Thursday, January 25, President Bush and Drug Czar William Bennett unveiled the second stage of their so-called "war on drugs." In almost every way, it represents an escalation of the plans they proposed last September, when they unveiled an $8.8 billion plan to increase inner-city police terror, military intervention, border militarization and prisons—all in the name of "fighting drugs." Now, they want to add $1.2 billion to those previous plans for 1991.

Phase two for the powers-that-be means that the people must redouble our efforts to call out and stop this war on the people.

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On Saturday, January 20, over 300 people demonstrated at Fort Ord Army Base in Monterey, California, against U.S. intervention in Central America. According to the anti-intervention group Pledge of Resistance, this was the biggest anti-U.S. action at Fort Ord since the Vietnam War. Many different groups and individuals joined the demo, including a good number of rowdy and impatient youth and students. The demands included an end to U.S. aid to the reactionary governments in El Salvador and Guatemala, peace with Nicaragua, and withdrawal of U.S. troops from Panama. Eighteen people were arrested in the protest.

At one gate to the base hundreds of protesters gathered on both sides of the highway. Groups of people tried to block the highway several times and were able to back up the traffic. At the main gate a moving van was stopped, and the driver raised the hood. Suddenly two dozen youths jumped out and made a dash for the gate before being arrested.

After rallying at the base the demonstrators marched back to the nearby military town of Marina. Three squad cars of police pulled over a group of youth and members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War Anti-Imperialist and cited a brother who was marching with the American flag draping on the road. But while the cops were writing the citation, the flag which was lying on the road burst into flames.

Other demonstrations against U.S. intervention in Central America took place last week in cities around the country. The demos were called by Pledge of Resistance, CSFES, and other anti-intervention groups. One of the largest was in Seattle where 500 people blocked the entrances to the Federal building. One Vietnam Vet burned his military uniform and bronze star as a protest against U.S. involvement in the war in El Salvador. Several American flags were burned. People stepped on a flag on the ground to take leaves from members of the local Committee to Defend the Flag-Burners. Several activists lowered the U.S. flag from the facade and raised a “peace flag” which had a skeleton and the words “No War” on it. Groups of protesters evaded police for more than an hour and blocked downtown traffic at several intersections. Eight-five people were arrested in the protest.

Three Main Points

by Bob Avakian
Chairman of the RCP, USA

What do we in the Revolutionary Communist Party want people to learn from all that is exposed and revealed in this newspaper? Many things:

1) The whole system we now live under is based on exploitation — here and all over the world. It is completely worthless and no basic change for the better can come about until this system is overthrown.

2) Many different groups will protest and rebel against things this system does, and these protests and rebellions should be supported and strengthened. Yet it is only those with nothing to lose but their chains who can be the backbone of a struggle to actually overthrow this system and create a new system that will put an end to exploitation and help pave the way to a whole new world.

3) Such a revolutionary struggle is possible. There is a practical Party that can lead such a struggle, a political Party that speaks and acts for those with nothing to lose but their chains. The Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.

This Party has the vision, the program, the leadership, and the organizational principles to unite those who must be united and enable them to do what must be done. There is a challenge for all those who would like to see such a revolution move with a burning desire to see a drastic change for the better, all those who dare to dream and to act to bring about a completely new and better world. Support the Party, join the Party, spread its message and its organized strength, and prepare the ground for a revolutionary rising that has a solid basis and a real chance of winning.

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To see such a revolution, those with a burning desire to act on it must unite and enable them to do what must be done. Therefore, it is absolutely vital for those who want to see such a revolution move with a burning desire to see a drastic change for the better, all those who dare to dream and to act to bring about a completely new and better world. Support the Party, join the Party, spread its message and its organized strength, and prepare the ground for a revolutionary rising that has a solid basis and a real chance of winning.

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Life and Death...
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With all the confusion and lies being spread by the powers-that-be around the question of democracy and dictatorship it is important to have clear vision on this. I have written a whole book on this, Democracy: Can't We Do Better Than That?, and anyone who really wants to dig deeply into this question should get into that book. But when you get right down to it, it's no more complicated than this:

If you have the power of life and death over me, that's a dictatorship. If you have the right to shoot me and I don't have the right to shoot you, that's dictatorship, whether or not you let me vote. That's what there is in countries like the USA, dictatorship, and the rest—voting, so-called "free speech" and all that—is just bullshit. The police and the army have the right to shoot the people, but the people, especially the people on the bottom, don't even really have the right to defend themselves. What is that? And who controls the police and the army? The people up top—the people who run the system, the people who have control of the gold, the people who have a monopoly of economic power and therefore also have a monopoly of political power and armed force. That's a dictatorship, that's all it is. Democracy in this system is only democracy for those who run this system, for those who do have that monopoly of economic power, political power and armed force. So, we need to overthrow this system.

Some things to read on this subject:
Miami: People Demand "Straight to Jail, No Bail for Pig Lozano"

On January 24 William Lozano, the pig convicted of murdering Clement Lloyd and Alan Blanchard, was sentenced in Miami. Judge Farina sentenced him to seven years in jail, the minimum called for under Florida guidelines. Lozano could have gotten twenty-two years. The judge also let Lozano stay out on $10,000 bail while he appeals. According to the New York Times, most Florida defendants sentenced to seven years serve, on the average, only three years. January 1989 Miami pig Lozano murdered two Black men in cold blood. And for three days the Black community of Overtown erupted in rebellion demanding justice, demanding that for once a pig murderer be put in jail. Last December the powers-that-be had to back down and convict Lozano of two counts of manslaughter, and this was truly a people's victory. Now with this sentence of only three years the rulers seem to be intent on gaining back as much ground as possible without pushing the Black masses to another rebellion.

They had prepared public opinion for people to accept a light sentence for Lozano with articles and editorials in the Miami Herald. And commentary in the news took it for granted that Lozano would be able to stay out on bail. The media even portrayed this murderous dog as just a nice guy who "made a mistake." But the feelings of Black people and others, and especially the youth, were quite different. After the sentencing one Black person came out of the courtroom shouting, "If I killed someone, I'd get the chair." In at least two inner-city schools in the days leading up to the sentencing dozens of students, including members of the RCYB, shouted chants in the hallways like: "Fight the power, fight the power that be; fight the power, Lozano must not go free!" and "Murderers, murderers no more, stop police attacks on the Black and the poor." While these chants couldn't be ignored by principals and security forces, school authorities chose to do nothing rather than further provoke the youth.

On the day of the Martin Luther King Day parade in Miami, a plane flying over was greeted with big smiles and lots of "You know you're right!" as it carried the message, "January 24, Lozano straight to jail, no bail!"

On the evening of the sentencing in Overtown, the fact that Lozano was still on the streets and that he'd received the minimum sentence was seen as a slap in the face. Poor women angrily wrote a banner that called the sentencing an insult. A street vendor wore a sign with a similar message. The common sentiment was that "This is bullshit!" and "This ain't no justice!" That night police presence in Overtown was limited to the occasional pig car cruising by. But in a nearby Puerto Rican neighborhood where many youth had actively supported the rebellion in Overtown the pigs did a preemptive strike and twenty people were picked up for "locking the sidewalks."

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The next day at a crowded bus stop for the school bus, three American flags were burned. One youth said, "You shouldn't do that, that's against the law." To which a Black youth answered, "Yeah, well, they let Lozano off easy, so it ain't against OUR law."

Later that day at a high school a large crowd gathered around two American flags burning on the ground. When someone asked why they were burning, a group of young Black women replied, "Because that flag stands for racism!"

Another Criminal

On January 24 Richard Secord was sentenced in federal court. Secord received two years probation. This is a slap on the wrist for a genuine Amerikkkan war criminal.

Major General Secord was a top-level CIA man who operated on a global scale, waging whole wars in secret. It would take many pages to list all the crimes this man committed against the people of the world. His trail passes through Laos, Vietnam, the Shah's Iran, to the Contra mercenary war against Nicaragua, and the Iran-Iraq war.

Under Reagan, Secord became one of the masterminds of the Iran-contra affair. He was the head of the so-called "Enterprise," a secret operation created in 1984 by CIA chief William Casey and White House operative Oliver North. As head of the Enterprise, Secord arranged to sell weapons to Iran and then had the money transferred to Swiss bank accounts where it could be sent to the U.S.-backed Contra mercenaries fighting Nicaragua.

The U.S. courts naturally never considered Secord's real war crimes to be criminal or even worth mentioning. But there was lots of evidence that he violated the U.S. law wholesale as well:

- Secord stole at least $1.5 million (and probably many times more) in U.S. government funds from the various arms sales his own personal profits.
- He transferred U.S. government aid to the Contras at a time when it was illegal under the Boland Amendment.
Irangate Walks

- He systematically lied to congressional committees investigating the Iran-contra scandal—a crime which carries a penalty of up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine.
- He arranged cost-free improvements at the home of Oliver North, which is considered a felony under Federal laws.

However, despite all this, Secord will not spend a single day in jail. He pled guilty to the single charge of making a false statement to congressional investigators but still refused to come clean about many of his lies. The judge said, "It is my judgment that there has been punishment enough in this case."

Not only does Secord get off, but the government avoids a trial that could produce information damaging to former President Reagan and current President Bush. Secord himself says, "It was my assumption that everyone knew about this all the way to the top."

Secord’s probation is the most lenient sentence yet in the trials of Iran-Contra conspirators. Oliver North, another mastermind of the conspiracy, was convicted of three felony counts last May but was only sentenced to two years probation, 1,200 hours of community service, and a $150,000 fine.

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So far not one of the conspirators in the Iran-Contra scandal has served a single day in jail, period. Many, like Undersecretary of State Elliot Abrams, former Vice President George Bush, and of course Reagan himself, have never been charged.

Double Injustice

The following two news items were run back-to-back in the Chicago Tribune on January 11, 1990.

6 Months for Son of Cop in Slaying

The son of a Chicago police detective was sentenced Tuesday to 6 months in Cook County Jail and 4 years probation for a baseball-bat beating death in November 1988.

Steven Glynn Jr., 23, who was convicted of second-degree murder last November by Criminal Court Judge Thomas Maloney, could have been given up to 15 years in prison by Maloney.

Three witnesses working at Midway Airport testified they saw Glynn strike Floyd Gillespie, 32, once in the head with a bat after threatening to kill him. Vivian Stokoska, Gillespie's mother, said Glynn "got away with murder because he's a cop's kid." Glynn claimed self-defense because Gillespie's cousin was armed with a tire iron.

A reputed gang member was sentenced Tuesday to 30 years in prison for shooting the son of a Chicago police officer after mistaking him for a gang rival.

The victim, Dcord Jones, survived the 1986 shooting but was left paralyzed from the waist down and will be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life, prosecutors said.

A Cook County Criminal court jury deliberated 1-1/2 hours just August before convicting Terrell Caldwell, 20, of attempted murder, aggravated battery and armed violence.

Caldwell had no previous convictions, but Judge James Bailey imposed the 30-year term because of the seriousness of the injuries to Jones, now 23, according to prosecutors Lynne Kawamoto and John Eannace.

Jones' mother, 15th District Police Officer Louise Jones, expressed satisfaction at the sentencing. "It definitely sends a strong message to gangbangers that we will not let this happen," she said. "If you commit the crime, you have to do the time."

The younger Jones attended each day of Caldwell's trial but missed the sentencing. "He figured the worst part was over," his mother said.

Officer Jones said that before the shooting, his son loved to fix cars, worked at a McDonald's and studied criminal justice at Northeastern University in the hopes of becoming a police officer.
War on the People
Phase II

Drug Czars' New "War on Drugs" Budget

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Thursday, January 25, President Bush nominated Attorney General William French Smith, a 21-year-old Sunday school teacher whose second term as solicitor general was revealed in the second stage of their so-called "war on drugs." There are three reasons this is important to oppressed people:

- The war on drugs is used as a war against the people, especially against Black and Latin youth.
- It is used as a cover for militarizing the southern border areas especially along the Mexican border. The Pentagon and the people's "war on drugs" is used as a war against the people's control of the drug trade.
- The war on drugs has become a cover for major political maneuvers in countries south of the border, especially in the Andean region of Peru, where a people's war is raging led by the Maoist Communist Party of Peru.

Marion Barry, the mayor of Washington, D.C., was arrested by federal agents last week on misdemeanor drug charges. It was a high-level hit job. Barry was set up in a multi-million dollar sting operation personally approved at the top of the federal government by Attorney General Thornburgh. For years, Barry had been pursued by federal prosecutors seeking to force him from office. Last week they succeeded. And the arrest was timed to take him out just three days before he was going to announce his candidacy for reelection.

It was a setup. Federal agents got his hooks into one of Barry's close friends and got her to invite Barry to a hotel room wired with cameras and microphones. FBI agents claimed that he bought some crack cocaine and smoked it. He was arrested, taken to FBI headquarters, and subjected to urine and blood tests. Marion and Ellis Barry and their young son were publicly humiliated. The New Year's statement of the Communist Party USA said it was a real deal that is the flow they want to stop, the flow they fear, is the flow of Mafia revolution and people's war led by the Communist Party of Peru—often called Sendero Luminoso or Shining Path in press reports.

New Military Plans

Three years ago a U.S. Congress

member of the family with a problem" and quietly sent to a clinic. If a prominent Black person is caught, they are treated like a criminal. They are hounded and humiliated. They go from being "role model" to being used to make a career. Senator Ted Kennedy was involved in the death of a woman. But he wasn't forced from office. Key figures on the presidential staff of Jimmy Carter were known to snort coke, but no one hunted them for years until a trip could be arranged. Days after Barry was arrested, a big scandal broke over the TV show standard for "drug problems" in the NFL. Black players were punished, white players were not.

No matter what federal officials say, this kind of police-police setup and public humiliation didn't happen just because they suspected Barry had a "drug problem." If every politician who had an alcohol problem resigned tomorrow, there would be a major power vacuum and everybody knows it.

Marion Barry went down in the "war on drugs," but not for the reasons the powers-that-be and the media say. This "war on drugs" is being used as a police weapon. It is being used to justify a major clampdown especially on the Black and Latin people in the inner cities. And it is being used to jack up the level of federal law enforcement and control over the cities in every way.

It is not clear exactly what the consequences of Barry's arrest will be. But it is clear that powerful forces found him somehow unsuited to their needs. A major top-level campaign removed him from office. They made an example of him.

Throughout his career, he promoted the idea of a "steady state economy" and the liberation of Black people. He was one of those artists who moved from voter registration in the early days of the civil rights movement to counterinsurgency in big-city politics. In office, he was willing to use the tactics of the drug war to cover military intervention; U.S. military bases, aid, and open military funds. Throughout its history, U.S. imperialism has waged and financed counterrevolutionary "war on drugs" to cover military and political interventions in many Third World countries. This agreement envisions much more of the same. The New Year's statement of the Revolutionary Communist Party USA said it was a real deal that is the flow they want to stop, the flow they fear, is the flow of Mafia revolution and people's war led by the Communist Party of Peru—often called Sendero Luminoso or Shining Path in press reports.
N.Y. City Powers Vamp on ABC Occupation

Wednesday morning, January 24, the oppressors attacked the ABC Community Center and the two encampments that had been set up across the street. The police swooped down, ordering people off the premises. ABC, an old building seized for the second time in December, refused to be locked up in concentration camps for ten years. An abandoned school was turned into huge concentration-camp shelters—nothing but a bullshit excuse to attack the people, to sow divisions among people with different views who united in this struggle. The occupation of ABC represented the taking of a little bit of "people's power"—and this was a real threat to the powers-that-be.

But as much as the rulers wanted to, they were not able to rush in and crush ABC from the start. The last time the police charged into the Lower East Side in 1988 (at Tompkins Square Park) the alienated whole sections of people by clubbing anyone and everyone. It was an event in a politically volatile neighborhood that the homeless and others took a bold stand by seizing ABC. And significant allies stood with them: clergy, people's power—"people's power"—and this was a real threat to the powers-that-be.

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The rulers hated the ABC occupation and the threat to their rule it symbolizes. A bold stand was taken at ABC. Right in Manhattan, in the middle of the glitter and glamour that house the international finance center of Amerikan imperialism, those that society has trained to become invisible. What was once a ten-year-old abandoned school was seized for the second time in December by homeless people and others. People refused to be locked up in concentration camps, to be pushed back into submission. The takeover of ABC went up in the face of the government's plans and continued ugly attacks on the homeless. People took matters into their own hands and ABC was set up as a center for the people. As the encampments across the street a soup kitchen fed the homeless, donated clothing was distributed to the homeless. Political banners were hung out the windows and on fences: "U.S. Out of the Lower East Side/Loisaida Intifada" (Loisaida is a Latin name for the neighborhood) and "Fight the Police!" Cops were held at ABC, including high school diploma preparation classes, political education, dance, karate, music appreciation and construction skills. The occupation of ABC represented the taking of a little bit of "people's power." And this was a real threat to the powers-that-be.

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Eyewitness Account

Spring, 1999—Chinese demonstrators display Mao’s portrait and the “Little Red Book” of Quotations from Chairman Mao Tsetung.
Mao Sightings at Tiananmen Square

During spring of last year, storm winds of change swept through China. The whole country was caught in antigovernment demonstrations in major cities, and workers joined in large numbers. Students in the capital, Beijing, occupied Tiananmen Square and staged a hunger strike. The people's discontent at the Deng Xiaoping regime had burst to the surface. The discontent was not a new phenomenon, but a reawakening of the revolutionary spirit that underlay China's history. The regime was caught off guard and was forced to confront the people's demands.

One of the most important aspects of what was happening in the Square was the increasing radicalization of the students. From a month before the massacre until the end of June, the students were saying that pro-Western ideas were actually against the working people of China and that the bourgeois media in this country were really supporting imperialist moves. Many of the students did have pro-Western sentiments, and they really were trying to grapple with the question of what China has been changing and was this the right direction, this pro-democracy movement. Was this the right way to go?

During the hunger strike, some students were on the Square with buttons on about burning themselves—partly in public protest but also to bring media attention to their moral position. As they were being pulled from the rubble and the news of the numbers murdered spread in the streets, the regime was really surprised when he didn't come out and talk with them. Students were saying, "We've got to leave the Square now so that we can be alive to fight tomorrow and keep this struggle in the streets. We can't just stand up and let them kill us." A lot of students were saying, "No, this is still a moral issue. This is a pro-democracy issue. We've got to take that final last stand and we've got to stay there, even when the bullets are coming." It was a huge discussion and a huge split. Finally some of the workers decided to stay and support the students, but a lot of people left just before the shooting started. People felt a deep sense of determination that the struggle really had to be taken underground and fought on a much more serious level, not just on the immediate battle lines. Those who had seen what the army had done were ready to continue organizing the people to overthrow the regime.

People Uphold Mao Tsetung

Mao's portrait and things like that. How widespread was this? We also caught glimpses of it—workers carrying Mao's portrait and things like that. How widespread was this? Were there other examples of people uphold Mao? I would say it wasn't uncommon to see people wearing Mao buttons—to the point where, by the time we were leaving, they were almost everywhere. The people's discontent at the Deng Xiaoping regime had burst to the surface. The masses were really angry enough to take over the streets.

Finding Mao at Tiananmen Square

The Deng regime brutally put down the protest movement—but they have not wiped out the crisis of their system. Rebellion could very well break out again, possibly with even greater force. And as this Interview shows, the revolutionary legacy of Mao Tsetung is alive among the Chinese people.
Bush Backs Butchers of Beijing

Last June when the Deng Xiaoping regime in China shot down hundreds of protesters at Tianannmen Square in Beijing, U.S. President George Bush claimed that he "deplored" the killings and "supported" Chinese students in their "democratic" activities. This was a big lie from the beginning. The U.S. government has been a major supporter of the Chinese government, which is a capitalistic one, not a democratic one. The blood of the hundreds murdered by the Chinese butchers is on the hands of the U.S. government.

In recent months the hypocrisy of Bush and the U.S. government in relation to China has become even more blatant:

1. On December 9 the Bush administration announced that two top officials were in China holding high-level meetings with the Deng government. The two Bush officials were Brent Scowcroft, Bush's national security advisor, and Lawrence Eagleburger, an assistant secretary of state. The administration announced that the talks had been planned and the two officials were already in China.

   The trip was in open violation of a ban on high-level contacts with the Deng regime which was announced by Bush himself after the June 4 massacre. In December Bush approved the export of three communication satellites, which could be used for military purposes, to China. In January Bush agreed to allow more World Bank loans to the Deng regime. The White House said these decisions were "in the national interest."

2. In January, when the Deng regime lifted martial law in Beijing, President Bush praised this as a "good sign." But the army units that were brought in last spring against the people's uprising in the capital still remain. The police have orders to break up any demonstrations or unauthorized gatherings. Tianannmen Square has been "opened to the public," but even speaking loudly in the Square is illegal. People who have been arrested at the Square for shouting antigovernment slogans or trying to place wreaths to honor those killed on June 4 are now standing behind bars.

It's clear from all this that President Bush and the U.S. ruling class have continued to back the Chinese government and kept up close relations with Deng Xiaoping. Bush's talk that he "deplored" the June 4 massacre and the few "positive" steps taken by the U.S. government against China were only a way to cover their bloody hands. The U.S. imperialists have been acting outraged at the "brutality" of the Soviet-Nice governments in East Europe, but all the time Bush and the U.S. government have been backing THEIR butchers in Beijing.

There are forces in the ruling class who are against Bush's policy on China, and many politicians in the Congress voted to override Bush's veto on the bill on visas for the Chinese students. But Bush's troops on the international front will continue to support the Chinese government. This was a big lie from the beginning. Those ruling class opponents of Bush's policy are not saying that the U.S. should cut off relations with the Deng regime. Their argument is that a "firm hand" in dealing with the Deng regime will never secure U.S. imperialist interests in China. Number two: After all the "democratic debate" in Washington, D.C., when it came down to the real deal there was no financing line in the ruling class that ran through. Some Chinese students in this country think that the U.S. political system should become more like the one in the U.S. That happened with the visa issue is a real-life lesson in how bourgeois democracy works for the oppressors and against the people.

Bush says that it is in the U.S. "national interests" not to "isolate" China. These "national interests" are nothing but cold imperialist interests. When Bush says that he does not want to "isolate" the Deng regime, he really means that the U.S. does not want other Western rulers to lose face as they go to Beijing. Bush and other Western leaders are backing the Deng regime so that those doors will be kept open. They are counting on Deng and Company to keep the Chinese people down.

The oppressed people around the world should support the just struggle in China against the reactionary government and hope to see an all-the-way revolution of the type that took place in the U.S. Against the Deng regime and the U.S. and other powers standing behind it.

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Mao Sightings at Tiananmen Square

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deceived and began to reexamine their tactics and their basic understanding of what democracy and freedom of speech are all about.

"We Need Another Socialist Revolution"

Q: What did the people who wore Mao buttons do in the Square?

A: Well, different things. A lot of people were milling around most of the time. Workers were marching in the Square holding up Mao posters. People wrote big characters of Maoismsupremacy on the walls. Some were singing the "Internationale," talking, carrying signs that said "We need Maoism supremacy," "We need a people's army," things like this. Basically organizing on an up-to-date to try and rally people around traditions in their historic revolution.

They were trying to learn at the same time by reading the Red Book to each other.

I talk to some people underestimate the real meaning of the Mao buttons. It's really difficult in China to wear Mao buttons right now. I heard about one woman who

pulled a revolutionary-minded foreigner into her room, opened up a locked cabinet, and said, "Look, you see, I still have all these things from the Cultural Revolution and from before then." She pulled out pictures of Chairman Mao and other documents and Mao buttons and said that she was afraid to wear these things now—that the current regime did not support Mao Tsetung and it was not acceptable to wear things like this. She also talked about how the lines in front of Mao's tomb would get longer when some unpopular decisions were made in Beijing than against Chairman Mao, like when people saw on television that health care was no longer free or guaranteed, or when they decided to remove all the public toilets in Beijing, or break up further some of the more cooperative aspects of the social system. People wanted to talk to Mao's memory what had existed before Deng Xiaoping. This woman said that visiting Mao's tomb was an articulate form of protest about the dismantling of socialism.

So when students and workers are wearing Mao buttons, it's really a big step. It's a big sign of protest against the current regime, and pretty much everyone wearing them would say so.

One student was really grappling with the issue of what was going on in China when he went to visit Mao's tomb. He said that the complete works of Mao were there, except there were only volumes one, two and three. It's really impossible to buy those documents anymore in Beijing. They make them incredibly hard to get. He was saying that he has this overwhelming feeling that the current regime is doing really messed-up things in China and that because they were censoring Chairman Mao, there must be something that they don't want him to read about Mao. And so he really wanted to study Mao in order to understand what was going on and what should be done. He went out of his way to get documents from older people and to study and to help others study.

I think it's really easy for the media to underestimate the incredible sentiment for what went on during those forty years. I remember moments after the massacre one woman walked through the streets with a bullhorn, saying, "This regime is fascist. You can all see it now. It's a fascist regime." We need another revolution in China. They're killing our children. Don't you see them killing our children?" Town were streaming down her face as she went from street corner to street corner, drawing a crowd, trying to explain really what the nature of the attack was. Another woman was talking about how during Mao's time, during the Liberation struggle, they made sandals for the soldiers out of grass and reeds and anything they could find. This was their act of giving
Chinese Workers Dis Deng Xiaoping

To the SWP:

I recently came across some leaflets issued by Chinese workers involved in the protest against the government before the June 4 Tiananmen massacre. I'll briefly excerpt from a couple of these leaflets, partly because I want to give you some idea of what the workers were thinking of—their anger, and contradictory, questioning of the authorities.

First, a little background. In those tumultuous last months last spring, workers' organizations sprang up all over the country, struggling against whatever understanding was at hand. Eyewitnesses and journalists reported that all sorts of volatile elements made up these "autonomous workers" groups. Together with the militant workers were construction and migrant workers. In the present government, austerity measures shut down large numbers of building projects, throwing thousands of construction workers into the ranks of the unemployed. A City Construction Workers Autonomous Union declared in a leaflet announcing its formation on May 21: "We're not laboring prisoners outside a prison!" So widespread was the mood of revolt among people in general that at one point even "pocket-pockets" announced publicly they were "on strike!"

Another group of militant activists were demobilized. They had participated in the Autonomous Workers Federation of Beijing, marshaling tens of thousands of workers and students at Tiananmen Square, and "dare-to-die squads" whose members pledged their lives for the struggle. Of the million soldiers discharged from the military in recent years, over half reportedly couldn't find jobs. Many brought their military experience into the showdown at Tiananmen. When armed personnel carriers (APCs) moved into the Square on June 4, the war squads took the streets, singing: "Dear comrade, why are you worrying? We know what to do!"

Eyewitnesses reported that three-man squads pounded the pavement in cadence with their sticks and then marched toward the assembly. They would take on an APC, using everything from bike racks, muckhacks, concrete chunks, and long poles to jam the APC's tracks. Two squad members would then penetrate its gas tank with reds, and a third followed with matches. If there is one thing that those who are pushed down, whether in China or anywhere else, really like, it is to rip apart offices with bailing-water" the hypocrisy and corruption of the all-powerful. One typical example is a leaflet by the Beijing City Workers Union entitled "Ten Questions" which posed biting questions that criticized the government and top officials. The People's Daily, an official paper of the revisions ruled the leaflet as "counterrevolutionary." Here are some of the sharp questions raised in the leaflet:

1. How much was the bet placed by Deng Xiaoping on the People's army? Where did he get his money? Mr. and Mrs. Zhao Ziyang play bingo every week. Have they paid any fees?

2. Who paid their expenses?

3. Starting next year, China must repay foreign loans. How much will each citizen pay for these debts? Will this affect their living standard?

These questions show there is great anger and distrust among the Chinese people, especially about the rampant corruption among top officials of the Deng regime and the way the families of those officials are profiting from their connections while workers are being squeezed harder. This situation is often contrasted to how Mao Tsetung's son volunteered for Chinese military units that went to help North Korea against attacks by the U.S. during the Korean War and was killed in action.

The question in the leaflet about Zhao Ziyang, who was premier at the time, is also interesting. Zhao tried to use protest movement to his own advantage by pretending to be "sympathetic." But it seems those workers saw through him and considered him just one of the rotten bunch at the top.

The following excerpts are from a leaflet by the Autonomous Workers Federation of Beijing which put up a headquarters in the northeast corner of Tiananmen Square. One reporter described the scene at the headquarters:

"At any time during the day, hundreds and thousands of workers and residents crowded the Federation's loudspeakers listening to the speeches." This leaflet was dated May 25-

This is just a few of the leaflets made in Tiananmen. (A couple of lines of explanation about references in the leaflet: the Empress Dowager was the most powerful figure in the Manchuria Dynasty before its collapse in 1912, and Deng Xiaoping is known for his obsession with bridge games.)

A reader
Resistance to Concentration Camps

Last November La Resistencia initiated a "Call to Action," launching a Campaign to Shut Down INS Concentration Camps. The Call said in part:

"The government has made it clear that they are prepared for more clampdowns in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas in the face of new waves of refugees who are running for their lives from U.S.-supplied bombs, bullets and starvation in Central America. Contingency plans are in place to send hundreds of Border Patrol agents to the Rio Grande Valley, and to open new INS concentration camps to round up and jail our brothers and sisters. The government is utilizing the methods of mass roundups, detentions, and deportations developed in south Texas and other parts of the U.S. against Central Americans, Haitians, Mexicans, and others.

"We say NO! People everywhere must confront these outrages and stop them!"

In response to this call, La Resistencia united with others to hold protests at INS detention centers last December. The RW received the following reports on these actions:

HOUSTON

December 2, 1989. Members and supporters of La Resistencia marched on the Migra Detention Center in Houston. The group, which included Chicano activists, artists, and revolutionaries, was greeted by immigrants at the center who crowded at the windows with raised fists. An Indyendent Agent said an Indictment was delivered to "The People of the World" to La Migra. It charged that government officials have:
1. Compired and assisted in carrying out the illegal and inhumane incarceration in concentration camps and detention centers of an entire class of human beings who have committed no offense and who are being confronted with signs which read: "In Nazi Germany They Said They Didn't Know." Many Black people who live in the area were particularly outraged to find out a concentration camp had been built in their own community.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

December 16. A march and demonstration was held in the town of Alpine, California and the nearby Viejas Indian Reservation. The protest, initiated by La Resistencia and Friends of Nicaraguan Culture, was called to expose and stop the construction of a planned INS concentration camp (INS "detention center") on the Viejas Reservation. Demonstrators put out the slogan, "Shut Down the Concentration Camps. Before They Even Break Ground!"

About thirty people of different backgrounds from the San Diego area marched five and a half miles from Alpine to the reservation, where they were joined by a group of Indian women from the reservation. The Indian women greeted the demonstrators with a huge home-made banner, "We will be one people in solidarity." ("Seremos un pueblo solidario.") Supportors of La Resistencia passed out leaflets to hundreds of people at this gathering, calling on them to join the Campaign to Shut Down INS Concentration Camps.

CHICAGO

December 16. People gathered to demonstrate at the INS Detention Center in Broadview, Broadview is a largely Black community in the west suburbs of Chicago. The night before, in Chicago, 600 Mexican and other Latino had made the traditional "posada" Christmas pageant into a political protest right at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. Re-enacting the biblical story of Joseph and Mary seeking lodging in a foreign country, they raised the demand: "We demand lodging." They also raised the banner, "We will be one people in solidarity." ("Seremos un pueblo solidario.") Supportors of La Resistencia passed out leaflets to hundreds of people at this gathering, calling on them to join...
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The other two areas being surrounded with barricades, this Mid-Wilshire hood is made up mainly of Latino immigrants. There are crowded apartment buildings where many Mexicanos and Central Americans live. There is strong anti-U.S. feeling among these immigrants, and these sentiments seem to be shared by younger white people living in the area. Some Asian immigrants also live here. An RW reporter who was in the neighborhood saw Latino youth giving high fives to Asian workers and shopkeepers in the streets. The rulers of this neighborhood saw Latino youth giving high fives to Asian workers and shopkeepers in the streets. The rulers of this neighborhood saw Latino youth giving high fives to Asian workers and shopkeepers in the streets. The rulers of this neighborhood saw Latino youth giving high fives to Asian workers and shopkeepers in the streets.

According to the residents, the cops have been saying that the barricades are being put up to "stop drugs" and to "stop drug dealers from harassing women." But people told the RW that it is the police pigs themselves who call women in the neighborhood "whores" and blame them constantly. A young Latino described how cops demanded that she want one on the reservation. The battle against the government's attempts to isolate and terrorize immigrants, as expressed by the plans to imprison on the reservation, is becoming more and more urgent. The fact that unity between different peoples of color, and also white people, is being built to oppose these concentration camps is a good developing momentum. As one demonstrator said, "I think we should defend this and have a celebration instead of a demonstration for a change."
The following leaflet was put out by the RCP, Los Angeles Branch:

**MURDERERS, MURDERERS NO MORE! Justice for Oliver Beasley!**

The pigs say they made a routine traffic stop, were suddenly attacked by several Muslims from a nearby apartment building, and then shot Oliver Beasley in self-defense. LIES! This was COLD-BLOODED MURDER, pure and simple! The people in the area say Beasley was body-slammed over and over, shot to death while already handcuffed and wounded, then picked up by the heels and dragged back and forth on the street! The pigs also shot David Hartley, the man they had pulled over, and have filed charges on HIM. They were out to get Beasley at any cost, at any place. At one point, they were attacked by people at the street or coming outside. They brought in the helicopters and beat up their forces. Then SWAT pigs with machine guns swarmed into the building managed by the Muslims, kicked down doors, dragged people out of bed and arrested some more.

**THIS IS ALL OUTRAGE:**

- It's an OUTRAGE that Oliver Beasley is dead, blown away just because his skin is Black!
- It's an OUTRAGE that David Hartley is facing felony rap cops when the PIGS committed PREMEDITATED MURDER!
- It’s an OUTRAGE that the pigs and politicians have the nerve to call people to “stay calm” after this and all the other blood-soaked crimes they’ve committed.
- It's an OUTRAGE that Black people's rights have to be breached to live like healthy animals!

Let's tell it straight: This system has ALWAYS oppressed Black people, and always WILL oppress Black people until it is overthrown. This system brought Black people to Amerikkka in chains and has subjected people to police brutality ever since. No More Bastus Ya!

The powers-that-be have been using their bullshit “War on Drugs” as a cover to wage a WAR ON THE PEOPLE. They say they want to protect a person “drug-dealing for a living might commit. They would have said the same about Oliver Beasley—except Beasley was a Muslim and everyone knows the Muslims aren’t involved with drugs. It’s time to Fight the Power!

One convicted killer of various sorts said it clearly: “The way they’re doing now, they’re going to have to face the wrath of the people.” Swift response is needed—from people of all nationalities.

**The May 1st Manifest of the RCP is right on the mark:**

"Take a bold stand, with cold revolutionary political practice to plan on us in lock, stock, and barrel down, and kill us off, while they’re putting up that front, telling that big lie that this is what we want!”

No peace for racists anywhere! Not in the streets, not in the schools, not on the job, not in any neighborhood. Forced up, forced out! And up, up, and away.

And more, while we’re battling them back, politically like that, we got to make this part of getting ready for The Time—and it can come soon—to wage revolutionary war.

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REVOLUTION IS THE SOLUTION!

**Revolutionary Communist Party, Los Angeles Branch**

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**WAR ON THE PEOPLE PHASE II**

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**New National Center for Gathering Police Intelligence**

The new Bush/Bennett plan would set up a major new domestic computer net-work to spy on people within the United States. It would be a center that would coordinate all kinds of "intelligence information" from all the various U.S. spy-and-snatch agencies operating both inside and outside of the United States. This network was first proposed in last September's plan—now they are moving ahead with it.

All kinds of police agencies and counterintelligence experts have been calling for high-level national coordination of police information for years. This has been opposed by local forces who consider secret national police intelligence to be a threat to local interests. Now the administration is setting up a national intelligence network under the control of the Attorney General, who is already in charge of the FBI and any other federal political police activities. Once it is funded and set up, it could quickly become a center for all kinds of police intelligence and coordination, including political surveillance.

**Other New Offensives in Their War on the People**

- This latest Bush/Bennett plan has a new twist: target zones. It designates five areas as "high-intensity drug trafficking areas." The five are New York, Miami, Houston, and the southwest border region. These areas will get an extra $30 million worth of federal police activity, plus another $1.4 billion for local police and government propaganda projects.
- This proposal would fund an additional 6,000 agents, prosecutors, attorneys and staff, including 700 additional United States attorneys and 75 new federal judges.
- The government proposes spending money on "treatment and education programs." But no one should expect a "public health" center in this "drug war." Government officials do not view drug addiction as a health problem but as a "criminal" activity to be disciplined. They say that drug treatment is a waste of money.
- The head of the largest drug treatment center in the country, New York Israel Medical Center, said, "There is nobody anywhere that ever sets a target for expansion of treatment." This "war" isn’t about drugs, and it isn’t about people caught up in the drug wars. It is about putting down people and keeping people in line. Even money earmarked for "treatment and education" will be used to further persecute and brutalize people.
- For example, the Bush/Bennett plan includes $200 million for "the treatment of children, women, and other women and war victims." This seems like a humanitarian gesture. But the same government has been operating an oppressive program to punch women addicts for damaging media. The Bush/Bennett plan funded and set up, it could quickly be turned into a sex class for women. When the women know what "trench" this plan is, they’d have a good time.
- Another example: The Bush/Bennett plan calls for more drug prevention programs in communities and proposes $50 million for "drug education programs" in housing. Will these be government propaganda programs that snatch programs to turn neighbors against neighbors? To support eviction programs for families whose kids get busted by the pigs? Will this be money for more concentration camps?
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Mayor Barry

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In the background, Marion Barry's actions have not been without consequences. In a recent move, the U.S. Department of Justice charged Barry with fraud and conspiracy in an effort to launder millions of dollars in federal drug money. This latest charge is just one in a series of investigations into Barry's use of federal monies, which has led to a
crimina! indictment against him. The charge was based on allegations that Barry and his aides used federal funds to purchase and

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The week after Barry's arrest, 200 demonstrators gathered outside the White House to demand his release. President Bush took the podium to make a hard speech demanding more "cooperation" from city governments in his war on Black people. Mayor Barry was support- ing his policies and would back him in any manner of ways. He was missing—He was in jail.

The message is: Heavy moves are in store; get your bag and carry them out, or get ready to be beaten.

A Different Lesson

A Black mayor has been taken out by a Black government. This is an isolated incident. Massive resources are being used to place virtually every person in every part of this country under the control of the U.S. legal blackman.

The legal move is a sting operation design to shake the administration of Black Mayor Washington D.C. soon. The days are numbered. Avril has already backed a puppet for Barry, said the case was intended to shake up the Black masses for revolution and real liberation must be supported.

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There is much talk of a “peace dividend.” Some people see an OPPORTUNITY in the world today for PEACE and for dealing with REAL PROBLEMS like homelessness, poverty, racism, education, AIDS, and saving the planet.

BUT George Bush and the men who rule the USA see this as an OPPORTUNITY:

to INVADE Panama,

to GUNBOAT around in Latin America under the BIG LIE of “war on drugs,” and

to send more POLICE with more pieces to put down the basic people.

The only peace the powers-that-be want is a bigger PIECE of the world for U.S. domination.

WHAT DOES THIS TELL YOU ABOUT THE NATURE OF THESE MEN AND THIS SYSTEM?