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A Proclamation On International Women’s Day
Impeccable in bearing, authoritative in manner, and highly professional in appearance, Jeanne Kirkpatrick has been in many respects the perfect American ambassador to the UN for the Reagan administration. At the UN, she provided the diplomatic equivalent of machine-gunning when one's upper conserves for the Third World and demonstrated nobility vis-a-vis the Soviets, she championed the cause of a great country, "resurgent America," with a distinction which will be sorely forgotten by the world's peoples.

But the death-squad queen was not altogether happy with her UN position. Her disdain for the body was barely disguised. When people began to have things to do without her, she made it clear to all that she desired a more foreign policy focus in the administration, one which would bring her closer to where the real action was. In this, after weeks of fairly noisy public deliberation, she failed, and is now preparing a return to the life of a "scholar," as Georgetown University, that noted hub of imperialist think-tank analysis and training.

One might think that Kirkpatrick's shoes would have been difficult to fill. But such has not been the case. Vernon Walters, the administration has found an equally grotesque caricature of humanity. Where Kirkpatrick earned her spurs through a career as a combative ideologue, Walters, a long history of warm relations with ex-communist leaders, has gained acclaim as the man who "gets things done." In the words of one U.S. diplomat, "For a career spanning over 40 years, serves as a landmark for international intrigue and trataction; his selection serves as an international reaction." This was in 1945, when Kirkpatrick, his selection serves as a signal—an affront and an international reaction.

Walters was born on March 13, 1913, and joined the U.S. Army where, owing to a knack for languages, he worked his way up to become a high-level interpreter and military attache. He served in the CIA coup against the Mossadegh government in Iran, which restored the Shah to power. He worked his way up to become a high-level interpreter and military attache. He served on several occasions, from 1945 to 1972, Walters served as military attache in Paris and as intermediary for Henry Kissinger in making secret contacts with the North Vietnamese and Chinese. His Paris connection was probably more widespread than ever before and and bringing other salutary gains to its members, as well as to the U.S. Meanwhile, Walters continues to invoke the SATO rationale to explain his continued involvement in the world's greatest extramarital conflict, in the worldwide struggle against human freedom will stand in very great danger. Brass knuckles bared, this long history of warm relations with extreme right-wing military governments.

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The Fury in Azania

To the RW:

If anyone wonders what it is like growing up black and a woman in South Africa, chances are you have used your imagination against the knowledge of a holocaust in Azania — Uncle Sam does that all the time.

Azanian women live in back rooms next to the garage in the country's white villages and suburbs, in hostels in the country's townships, in shacks next to the lowest Krall (animal pens) in matchboxs in townships, and in mud huts on the reservations. In short, Azanian women are the pillars on which the racist government has built South Africa.

Growing up a black woman in Azania is waking up one morning and realizing that very few things can function without you but at the same time realizing that you are worthless. Very few things can function unless you wake up from the back room to prepare breakfast for the white man in whose back yard you live in order to make a living — an income one at best — and then make breakfast for the wife and kids too. As his domestic worker you have to decide what the family will eat, what it will wear, and how it will function throughout the day. As a black woman you have followed the trend that used to be led primarily by the male migrant laborers in that you now live in a hostel because your migrant-worker husband left you with six mouths to feed — a woman in the country's white villages and suburbs.

"Resurgent America" has taken particular aim at the masses of women, launching a big ideological and political anticomrade campaign. A counteroffensive is required. On the occasion of International Women's Day, March 8, the Revolutionary Worker is putting out a call for correspondence with women from all walks of life, from the presidential administration to the reactionary antiblack movement to the astronomical incidence of rape; from the bride-burnings in India to the web of feudal "vets" stridulizing women in the oppressed countries — two billion people live the nightmare of what it means to be a woman in a world dominated by men. Women's economic, social, political and property relations and the ideas that enslave women in the belly of the U.S.; others have much to say on the situation of women in the oppressed countries. And we call on women to write and share with our readers what they have accomplished.

As part of this, we call on women to correspond on the very important points raised by Bob Avakian in his latest book, A Horrible End, or An End to the Horror? — points relating to this "touchstone question among the oppressed societies" in the international proletariat's historic task to transform all of society.

Break the Chains! Unleash the Fury of Women As a Mighty Force For Revolution!

Through revolution, I came into political awareness primarily through Feminism, and it is my privilege to be a part of this movement for the black working class. It is the Party's line on women (and the Party line is what I am Spartacist) that I am writing this to respond to the idea of creating an "anti-war" movement for the abolition or to preserve the existing property and social relations and correspondents. Today's opening statement, women are a touchstone question among the oppressed societies, is a statement of fact. In South Africa, this situation epitomizes the apartheid system of oppression. The government has built South Africa's townships, in shacks next to the garage in the country's white villages and suburbs. The government has built the Azanian woman's family as a slave family, as a slave family, as an appendage. But the vitality of the Azanian woman's army and begin their own revolution, and that's the only way it's going to be.

Women! Correspond on the RW for International Women's Day! — Revolutionary Worker
**ITEM:**

**Foot Housekeeping is Given As Reason for Wife's Murder**

MAIDON, Mich.—Feb. 24 (AP)—A Michigan jury, convicting her husband of first-degree murder of their baby, said the woman killed her husband because she was a "poor cook and couldn't keep the house clean." The woman said she was being forced to live in a slob and couldn't

**QUESTION:** How would the New York Times reporter have described the woman who killed her husband because she was a "poor cook and couldn't keep the house clean"? How would they have covered it? They would have...
To Comrade Chiang Ching,

One of the revolutionary leaders in China who, carrying out the line of Mao Tsetung, fought to the limit for the revolutionary cause of the international proletariat against the revisionist bandits now leading China in restoring capitalism and subjugation to imperialism;

Who blasted through all enslaving feudal and bourgeois traditions that held that women could not and should not march in the forefront of the proletarian struggle, surging forward with the masses of Chinese women and at the head of the Chinese people as a whole;

Who blasted new trails in driving emperors, princes, sages and overlords from center stage and in waging a fierce two-line struggle to put art and culture firmly in the service of the revolution;

Who, as First Deputy Chairman of the Cultural Revolution Group, played a vital role in leading the Chinese people in scaling the heights, dealing head-on blows to the bourgeoisie (especially capitalist roaders in the heights of the Party) and carrying the class struggle farther down the road to communism than ever before in history;

Who was hated and slandered by Hua Kuo-feng, Teng Hsiao-ping and their packs of revisionist dogs, and loved and revered all the more by revolutionary people everywhere;

Who stood firm in the face of vicious attacks, refused to capitulate to the enemy or "lay low" to save her own skin, put everything on the line and held high the red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought as a clarion call to revolutionaries in China and worldwide to carry forward that banner;

To Beloved Comrade Chiang Ching who will never be silenced by prison walls,

As the "Message to Chiang Ching and Chang Chun-chiao and the Proletarian Revolutionaries of China" from the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement declared in March 1984: "Our comrades in China are an integral part of the genuine international communist movement today and we are confident that when an International of a new type is formed based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought they will be occupying a place of honour. The words of Mao Tsetung continue to ring true today: "The future is bright, the road is tortuous."

Mao Tsetung

ODE TO THE PLUM BLOSSOM
December 1961

Wind and rain escorted Spring's departure,
Flying snow welcomes Spring's return.
On the ice-clad rock rising high and sheer
A flower blooms sweet and fair.
Sweet and fair, she craves not Spring for herself alone,
To be the harbinger of Spring she is content.
When the mountain flowers are in full bloom
She will smile mingling in their midst.

Mao Tsetung
Big Guns and Other Moral Equivalents

A new U.S. campaign of intelligence and threats against Nicaragua is now in full swing. Press conferences, congressional hearings, and every opportunity for high media visibility is being utilized to pressure the Sandinista officials to publicly bully the Sandinista-led government and its supporters. The full message is being repeated as if for anybody in Central America who won't disappear from the scene.

At the same time, the campaign is being “taken to the American people” in order to rev up and fully live the American social base of bullies. It is the kind of rowdy, street-corner American imperialism that is particularly well-suited to the campaign's purposes.

Now, they are coming close to openly announcing that they are trying to overthrow the Sandinista régime which has been their unloved purpose all along. At this very point, Reagan was asked if he was running for a second term of a “new government.” “Well, remove it in the sense of its present structure.” But isn’t that really more of the same old government? Not if the present government would turn around and say alright — if they’d say uncle. “...As the reporters pressed further, Reagan went further. “We’re in the business of freedom,” he said, “half full or half full; you can say we’re trying to oust the Sandinistas” — and then added that “We’re saying” it is the U.S. people’s “responsibility” to say that democracy “...that that is their tottering, demoralizing, raping and kidnaping, the Nicaraguan masses to achieve.”

In other words, it’s not necessarily to beat around the bush anymore — the self-proclaimed proprietor of its “own back yard” or its “area” or its “neighbors” whose “neighbors” will be. The U.S. “justification” for this new phase of imperialist repression is that the country’s anti-imperialist terrorism no longer requires those tall tales of a supposed “arm’s length” goal in Central America and an imaginary massive effort to interdict some — the nonexistence of which has become a prime concern for the U.S. to say that the U.S. has failed to publicize a single thing — the Sandinistas are a responsible government. And surely we’d do if it had any. Now, it’s all very direct — make the Sandinistas “say uncle” or we’re going to tie the Sandinistas “legitimate” — they are obstacles to the U.S. absolute domination of Central America.

This campaign is taking place as the question of whether to direct and openly back the U.S. puppet and Sandanista army is being debated in the U.S. ruling circles. As part of its contribution to this debate, the administration seems to continue search for new catchphrases of “defensive” praise for the Contras. There have been “freedom fighters,” “lovers of democracy,” “brave men,” “friends of course, of our brothers.” The latest is Reagan’s claim that the Contras are the “moral equivalents of our Founding Fathers” — a statement that is hard to dispute. When it comes to American standards of morality, it would be difficult to distinguish between those who terrorize Nicaragua and those who, in the eighteenth century, traded and owned slaves, and delivered warrant executions to the Indians.

But there is more going on with the U.S. bullying the Contras against the effort to breathe more imperialist life into the Contras. Clearly, the campaign is helping to ratchet up the pressure on Nicaragua. And beyond this verbal assault, there are actions and attacks in the military and diplomatic arenas taking place at the same time.

- U.S. and Honduran troops are currently engaged in Big Pine III military exercises just across the border from Honduras to eight.
- Feared, apparently under pressure from U.S. officials, the Sandinista government of Nicaragua is now in spite of prior agreements to do so, Nicaragua, which might prompt Cuba and Nicaragua the worst, disband all its oil, is facing an acute oil and gas shortage, exacerbated by the 1983 CIA attack on the country’s main oil storage facility.
- The battlehip USS Iowa docked in Costa Rica, recently carrying a secret visit of two Tomahawk nuclear missiles. A U.S. embassy spokesman said it was a “good will mission” designed to enable the crews “to carry out their work that will allow them to come into contact with the Costa Rica people.”
- A few days later, U.S. officials told the New York Times that Costa Rica was considering breaking diplomatic relations with Nicaragua in spite of prior agreements to do so. Nicaragua, which must import all its oil, is facing an acute oil and gas shortage, exacerbated by the 1983 CIA attack on the country’s main oil storage facility.

On the best particular proposal to back is a U.S. initiative. In the press one day or so, and then retraced the next by others.

In the midst of all this, Daniel Ortega announced a “peace initiative,” pledging to remove one hundred of the Contra advisors and ordering an “indefinite moratorium” on new weapons systems. He then said a series of threats and attacks in the Congressmen to inspect Nicaraguan military installations in order to prove that, contrary to administration charges, the Sandinista War. Nicaragua military preparations are fully prepared and supported. Nicaraguan Vice-President, Sergio Ramirez, promised more concessions to the U.S. if it recaprocated, especially by refusing to offi. cially back the Contras. All this is quite useful to the pro-Soviet revisionist strategy of maneuvering among the cracks in the U.S. bourgeoisie. In any case, the offer was not even taken to the administration, with George Bush declaring that the U.S. policy was “working” and using it to raise a new call for aid to the Contras.

One idea that has been getting some play lately is a proposal for the U.S. to drop its diplomatic recognition of the Sandinistas and to grant political recognition and open financing to the Contra War. Officials believe that a proposal for the U.S. to lay down the ratification for such a move. Similar thinking in the past has been predicated on the various Contra groups achieving a unified opposition, which, despite a recent “joint declaration” from some of the Contras, they have thus far been unable to do — and their being some minute piece of Nicaraguan territory where they could set up a make-believe “provisional government” that the U.S. can recognize — another task at which they have failed miserably. Their tactics backfired at the Contra groups, which have been added to by some U.S. officials who fear “embarrassment” if the U.S. breaks relations with Nicaragua, and U.S. allies — especially U.S. clients in Central America — fail to do so. There are thus no fewer reluctant to close down the U.S. embassy in Managua, “an important intelligence platform,” according to one U.S. official. Nevertheless, there is some sentiment of some version of a “peace initiative” and a version that could be termed “humanitarian” — funds to keep the Contras from going, while shutting off the Nicaraguan masses.

No one — least of all, probably the Contra officials — are capable of seizing power in Nicaragua by themselves.

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This is the next of a talk given by Carl Dix of the Revolutionary Communist Party at the No Business As Usual Conference on February 16 and 17. (See R.W. No. 257) Carl, a signatory of A Call To Act which reads "No Business As Usual," in his talk, "Visions of No Business As Usual," explained what has been going on below this Brown and in this conference and glad to be able to get it out to you.

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MIGHTY FORCE FOR REVOLUTION!

To all those who do not see this country, America, as the best of all possible worlds:
To all those who have no intention of being "good Americans;"
To all those who are fed up with the modern-day “Third Reich” mentality that would even deny women the basic choice of whether or not to bear a child;
To all those, also, who are troubled and confounded by a world where “dog eat dog” is the name of the game and oppression, starvation and general human misery is the lot of the vast majority...

Change is coming and it is not too far off. What kind of change there will be is not a settled question. It is entirely possible that nuclear war between the superpowers could occur and that this could lead to the very destruction of humankind itself. It is, in fact, virtually a certainty that this will happen unless... this they deserve one million times over.

That this appears an impossibility at present isn’t just illusion. But what now appears to be an impossible goal can quickly become a real and urgent possibility. And such a chance will be literally thrown away if they who know of or sense the coming storm do not cast away all illusions and prepare themselves and others or any possibility of preventing this holocaust, and of wrenching out of it a world at least on the road to ending all known oppression.

Even within all the despised classes and nationalities, the woman is most despised, the woman is the victim of policies of women a comprehensive legal, cultural and political edifice of enormous strength, deep-rooted and constantly bred by the very structure and politics of all class society, so that even her man would become the reliable agent of her oppression.

This abomination penetrates the very ranks of the revolutionaries and has many times confounded them and rendered them hypocritical and disarmed.

This Party, the Revolutionary Communist Party, and others like us around the world, have had enough! Just as we are preparing ourselves and the masses of people for any possibility of wrenching a future out of the madness swirling around us all, we declare our determination:

"Out of their own necessity, and despite their furious attempts to intensify the oppression and degradation of women and smother their outrage, the imperialists are raising up a terrible force whose basic interests — speaking of the vast majority of women — cannot help but be radically opposed to this whole system with its institutionalization of patriarchal right and its systematic oppression, suffocation, and mutilation of women, body and soul. How could most women not want a basic change in a society where a woman will be raped every eight minutes while the rulers of that society ravage people throughout the world and plot a war that could blow the world up to defend this way of life? To unite with and seek to fully unleash, or to fear, hate, and seek to suppress the fury of this terrible force: this is a fundamental dividing line and has a great deal to do with whether things in the '80s go qualitatively beyond the '60s on the revolutionary road."

—Bob Avakian, Chairman of the RCP

The Party of the proletariat, the RCP, declares that it will fight so that never again:

Never again will sisters be told that their demands are “divisive.”
Never again will sisters be told that their problems “must wait.”
Never again will humanity be told that ending women's oppression is “narrow.”

Never again will anyone be allowed to call themselves a revolutionary and in any way advocate or tolerate or participate in the oppression of women in any way whatsoever without the most determined struggle.

YOU CANNOT BREAK EVERY CHAIN BUT ONE!!!!

To all our sisters we say, take heart. Turn your fury into organized struggle for the emancipation of all humankind and we will find the ways together to deal with those who would lock you up, steal your children, beat you, or in any way prevent you from fighting all oppression, including your own.

THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MARCH 8, 1985 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

BREAK THE CHAINS!
forces on many, can be ended once and for all. Now in closing I want to say that I've been checking out some of the press that the activity here at Brown has been getting — The New York Times, Village Voice, a strangely titled article "The Rise of the Campus News Times magazine. It's very good that they have to speak to what's happening here. It punctuates the issue of all your designer brains to go along with designer jeans. I noticed the N-Y Times article dealt a lot with the question of its political situation at Brown today and that of the 60's seeing a lot of things being gotten over — here they want it to be different from the 60's because back then systems were not rocking around the world. We want it to be different too, because it wasn't done far enough. We helped force them out of Vietnam, but today they are in El Salvador and maintaining the whole world with world war.

But anyway — why don't you all make the most of the opportunity here and try to make something happen and get it going! It's important. No Business As Usual is the import of this effort as a forceful political expression to say to our system. Disarmament is the key to this and we think it's a real idea, and we also think it's our best shot. Any approach that doesn't take aim at something is of no use. We are not ready to give up on the issue of world war. More specifically, what we are trying to do is to act as a leader in the middle class and with the middle classes. The issue of "rethinking" is now being forced on us by the winds of world change. We are not ready to give up on the issue of world war. More specifically, what we are trying to do is to act as a leader in the middle class and with the middle classes. The issue of "rethinking" is now being forced on us by the winds of world change.

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Big Guns

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The Committee to Support the Revolution in Peru has released a new edition of the book "A People's Dictionary of the Cultural Revolution." The book is a compilation of over 10,000 entries, covering a wide range of topics from history to politics to culture. The dictionary is designed to provide a comprehensive guide to the Chinese Cultural Revolution, one of the most important events in modern Chinese history. The book is available for download at www.peoplesdictionary.com. It is also available in print at selected bookstores.
The bags are packed; the flights have been scheduled, the U.S. media announce that on both sides negotiators have started walking the amounting of. Within days, diplomats and press will flock to Geneva, where the latest circus of “arms control talks” begins Tuesday, March 12. When they land, these gangsters will have new genocidal goodides hidden in their sleeves: a new wave of twenty-one MX missiles seems sure to be approved within weeks. From the perspective of the U.S. imperialists, this means that the talks have already been a success; negotiations have successfully played to the public, and the next leap in America’s Armageddon circus is now at hand.

Shultz returned last January from Geneva with one message on his lips, that the full-speed development of the MX and Star Wars was “essential” for the survival of the superpower talks. At the end of February the whole “arms control establishment” was in high gear creating public opinion for every new weapon system in the national budget, and President Reagan himself was thrown into the fray. Last Wednesday, in a semisecret White House meeting attended by the President and five key congressmen, the final details were hammered out for a Congressional vote which will take place March 18 or 20. Barring the unforeseen, $1.5 billion, funded last year for a second wave of twenty-one MXs, will be approved.

Reagan himself, on the necessity for these “Peacekeepers”, has said: “The reason we need the MX and Star Wars is to provide an equal and opposite threat to the Soviet deployment of medium-range and cruise missiles in Europe.” What does the call for new missiles jibe with the Russian threat? The official view, not only the Pentagon but the State Department, called it “the cornerstone of the nation’s defense.”

How does the call for new missiles jibe with the official U.S. Star Wars justification? The U.S. has supported the Space War effort since its inception. It involves various stages of the development of an arms system called the “Star Wars" program. The program is a multi-space and multi-system project that aims to create a defense system to protect the United States from potential threats, including missiles and other threats. The program is considered to be a significant investment in the future of the United States and its military capabilities.

It is not accidental that last June was also the time when the U.S. imperialists reached consensus that they would inaugurate a new round of negotiations with the Soviet Union. The whole thing was a little charade, in which it was prearranged that the “revivalization” of the MX missile would coincide with the opening of new negations this spring.

Now it is March; it is time for the second twenty-one missiles to be approved. Barring the unforeseen, the second twenty-one missiles will be approved, and at the end of March, the whole system will be operational. The MX and Star Wars are the final impetus to war preparation the MX is a part of. The Democrat opposition deserves the praise it has been given for making a stand against the MX. But theMX opposition, and the MX, are not the only things that are at stake.

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A Conversation

The following are excerpts (taken in the order they appeared) from a taped conversation between two radical feminists in Atlanta made on the occasion of International Women's Day 1985 as a contribution to the Revolutionary Worker's column "Women's Notes as 'feminine and sacred.'" Once women have been involved in various ways in the "women's revolution" in the U.S. for years and have also been searching for the ways to deal with the immense problems of the world war.

"Looking back at the novel 1984 and talking about the central character, Tor- turer, and what he has to say about what they do with rebellious people, how they just don't kill heretics, they turn them into one of themselves make them kill them. I started thinking about that because it was such a powerful thought, because one of the ways I see the whole threat of war is not apart from the subjugation of women. I see it as a direct consequence of the history of the subjugation of women and nature so that we get to this point where the patriarchal mind is ready for the apocalypse and the apocalypse so when you finally can erase the heretics, but you can't erase them until you make them one of you. So, I've been thinking about what this is going to mean for them before they can even hit the button. They're going to have to put out all-fronts effort to turn women and bur the animal world, into their image of what they want it to be. They can blow it up, before they deport it. They need to deport it in meaning. Before they deport it, they need to deport it of meaning.

There are two ways you can be eliminated by the prevailing order. One is by having your actual life taken away and the other is having your spirit taken away; which basically, its becoming the same in a lot of ways, you just get scooped out. But I'm realizing that there's this increase in directive psychological oppression. That before we get geared up for war, we have to be emptied of our meaning. Before they get to us, we have to make us one of them. And it's not just with women but with the whole collection of things.

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It feels like the increase in psychological warfare is tied up to that. That more and more women are getting exhausted, I'm finding that. That more and more of the people I know who were formerly on the edge are just getting gooped. They'd rather sit down in front of the TV set than continue to be out there and feel alone. Because when it's psychological oppression it's not something you can get much support for in the street. But I don't know if it's always just before they kill us. It's before we're willing to work in a factory to make war toys, they've got to take away our will. They've got to get our focus down. "We have to have a job, it has to be good paying. It has to have all those plans attached to it, because we've got to take care of our kids. I think for more and more women that's the reality. But instead of a feeling reality, it's often that thing that just proves them out even more because the options aren't being presented."

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"It's not that getting ready for war takes place (apart from the rest of what's happening in the sociological structure), but getting ready for war is a response in a sense. From my position, as a radical feminist I have a certain perspective of what the 1960's is. I don't see this particular point in history as a big deal. As a whole the natural consequence of a mindset, a cultural mindset and everything else that's happening, they are a reflection of Hugger and hugger and smaller or bigger scales of a new kind of bomb or a feeling of destruction in your heart or a destruction of women's liberation in the world community. There is such a historical perspective that I'm reflecting that when women's communities have done, they don't create from scratch, but it is proceeding in Germany especially, which is a very intense geographical place as far as women's liberation. Oh there's being around the turn of the century a really powerful health community and a women's liberation movement and then the first thing that happened there is the increase in the women's hospitals that had once been institutions that were restructured. That's before there was mass sterilization and contraception. And apparently soon there was all of these genetic statements being made about who was going to be and who wasn't preferable and what buildings were useful to the restructured society and people were and what people weren't. And it built until finally we ended up with the women's community that was that is the original only. But one of the things is you see this particular period of history was that everything was reflected in and you can't respond to the rising of women and decided that, and it's so much like what they used to say response was, 'We're the best in the world. You're the stupidest person, you know, but you're second at least to what we're doing. But you can do the best in the world and you've got to behave because we have got to get out there and prove that that's so much of what's going on right now and you're being the best in the world and you're the best in the world and you're the best in the world and you're the best in the world."

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For me the thread I'm picking up in that I'm feeling that this whole movement was going from the late '60's into the '70's was following a path of really radical analysis about the world and the nature of human beings, and how they were in the middle of that line, although we'd all grown up with that, the cold war at least. And all the sexual thing this is how you can sort of be yourself as a person, in that sense, they're not nèeeding people to take care of you not care for each other. When you're cooperating with each other on a group even if you're having horrible fights, you're in the middle of those horrible fights, but you know and you can get away in your life things who you would be, but you could be, you could get away through it and you have a deeper level that you can communicate the truth about the bonds that were being created there had to be broken and it feels like we're so much in the middle of it. I don't care much for her, I don't care if she gets blown up by a nuclear bomb. And I can extrapolate that to all the people in the world. I'm happy now, I have all the choices other possibilities. But what I need is this person is real pretty and singular. 'Well, you wouldn't get into a relationship with me.' 'I'm getting what I need now.' And I'm seeing that maybe that's not the right general, but I'm focusing on women, that the fact of imminent nuclear disaster is a death sentence and I don't think I'm there. I'm going to get what I can now. I'm getting into the relationship with this person, this is what I'm focusing on. When I was still studying things like women's studies, that you can tell how serious or as opposed to people getting when they start after the children are born, you can tell you're thinking about it in terms of the child murders here. All the things, you're thinking about the child murders in pornography, because child abuse is really going up and the use of children and the abuse of children in pornography is increasing."

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"The word control always fires me, because the issue of control and how that has so much importance for what's going on."

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Red Sister

Dear RW—

1st, congrats for putting out the finest and most important paper in the world and Bob, thanks for the invite to write. I hope you get so many great letters that you have to start a weekly women’s column.

re. Is a point on the women (non)Question in A Horrible End, or An End to the Horror?

2 sentences—Bob, if you get to read this, 2 sentences, yeah, they’re great sentences, but have no idea how hungry other women and I are to hear or read something, somebody taking on the question of women’s participation in the revolution in the movement right now? was this a test or something to see if you could raise some righteous indignation on the part of revolutionary women? I sure hope it does—whether it was meant to be not—and I don’t imagine, by the way, that you or other truly revolutionary leadership would find such a turn of events disconcerting in the least. I know you’d be glee.

the point I’m trying to make here is this: I think there’s been some serious lagging over the past five years or so on this touchstone question. Don’t get me wrong, the RCP far and away has the best position and has put out the most thoroughly original and uncompromising stuff on the woman question. I just want to make the point of criticism of emphasis and this is not just critical of Bob, or even just RCP. Hey all you women with good brains out there reading this paper, what do you think? I think it’s true that the success of a revolution depends on the extent of the participation of the woman. That’s a paraphrase from Lenni also I think he wrote that all the rest of the participation, not the said or said something I should do and I don’t want them to get mad or said no the last time, so I guess I’ll do it. I know a lot of these people are doing political work (or think they are) unconsciously, we are trained to be unconscious most of the time anyway, but that’s getting off the point where “The entire globe is being threatened, how do you have more serious and more responsible issues.” And, of course, from my perspective, I personally, I’m talking about women. The entire thing developed because we weren’t taking care of women’s issues.

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long live Chiang Ching, “It is right to rebel against reaction, support the RIM and the revolution in Perú."

p.s. I also would really like to see somebody do an analysis of the history of the role of women in society, even getting into evolution from a woman’s point of view, could somebody please say, the whole scenario of how man, the hunter and woman by fire with baby? It’s really offensive and I refuse to believe it, neither will I blame patriarchy on wombs.

* Editor’s note: We think your letter makes some interesting and important points, but we would like to point out that the section “The Question of Women” is one that we see as being relatively new in terms of more focused analysis and may be of interest to you as you proceed with your study of the topic.

Seattle Action

The following letter was sent to the RW by women participating in IWD events in Seattle. The film showing mentioned occurred in late January and was one of the targets of these IWD organizers.

“My mother wanted me to have an abortion so she could have my baby. And look what she got. Are you stupid enough to save all those fetuses? So spake a punk with the RCYW as she showed off her mohawk to some very conservative-looking speculators who hurried past on their way to see the film. “The Right Screams,” an organizing film for the antifeminists, that was being shown at Seattle University, an all-Catholic school.

About thirty women lined the entrance to the film, “This is your church, not the state, women must control their fertility! We don’t want more children!” Confused, a young woman struggled on.
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both sides. “This is supposed to be a woman’s life,” she said. “Where is my life? Why? What are you doing to them?" The campus pigs began to scurry as their walkie-talkies screeched. “What are you going to do with them?" Quickly, we decided to go into the auditorium crowded with hundreds of people. We marched up to the front row and sat right by the plastic fataus on display, greatly upsetting the evening’s organizers.

The characteristic markers of “human rights,” violent women hatreds, were out in full force from many Germans, first on the relatively painless moral question of abortion, then on the whole program of “right to choose.” Abortion, freed from the control of the state (France is the only country in the world to keep the USA No. 1). But quickly, the women joined the action. Women active in Reproductive Rights Alliance, denounced abortion and the state and marched out chanting, “Sperm, child apart limb by limb” — we shouted. "The Home," that most holy, sanctified arena of male domination, was the site of an out-of-order question as one of the rude professors asked: “What is abortion?” We laughed and answered to the applause of the participants in the shouting match. One of the most reactionary amendments was in order, based on the reactionary ideology of a ruling class that thinks there is no such thing as rape and physical abuse of women — women do really like it, make them feel like...like women.

Can anyone still doubt the truth of the New Freedom and New Constitution of the RCP? The class contradictions in this country are perfectly mirroring the economic relations — exploitative. Not only is there the general oppression of women...The working class man, infected with the dominant bourgeois ideology, is frustrated with his role in capitalist society, often plays the role of the bourgeois in relation to his wife and children.

The second incident, while maybe not as drastic or horrendous as the rape of the woman in the New Freedom and New Constitution of the RCP is nonetheless a concentrated example of all this. This is about a woman who I worked with for about 2 months in a convenience-type store until she quit about a week ago. She met this guy about a month before I started to work there and they had a wonderful, weird romance that ended with them getting married about 4 weeks ago. This was a secret marriage because her family was against it and wanted them to wait. Actually the reasons she married the guy was to get out of under an oppressive family situation (even though she was the most independent woman). Her parents are old-world Italian in their beliefs and would consistently check on her, even to the point that her brother’s house was shut down if she were to invite any foreigner into her home. She was forced to keep this secret for 4 weeks. After the wedding she walked out on her husband and ran off to join her lover. They then went into the back room of a restaurant about an hour later. When they came back out, she quickly put on a sweater to hide what were bracelet marks on her arms. I didn’t see her after that for a few days later she quit her job. But I did see her one more time after that. Friday night (the day before the Inquirer article mentioned earlier) when she brought back her set of keys for the store. In just one week, she had lost weight, looked really pale, and her left eye had a gross-looking shiner. When I asked her what had happened, she didn’t answer for a long time, then with bowed head, said, “It ripped and fell on the shelf at home.”

In invade the Privacy of the Home

Dear RW,

Two incidents have compelled me to write this letter. The first, maybe it should be addressed mainly to advanced proletarian men, who are still confused about Lenin’s statement that the thoroughness and degree to which women are unleashed and mobilized is the degree to which women will be advanced. This was driven home to me recently when I was reading the RCP’s Women’s Day since it first came out, but only just recently. I was reading the first correspondence in RWP No. 295 that was what I wanted to say Game Together.

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A Call to Sisters from Oppressed Nations

Dear RW:

With the accelerated offensive of “resurgent America” — from the antibalistic movement to the increasing incidents of rape and other assorted horrors heaped upon women here, and all women throughout the world — NOW is the time to launch the counteroffensive.

I am a woman from an oppressed island nation who was uprooted and brought to this bastion of reaction at the age of 10. Subsequently my life in America is best captured by the RCYB slogan: “I was born into the sewer called capitalism — but now I am living for revolution.” Sometimes when I think of the 16 years I have spent in this country, is the best, I am amazed at the places I have been forced into — so I’ll put it bluntly, I was swimming around the sewer for a long time.

I was fortunate enough to have a mother who embodied the spirit of rebellion. She is a woman who fought back against her feudal oppression, and whose life is a living testimony to the defy and unyielding stand of women fighting back. She encouraged and supported my drive to go beyond my own oppression to understand of that others. She actively participated in May Day 1980, and to this day that historic event represents a landmark in her life when she broke with all tradition and took history into her hands with millions throughout the world.

Perhaps the most thing about coming to this country is that this experience molded me into a revolutionary internationalist. With the guidance and leadership of the RCP, I began to see that all of mankind, to actively build and support the RCP, and the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement of which it is a part — to join the RCP and prepare to storm the heavens.

Break the chains! Unleash the sisters of women as a mighty force for revolution!

A woman unleased to make revolution — Los Angeles

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An Urgent Question, An Initial Contribution

To the RW:

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I came to revolutionary communism via many years of involvement in the more revolutionary sections of the women’s movement. Once exposed to Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, I quickly came to recognize the need for this revolutionary science. However, I would not have been able to unite with and support the Revolutionary Communist Party had I not been satisfied with what the Party has to say, so far, on the woman question.

Still, as pointed out in the letter from the Portland women’s group, it is only a beginning. Like those women, I find Chairman Avakian’s statements in A Horrible Era, or An End to the Horror? to be challenging and provocative. I join my voice with theirs, both in wondering why there has not been correspondence to the RW to respond, and to struggle at the highest level around this touchstone question.

I have an initial contribution, in the form of a question. I was very much affected by the “2 Women” article in the RW and, I want to point out that Gloria’s story, while existential, I am indignant with it and of a world war.

According to colleagues, O’Neill has indicated that there will be no hold-up on the House side after the Senate approval. O’Neill is expected to offer “warm pledges of bipartisan support” to Reagan after emerging from his own little meeting with the President and the Senate negotiating team. “Nothing,” Rep. Wright pushed, “should be allowed to stand in the way” of success at the talks.

Finally, House Speaker Tip O’Neill (D-Mass.) is doing his part to make sure the Democrats can’t be accused of being anti-war. He is quietly urging the congressional reservations of Congressional leaders; the Democratic-controlled House will vote after the Republican Senate has already broken the ice by approving new money for MX. According to colleagues, O’Neill has indicated that there will be no hold-up on the House side after the Senate approval.

There remains bourgeois opposition to the MX, even at this point, and there is talk of a close vote (there has been every time). Two points need to be made in this regard. First, Congress is a shop, nothing more; and it has never let anything stand in the way of success at the talks.

“Will be persuasive to Congress.” Les Aspin was soon a major factor in the key White House meeting to work out final details of the vote. Democratic House Armed Services Committee Chairman Jim Wright reaffirmed his position that the MX is “the wrong weapon at the wrong time, but adds, ‘It’s part of the arms talk, both of arms talks being in progress may give it the needed votes to prevail.’ In case anyone missed the point, Wright was making, the Majority Leader soon made headlines claiming “warm pledges of bipartisan support” from Reagan emerging from his own little meeting with the President and the Senate negotiating team. “Nothing,” Rep. Wright pushed, “should be allowed to stand in the way” of success at the talks.

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been mentioning how persuasive the pro-MX arguments are becoming. Certainly, the majority of the U.S. imperialists are for unity in the face of the Russians! Reagan explains that ‘The Soviets make no distinction between the administration and the Congress, they simply want to avoid any sort of a decision or lack of resolution to their advantage and our disadvantage.’ Let’s give them the opportunity to see us united. Let them look across the table and see a united front.”

I’m not happy with this system, on the contrary I am indignant with it and everyone who supports it.

A proletarian (Boricua) of the West Bronx

Indignant with Imperialism

The Bhadral disaster as well as other massacres in India, Mexico, etc., constitute the logical outgrowth of the imperialism’s system of the exploitation and subjugation. The system oppresses underdeveloped countries in order to accumulate profits on a large scale, regardless of the suffering and bleeding of these peoples.

With this, I want to make clear that it’s true for us, to awaken and stop dreaming in false privileges while living under imperialism, which draws us in ignorance, making us its accomplices. We are the plunders but also of their actions that intensify the growing threat of a world war.

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