally, the imperialists show in embryo what is developing. They contain clear, ideological, economic, political and social weaknesses, that the classes and strata that are taking part (in various ways) in the struggle to actually topple them.

Event like those in El Salvador and Atlanta are not occurring in a vacuum. They occur in a world already seething with revolutionary struggles. True, these struggles, including in the U.S., are not at the heights they were in the 60’s. But in more than a few countries, taking part (in various ways) in the struggle to actually topple them.

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EXCERPTS FROM "BARRICADES IN BERLIN"

SECURING A BASE AREA FOR MAY 1ST

Aloud three o'clock the loud singing of a demonstration coming from the Wiesenstrasse into the Kollnitzerstrasse was heard; it was led by a young communist. Everybody ran down the alley to meet the demonstration. Again the windows flew open, again they shouted: "Red Front!" and waved downwards with flags which the anxious women with closed ranks the marchers passed through the alley gathering more and more men and women as they went along.

Anna ran by the side of the demonstrators. She was thinking how curiously the demonstration changed at once the expression on the faces of the people in the alley. The nervous tension had vanished. All at once they felt themselves filled with a sense of a new conscious, confident power, through the steady rhythm of marching shouldered to shoulder.

For the first time in her life Anna felt, as she marched through the alley with these thousands, a strong wave of elation rising from her heart to her burning eyes. It was a deep inner feeling which swept her up to meet the demonstration. Again the window panes were opened, again they shouted: "B-L-O-O-D-H-O-U-N-D-S!"

Wiesenstrasse into the Kolsinerstrasse. Only when the singing stopped and the people around her started to boo, to whistle, was she made aware of her own red round! The red spot in his buttonhole was her recognition. . . .

She was seized by fear, but not for herself—for the others, for all, for the comrades who are fighting. Someone shouted: "Stand where you are, comrades!"

She was pushed to the front with the others. The calm light had vanished from the ashes faces. A piercing woman's voice shrieked from a window: "B-L-O-O-D-H-O-U-N-D-S!"

"Like a torn gust of wind the shrill voice echoed above the heads of the masses. Out of the Reichenkendorfstrasse, behind them, the long-drawn signal of a police van was heard. Somewhere in the rear a thin, cut throat voice: "Fire."

The young man in front of her turned round. The red spot in his buttonhole danced before her eyes. It became larger and larger. A red circle in mad rotation!

"O-o-oo!" the worker before her clasped his stomach and collapsed with a painful groan. A few yards farther along, the pale hysterical face of a policeman appeared.

"A stone tore the smooth, bezarded skin, his helmet flew off. Funny—how light his hair was above his bleaching face. After that Anna could remember nothing.

The police stormed over her, cannon. Bullets and bullets cleared the street. Behind them dark forms of bodies in cramped positions, faces on the ground. A huge crowd was flinging stones in the roadway. From under the stomach of the shot young man a thin streak of blood trickled into the grey dust. A few paces further on an unknown face the colour of ashes stared with wide eyes into the blue sky. Foam red bubbles burst from the open mouth. The blunted bullet had torn the lungs of a man. One man tried to crawl to the side of the street with a shot knee. A child ran aimlessly and screaming across the street with a drooping hand, apparently broken. Someone was calling for an ambulance.

Four or five young workers carried the wounded carefully into a house. The colourless head of the man with the sagging mouth hanging backward. Three dark puddles remained on the empty street.

In the alley the police were running past the quickly locked-up doorways. Shots cracked between the high walls like the firing of cannons. The enemy was invisible, the street empty. Revolver dark colors. But the light lay the dangerous, hated enemy. Under the helmets the faces were terror-stricken. . . . Before them—behind them—above them—crouched the enemy. Thousands, hundreds—thousands—the whole alley is full of them—there is no way back. . . .

Anna was thinking how the whole alley became alive and strong with these thousands, a strong wave of elation rising from her heart to her burning eyes.
WE'RE PLANNING TO TAKE HISTORY INTO OUR HANDS

correspondence on May 1st

In response to the call in the March 27 issue of the Revolutionary Worker for class-conscious proletarians to initiate "broad discussion and concrete plans" for the most appropriate forms of struggle on May Day, 1981, the RW has received a good number of letters with a broad range of ideas for revolutionary activity on that day—revolutionary activity aimed at concretely implementing the slogan put forward for May Day, 'Take History Into Our Hands!'

May Day! May Day! May Day is the day of the international revolutionary workers around the world. Close to the proletarian day, exploited by the privileged bourgeoisie. Privileged—but not for much longer, because right now all over the world we have a revolutionary line that is leading us to liberation from imperialism—the line of Marx, Lenin and Mao. It is also the day of the liberation of mankind. Who died fighting against Imperialism September 26, 1980: the ex-member of the Black Liberation Army, comrade David Garcia, who fought to bring alive the new! While the particular ideas and suggestions in the letters printed below are not necessarily recommendations by the RW for the proper forms of struggle on May First, they should even further fuel the imagination and stimulate the formation of creative and above all bold plans for May Day. More is needed! Solidarity is called for!—the RW right away—there's only 2 weeks till May Day!

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streets littered with the burned out hulks of police vehicles. As one black cop, fed up with the endless siring of riot shield and equipped only with boxes to protect himself, within the black and white youth. As police officers attempted to advance, a petrol bomb sailed off the top of an adjacent apartment block, and the same was itself set upon atid torched by camo-in-guine* fatigues dashed across the wood from the flames and hurled liiem on the marchers—blacks, whites and other immigrants reserved for a national commisson "to inquir generally into the serious disorder and a growing number of whites that have gone through profound changes in political consciousness in the past two decades. In Britian in particular there has been a rise of right wing groups—like Malcolm X, to whom the second generation West Indians will look to for leadership and rebellion and become infected with revolutionary ideas. The mid-'60s saw the rise of a national Black Power movement as British blacks, influenced by what was happening in America, learned of the potential for black resistance. The Brixton and other major disturbances of the late '60s were sparked by the black bourgeoisie's desire to escape the deplorable conditions in which they were imprisoned, with increasing violence and subjectivity...
A police van is overturned.

they were met by bricks, bottles and smokebombs as widespread street-fighting broke out. One important anti-racist manifestation of growing black/white unity in recent years has been the Rock Against Racism (RAR) movement that started in Britain and spread worldwide, as well as the emerging of reggae music and the popularization of West Indian culture among whites by British punk, rock and reggae bands, many of whom have taken progressive and revolutionary political stands in their songs. The Clash and reggae singer Linton Kwesi Johnson, among others, have come out of the punk movement which, at peace demonstrations, often ran from a united working class community of whites, West Indian blacks, Indians and Pakistanis took on 2,000 police at a demonstration there against the National Front, the surprisingly police went out of their way to attack a local musician’s co-op and wreck the equipment of a number of punk and reggae bands active in Rock Against Racism.

In the last year, things have sharpened considerably. In April, 1980 the working class suburb of Brixton (where black unemployment is 35%) erupted as 2,000 West Indians took to the streets and fought the police after they were forced to close down a social club called the Black and White Cave (named after the black Jamaican owner and his white wife). The cops were forced to release the black youth, who then betrayed the fact that they had been chased, their guns thrust at them by the police and forced to stand around and run.“This is a nightmare for imperialism. As a part of a deepening world crisis, it comes at a time when the tightening of the purse strings, in preparation for war, has led to the rise of the “class war”. Yet this is not an absolute necessity. Instead they get an offensive weapon,” etc. etc. the open apologia for the police headlined “Why we stop black youngsters, quoted without comment the remarks of one officer who remarked “There is an almost inbred tendency for the coloured people to believe they ought to be able to do their own thing.”

Perhaps the most ludicrous example of this blatant lying was on ABC’s “Nightline” program when Tom Jarrel earnestly described the outbreak of “violent crime” in Brixton as the film footage shown on the TV screen showed blacks and large numbers of whites undocking facades of bricks and bricks into the ranks of the pigs. The London Times, while unable to bury the obvious truth, devoted a disproportionate amount of space to such sleazy (and political) features as HOW THE REGgae MUSIC SOURCED FOR MRS. X (a white, of course). One feature, an open apologia for the police headlined “The London Times, while unable to bury the obvious truth, devoted a disproportionate amount of space to such sleazy (and political) features as HOW THE REGgae MUSIC SOURCED FOR MRS. X (a white, of course). One feature, an open apologia for the police headlined “WHY WE STOP BLACK YOUNGSTERS, quoted without comment the remarks of one officer who remarked “There is an almost inbred tendency for the coloured people to believe they ought to be able to do their own thing.” Naturally, there was no speculation on the genetic makeup of those rebelling whites who just happened to be doing the same thing. Indeed, we might point out to those distinguished bourgeois anthropologists who are so piously concerned with the “growing race relations problem” that this least of all the imperialist’s worries was immediately evident (apparently, quite painfully for the bourgeoisie) that the race relations in the streets of Brixton were most comradely as far as the different sections of the proletariat were concerned—especially as regards their violent.”

The police are being forced to admit that they are by the Day. Today, in Turkey, for example, the state is suppressing the mass of revolutionary struggle under the banner of “stopping Left. Right factionalism.” It would be the duty of the Party to expose this, and to work to further broaden the forces. “Race War” was once a lie. From the beginning there would certainly be other oppressed nationalities, youth, women, whites in the ‘real proletariat’ and others in the battle. And beyond that the objective content of such a struggle would be in the interests of the masses, as well as the anti-imperialist movement that started in Britain and spread internationally. And from the beginning the Party would be working to lead and to broaden the struggle. But, still, the enemy would almost certainly be able to try to destroy the struggle in this way.

By the time two nights of nothing had had sufficient time, the situation remains a smouldering powderkeg that can, in the right conditions, erupt into a conflagration. After the police forces in the Brixton community have announced the formation of a Brixton Defence Committee which has called for a massive solidarity rally on Easter Monday to protest the continued arrest of those arrested. The London Times reporting on a stormy meeting of the defence committee noted, “Youths from the front lines, otherwise known as Black militants, were in an offensive mood, declaring that they would never stand idle while the police behaved as they did.” Clearly, more will be heard from the streets of Brixton and many other proletarian communities as well.
Space Shuttle

One Giant Step for Chauvinism & Militarism

On the morning of Sunday, April 12, the latest weapon in the U.S. military arsenal, the space shuttle Columbia, was launched into orbit. Two days later it landed at Edwards Air Force Base. As the launch drew near and in its wake virtually all public pretense that the shuttle program was for anything other than military purposes was dropped by the bourgeoisie—once again treating this country and the world to a crass orgy of “U.S. No. 1” chauvinism. After years of trying to disguise the real nature and purpose of the space shuttle as a vehicle to deploy U.S. weaponry and other military-related payloads into outer space, it was time to take the wraps off. It was becoming common knowledge that the whole thing was really anyway, and more than that the open and flagrant flaunting of this new military “technobuffery” was a good opportunity to whip up the troops (you know, the type with the Winnebago and the U.S. bicentennial flag on it, and whose favorite song is “Old Glory,” as sung by Kate Smith or perhaps Charlie Daniels) in preparation for World War 3, space wars and all.

"Hall Columbia" read the banner headlines. “The spectacular maiden flight of the space shuttle Columbia put the United States at least ten years ahead of the Soviet Union in the race for supremacy in outer space,” boasted the Washington Post. “It put the United States so far ahead that it raises the edifice of military satellites, space laser weapons, particle beams, particle beams, etc. Or check out this carefully prepared exchange about the shuttle between ABC newscaster Frank Reynolds and former astronaut Cernan:

Reynolds: This is a big step forward for science.
Cernan: Yes, certainly true.
Reynolds: But it also has a military application, doesn’t it?
Cernan: Yes, it does.
Reynolds: Is that something that the United States should be ashamed about?
Cernan: No, I certainly don’t think so. The Columbia is up there with the American flag and USA written on it. It should represent the U.S. in every area of human endeavor.

Cernan then went on to talk about the Soviet use of space for military purposes and why the U.S. needs to be number one in the space warfare field. Throughout the week the deluge of patriotic innuendos typical of the U.S. imperialism continued. The message to the astronauts from Commander-in-Chief Reagan was a classic piece of warmed-over trash from the hostage-hosting homecoming: “Through you, today, we all feel as patriotic once again. Once again we feel the surge of pride that comes from knowing that we are the first and we are the best and we are so free.” Newspaper stories from the launch at Cape Canaveral quoted spectators blathering things like, “It makes you believe in the United States, and Doggone it, it’s about time.” The whole world now knows that we can do something.” A spectator at the space shuttle landing site dredged up by NBC news gulped, “I had a deep sense of patriotism watching it.” And in case you still didn’t get the message, the correspondent quickly added, “I heard people shouting. We’re number one. Some were saying, ‘What should we do now, say the pledge of allegiance?’ In all it seems to be a very patriotic feeling.” All the imperialism’s leading TV news mouthpieces were hauled out to the West Coast to host the exclusive coverage of the Columbia skidding to a curb in the water, hot and dusty California desert. Dan Rather, apparently inspired by this setting, began recounting how the other great American astronauts first as John Wayne movies and the TV shows Gunsmoke and Wagon Train were filmed in this same desert.

U.S. imperialism’s robot astronauts, following the footsteps of their 19th-century forebears, became instant heroes, receiving messages from the President, radio calls from the Vice President, medals from the governor of California and attending ceremonies presided over by others, such as the Secretary of the Air Force and the Commanding General of the Air Force system’s command (who bellowed, right on cue, “This flight proves once again that the U.S. is number one”). Every ex-astronaut that could be scavenged up was trotted out for public display. Particularly revealing were the comments of the two ex-astronaut U.S. Senators, John Glenn and Harrison Schmitt, who were interviewed by the New York Times. Schmidt, ridiculing the idea that the shuttle could or should be justified in terms of its economic benefits, argued, “The justification is that we have to be a space-ferrying nation and we must push outward ahead of the Soviet Union and their civilization,” and then adding, “We have not even begun to understand all the military uses in space.” Senator Glenn, asked if private industry shouldn’t pay for the shuttle, responded, “What present industry would have been interested in the Manhattan Project (the project which built the first atomic bombs during World War 2—R.W.)? There certainly can be no doubt left as to what the purpose of the space shuttle program and other U.S. space programs is. Nor can there be any doubt left that both superpowers are planning to make space a key battlefield in the approaching war. Virtually all prior to the contrary is being dropped along with any space programs that are not military-related, such as the observation of other planets and so forth.

Killer satellites and the like are only the beginning of what the imperialists are dreaming of. What about manned battleships in space? A simply amazing idea. This is, in fact, the goal that both superpowers are frantically and desperately racing to achieve. (One U.S. newspaper dubbed U.S. plans for such an orbiting battlefield a “Pentagon in Orbit.”) So far, the Soviets have relied on extended missions using the Soviet small-scale space stations and on deploying hunter-killer satellites, while the U.S. has been able to launch its space shuttle program designed to make frequent flights with heavy payloads which could be anything from satellites to parts for permanent space stations. In the recent run the aim of the shuttle is to launch, service and repair a variety of military satellites, to directly spy on enemy activity, to photograph, destroy, and capture Soviet satellites, and perhaps even launch nuclear warheads toward earth from space.

All this should come as no surprise. After all, war on a constantly expand- ing scale is an essential and basic feature of imperialism. And so far as the good ship Columbia goes, as astronaut Cernan so aptly put it, “It’s up there with the American flag and USA written on it.”

DOWN WITH US/SOVET WAR MOVES

May 1st, 1981

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY
Controversy groups including a number long associated with the revisionist CP and revoke the permit. They went to the C.

dividuals and a variety of reformist pulled together to demand that the city would be faced with some new conditions. We have been taught, we shall be all.

The final conflict. Let us find in its place. The Internationale. Shall be the human race.

We have no uncontested saviors. To rule as we are not for our friends. Let us consult for the chief who's dog and To free the spirit from self, to decide ourselves our duty. We must decide and do it well.

KKK Routed in San Jose

Red Flags and A Swirl of Controversy

When the San Jose Police Department gave the KKK a permit for a rally in St. James Park in downtown San Jose, California, they tried to keep it a secret for two weeks. But when word got out that the police had given the Klan the permit in hold what they called a "recruitng" rally, a torrent of outrage was unleashed. Right away, people began to talk about going to oppose the Klan. Party members and con-

sumers were approached with questions from the masses—what are we going to do? This was not just a question of tactics, but more profound questions, representing real advances in how the broad masses view the party—formally, they wanted to know what class conscious workers should do in this situation. Before the KKK ever set foot in the park that the revolutionary mindset had every desire to express their anger at the Klan and the bourgeoisie's use of them to rally their reactionary social base and people were asking, "How much does it cost to get out of jail, and how long does it take?" in preparation for the rally. Plans were laid for revolutionaries to go to the rally, uniting all who could be united beforehand, particularly the youth, to raise the red flag and call on all those who came to oppose the Klan to take up building for the "glory of the melting pot that is this coun-

ty."Apparently their conception of the "glory of the melting pot" in eludes lynchingst and freedomr 
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tions, since one person singled out for praise in the days leading up to the Klan rally was vice-mayor of San Jose, Lola Williams, a Black woman whose father's cemlen was burned to death when the Klan firebombed his home for speaking up for voting rights for Black people 15 years ago. As a headline in the San Jose Mercury put it, "Lola Williams Showed Real 'Class' on the KKK Rally Issue." She voted for the Klan rally.

The politicians' attempt to keep the masses as far away from the Klan as possible split the CAR forces down the middle. A group of poverty pimps and various "social workers" who work with the police—all of them on the city payroll—followed their bosses' lead and supported the Mayor's melting pot. Other forces in CAR organized and built for a rally against racism in St. James Park, across the street from the Klan, "to confront the Klan in an orderly peaceful manner."

All of this debate, deceit, and self-

exposure by the bourgeoisie, and the way they rubbed their hypocrisy in people's faces all over the media, routed many proletarian and revolutionary-minded forces from San Jose and surrounding cities; and on April 11 in St. James Park, two thousand angry folks turned out to confront the Klan. They were not orderly, they were not peaceful, and what had been bourgeoisie democratic reaction ended up as an impor-
tant advance for the proletariat and the oppressed—a way when the red, white and blue was stomped, burned and destroyed and the red flag of the international proletariat was picked up by many new hands with a clearer and stronger vision of May 1, 1981 and pro-

letarian revolution. This caused one columnist for the San Jose Mercury to mean following the rally, in an article entitled, "The Klan vs. the Crowd:—and Democracy Loses!"; "it was a rotten morning at the park, a morning filled with obscenities, with ominous, with the sight of the police; with the sight of democracy being twisted into perversion shapes;" and one again is tempted to thank the perverted minds of democracy for getting us out of jail, and how long does it take?" in preparation for May 1st, that the red flag was the opposite of the red, white and blue, which was raised by the Klan and was rightfully theirs.

While the revolutionaries were still very much buffeted up, and very much in the face of the agitator, as the masses began step forward the scene changed. A Black Vietcong vet came right into the center of the crowd and began to agitate to the crow and the Klan. He was from another clay, real the RW, and his life was based on his own experience, and the training he received in this country. And he was red forward to play a crucial role in helping give political leadership to much of what went on the rest of the day in the park. He said, "The red flag means to us but what U.S. im-

perialism means around the world. "The red flag of revolution. That's the one we want. And the other." When a 

reactionary came up and told him he'd be arrested, the agitator told him he'd let him arrest him, if it's going to flatten him. He told people it's not just a question of what the American flag means to the U.S. imperialism. It's a symbol of what the U.S. imperialism means around the world. "This is the red flag of revolution. That's the one we want. And the other."

This Vietcong vet concentrated and helped unleash what increasingly came to be seen as the most important clash of the day. The advanced stepped forward many of them fresh forces to take up the red flag, and many other forces, to agitate themselves, to spread May Day leaflets, and copies of the RW and the RW, he step forward to play a crucial role in helping give political leadership to much of what went on the rest of the day in the park. He said, "The red flag means to us but what U.S. imperialism means around the world. "The red flag of revolution. That's the one we want. And the other."

Put the red flag on your hands, take this one and this one and this one.

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One year ago, on April 22, 1980, Comrade Damin García—a member of the Revolutionary Communist Party—was murdered at the Alamo housing project in East Los Angeles. The murder was the tragic result of a communist assassination, an attempt to thwart the gathering momentum of Revolutionary May Day, 1980; an assassination which singled out a comrade well known as a May Day activist. One month before the murder, Damin and two others had helped seize the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas.

All along the LAPD has pushed the bribe-keyed story that Damin was a "victim of gang violence," but Damin's murder was a planned political execution bearing the unmistakable stench of a COINTELPRO-type action. On the day of the murder, Damin and others from the Revolutionary May Day Brigade-marched through the housing projects (which are located in an overwhelmingly Mexican and Chicano area) building for May 1st. They were greeted enthusiastically by the residents. Typically, police cars swarmed around the marchers, but as they approached the site of the shooting, suddenly there were no uniformed pigs in sight. Just as suddenly, the police cars started to confront the march. "You hate the govern'" was the cry. "Communists don't hate the govern'," Damin replied. "You hate the govern'," the police shouted. "Communists don't hate the govern'," Damin said again. The police filled the air, yelling the usual threats. Damin's murder. For the bloody task of人间ing police commission hearings where the PDID—the red squad—was called to testify, the pigs snorted about being glad some one from the RCP was killed. But this was more than a local operation. A veteran, and a Black man, Damian's murder. For the bloody task of人间ing police commission hearings where the PDID—the red squad—was called to testify, the pigs snorted about being glad some one from the RCP was killed. But this was more than a local operation.

The assassination of Comrade Damin García

Is Dead

But in His Death I Came Alive

Damin García is Dead
But in his death I came alive
Every day we are murdered bit by bit
I am 40 years old
A veteran, and a Black man
My brother has been murdered
What you gonna do?
Damin García is dead
But in his death I came alive
He held the blood-red flag as his own blood flowed
I never knew, I had a flag
Until Damin García's death
Rage is nothing new to me
And I've seen death before
But I'm 40 years old and running out of patience
Damin García is Dead
But in his death I came alive
What you gonna do?
I'm gonna take his place, motherfuckers
And if you slit my throat and open my belly
I will be up the hill
Damin García is dead
But in his death I came alive
Damin García is dead
But in his death I came alive
Pass me a red flag
Hand me a gun
And when the time comes and we're all ready
I'll be one with the million
And like all the others
This one's for you, Damin
Cause in your death I came alive

This poem was written by a 40-year-old Black man in the Atlantic City, New Jersey, prison. It was written on a brown paper bag, just after he received the supplement of the Revolutionary Worker on the murder of Damin García. The poem was the last he had written in 5 years. It was read at May 1st rallies in cities across the country last year.

Coming just one year after the murder, this poem is a commentary on the political murder of this Revolutionary Communist Party activist. The poem is a call to arms, a call to continue the struggle for revolution.

April 22, 1980

The Assassination of Comrade Damin García

The presses immediately reported the police story that the assassination was a case of "gang violence," yet as one resident of the project told the R.W., many people in the projects were saying straight up that it was a "police hit." The youth gangs out here just don't fight like that, said the resident. "You're warming, you're told till the last minute, we know the police did it." Within hours of the murder, the L.A. Times had the full detailed story of the killing straight from the police; the newspaper has consistently aided in the coverup of the murder. But others have operated on a more open and blatant level. Soldier of Fortune, a CIA-sponsored magazine which has as its total base any number of imperialists and cutthroats (and which, among other things, carries regular columns on the use of knives in combat and assassination), ran an article about the Alamo massacre immediately after Damin's murder. The article was an open call to exact revenge on revolutionaries.

The police "gang violence" story was extremely thin from the start. Revolutionaries arrested after Damin's murder reported that police at the Hollenbeck police station, where the revolutionaries were taken, the pigs snorted about being glad someone from the RCP was killed. But this was more than a local operation. A veteran, and a Black man.

Police "gang violence" story now in shreds, the authorities make a desperate move to whitewash the blood from their hands. "I didn't know the man who identified Arellano was going to be a gang member, with the help of the media, they breathed new life into their "gang violence" story.

An alarming familiarity with political police methods reality is that even if Arellano was involved in the murder, this in no way rules out the murder as a political murder. The police "gang violence" story was extremely thin from the start.

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Wednesday, April 22

Carry Forward the Spirit of Damian Garcia

April 1981 is the first anniversary of Damian Garcia’s death. His life and the degenerate imperialist crime of his murder will be remembered on that day not only by those who knew him directly, but by many who never met him.

On May 1st, 1980, the Revolutionary Worker Party (RWP) declared Damian Garcia, “a martyr to the struggle for liberation of the oppressed” and “the first martyr in the revolution for the liberation of the oppressed.” The RWP remembers Damian and his contribution to the world revolution that he represented.

Remembering Damián on the Alamo

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New Indictment in Pontiac Frame-up

In a desperate attempt to patch up the evidence for the Pontiac Brothers, on April 7, 1981, state prosecutors announced the indictment of Jesse Harvey, the son of the late Grand Chairman of the Pontiac Brothers, on three counts of murder. In announcing the indictment, Attorney General C. David Vogel said that "it is time to end the Pontiac trial. It is time to put the Pontiac trial behind us and move on." However, the Pontiac trial is far from over. The Pontiac Brothers have not given up. They have vowed to fight on, no matter what it takes. The Pontiac Brothers have always fought for their freedom, and they will continue to fight until they are free.

Letter

"RW is My Spokesman"

I am a slave fenced in here at XX prison and I'm writing to thank you for sending me five pieces of your Revolutionary Workers' literature last week. I enjoyed and look forward to reading and analyzing the contents of each issue. My only regret is that I wasn't executed for my crimes.

A Professor of Physics

Prof. RW:

In recent articles, you have pointed out the relationship between the velocity of light and the mass of an object. However, you have not discussed the implications of this relationship for the theory of relativity. Could you elaborate on this topic?

Thank you.

A revolutionary worker,

"The article referred to appeared in local editions of the Revolutionary Worker shortly before the RW became a national weekly. The article, "Physics and Metaphysics," can be found in the Summer, Vol. 3, No. 3, 1981, issue of the RW."

Law and Order in Argentina

The Alamo

The Alamo was a small mission on the outskirts of San Antonio, Texas. It was built in 1835 by the Spanish Catholics as a fortress to protect themselves from the Indian attacks. The mission was named after the River Alamo, which flows past it. The mission was later acquired by the Mexican government and became a county courthouse.

The Alamo was the site of a famous battle that took place on March 6, 1836. The battle was fought between the Mexican army under General Santa Anna and the Texian army under Colonel William Travis. The battle lasted for 13 days and resulted in the death of all but 6 out of 194 defenders. The battle was a turning point in the Texas Revolution, and it marked the beginning of the end of Mexican rule in Texas.

The Alamo is now a historic site and a popular tourist attraction. It is located in San Antonio and is open to the public.

Law and Order in Argentina

The Pontiac trial is one of the most significant events in the history of the Pontiac Brothers. The Pontiac trial was a trial of three black men who were accused of murder in Pontiac, Illinois. The trial was a symbol of the struggle for justice and equality, and it was a test of the strength of the Pontiac Brothers. The Pontiac Brothers were ultimately successful in the trial, and they continue to fight for justice today.

The Pontiac trial is an example of the determination and courage of the Pontiac Brothers. They are an inspiration to all those who are fighting for justice and equality. The Pontiac Brothers are proof that with determination and courage, anything is possible.
Call to RW Readers to Testify in Connection with Bob Avakian's Demand for Political Refugee Status in France

Astounding though it may be, some people are unable—or unwilling—to recognize that the much advertised democracy in the United States is in reality no more than a big joke. This problem will have an important bearing on the procedure involving Bob Avakian's demand for political refugee status in France. Already in the first paragraph of this piece, the author stated that political persecution has not been proved—that it has not been established that the difficulties encountered with the authorities of his country of origin were of political origin, in the sense of the Geneva Convention. As this case now seems to be reaching its conclusion, the RW is calling on its readers to provide, from their own experience, and to help organize on a grand scale, information and evidence which will clearly demonstrate two basic facts:

1. That the U.S. ruling class—which has been responsible for the war in Vietnam, Pinochet in Chile, the Shah of Iran, South Africa, El Salvador and on and on—is in fact exercises a vicious repressive dictatorship within the U.S. as well.

2. That, in particular, through its various government agencies (and in cooperation with various "private" repressive forces) it is carrying out systematically the repressive laws aimed against revolutionaries in the U.S. and specifically against the RCP and its Chairman Bob Avakian.

This is a chance to testify about the so-called "democracy" in the United States and its true meaning for oppressed and class-conscious people.

Statements that illustrate the above two points should be written down and, if at all possible, notarized* (A notary does not have to somehow approve or verify what you wrote; they are only certifying that you are the person who is signing the statement.) These statements should then be handed over to the local Committee to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants in your area, or if that is not possible, be mailed directly to the National Office of the Committee (P.O. Box 6422—"T" Street Station, Washington, D.C. 20009). If necessary, statements can also be handed over to a regular RW distributor. The kind of statements needed are those pertaining to such things as firings and harassment, framings, beatings, threats, murder, etc., at the hands of police or government agents and especially as these incidents relate to Revolutionary Communist Party members and sympathizers (including people who sell the RW) and all those who testify to Bob Avakian. There is a certain amount of organized effort, and it is in the best interest of the revolutionaries and the bulk of them should be in the hands of the National Office of the Committee before May First. Please note if your statement could also be used (with or without signature) for publication in the Revolutionary Worker.

* (This can be done in many cities at banks, currency exchanges, and many other small business offices).

L.A. Pigs Reveal Fears

May 1, 1980 Trials Set for May 1, 1981

Los Angeles. With the First of May fast approaching, the trial date has been finally set for the 6 May Day defendants who still have charges pending from last year’s demonstration in L.A. The trial date, incidentally, is Friday, May 1, 1981. For a year now the courts have been hemming and hawing, pulling an assortment of legal stall tactics from their bag of judicial tricks, all the while trying to keep the nine defendants (including one accused of "criminal charges" in place around a clearly political bust. And now, all that is cast off is the judge suddenly insists that the trial must begin on May 1st.

Why May First and not April 30th, or May 4th? Why May First when still important evidence required for the defense, that was requested months ago, is rightly in the files of the LAPD? While the authorities have no qualms about tying the revolutionary up in court on May Day, and then forcing them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondary aspect of why their trial was suddenly insisted that the trial must begin on May Day, and thus keeping them off the streets, this is only a secondar...
"Imagine an iron house without windows; absolutely indestructible, with many people fast asleep inside who will soon die of suffocation. But you know since they will die in their sleep, they will not feel the pain of death. Now if you cry aloud to wake a few of the lighter sleepers, making those unfortunate few suffer the agony of irrevocable death, do you think you are doing them a good turn?"

"But if a few awake, you can't say there is no hope of destroying the iron house."

True, in spite of my own conviction, I could not blot out hope, for hope lies in the future. I could not use my own evidence to refute his assertion that it might exist.

Lu Hsun
May Day brigade outside Cabrini-Green.

Main entrance, California high school.

Bethlehem Steel, Seattle.

Housing project, Baltimore.

Freight yards, California.
correspondence on May 1st

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Frontworker

I am a coal worker who can not write well, but I would like you to know what I think about May 1st, 1981. I don’t think this is a day to just say it, but to make a real difference in the world. May 1st is the day when millions of workers will march for their rights. May 1st is a day to show that we workers have come a long way. May 1st is a day to celebrate the victories we have won and the struggles we still have to fight.

May 1st is a day to remember the workers who fought and died for our rights. May 1st is a day to honor the workers who are fighting for their rights today. May 1st is a day to celebrate the国际工人运动.

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"Yes, that's the chief thing, those damned bums!"

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**Red Flags and A Swirl of Controversy**

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—Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA
IN GARCIA

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