



REVOLUTIONARY WORKER

Voice of the Revolutionary Communist Party, U.S.A.

Vol. 1 No. 24

ISSN 0193-3485

October 19, 1979

Sección en Español 25c

Imperialists Aim to Stop Revolution

U.S. Coup in El Salvador

As we go to press, reports on the current situation in El Salvador are still very sketchy and there will undoubtedly be many new developments in the coming days. In the next issue of the Revolutionary Worker we will have a more thorough article.

On Monday, October 15, El Salvador president Carlos Humberto Romero was deposed by a military coup d'etat led by two army colonels—Col. Jaime Abdul Gutierrez and Col. Adolfo Arnoldo Majano. He flew out of the country in a Guatemalan air force

plane, reportedly on his way to Miami.

For some time it had become more and more clear that Romero, a U.S.-backed dictator, was a major stumbling block in the strategy of "democratic opening" that the U.S. government has used to try to defuse

the time bomb of mass revolutionary struggle in El Salvador. (See RW #20 "Will El Salvador Be Next?")

The U.S. has summed up the problems they had in Iran and Nicaragua with backing thoroughly isolated leaders like Romero and are desperately trying to take steps to rectify the situation. A key part of this strategy in El Salvador is to hold new presidential elections in March, 1980 in an attempt to promote the illusion that real change is possible through peaceful electoral reform—the ballot, not the bullet—and win over certain sections of the population to backing a pro-U.S. government.

Romero had to go because he was thoroughly hated and exposed to the masses of people in El Salvador. He was growing more and more isolated every day even from sections of the population that could potentially be won to support a U.S.-backed ruler in the country. Romero was opposed to the U.S. plan for new presidential elections in 1980 and it's not hard to see why, since any election with any pretense to "democracy" at all would result in his ouster. A farce similar to his elections in 1977 would not be politically feasible this time. That election had come through wholesale fraud which included the counting of mail ballots from peasants who had been dead for years. It was Romero who commanded the army troops who opened fire on a demonstration protesting the election, killing over 200 people.

One of the first actions of the leaders

Continued on page 16

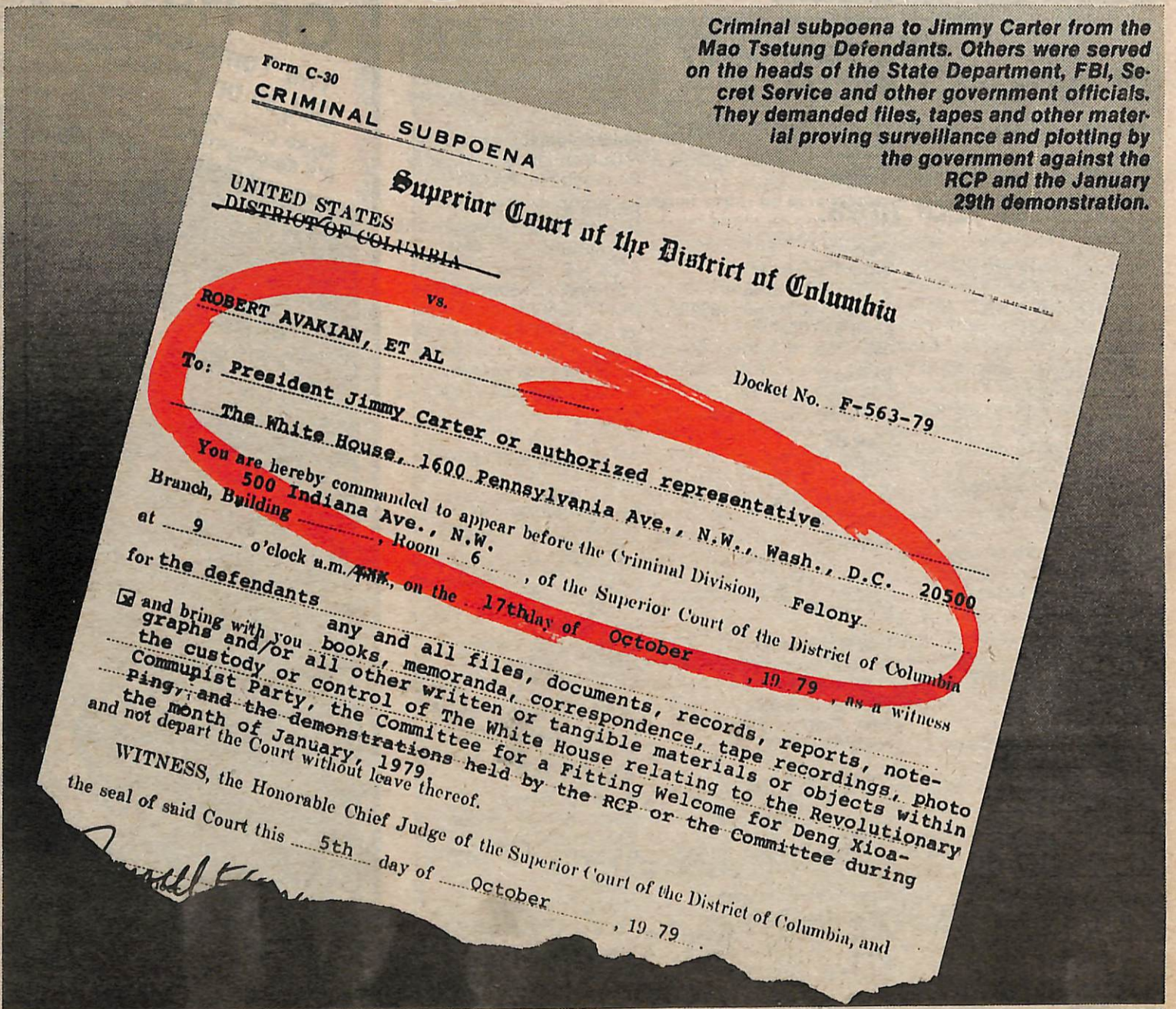
Mao Defendants' Court Appearance Results:

Major Battle Shapes Up For Nov. Hearings

Wednesday, October 17th was to have been a "routine" status hearing in the case of Bob Avakian and the 16 other Mao Tsetung defendants. It was not. While the railroad is still moving, at least the sound of grinding gears could be heard coming from courtroom No. 6 in the superior courthouse in Washington DC. When the one hour hearing was finished, a new trial date was set—February 4th, 1980. But of more short run significance, a major hearing to deal with the key defense motion to dismiss all the indictments, has been set for November 19th of this year. Nov. 19 now becomes the next major round in the legal arena in the fight to entirely derail this railroad and free all 17 defendants.

This defense victory in winning a new trial date and setting this crucial pre-trial hearing were the culmination of a tit-for-tat legal battle that had gone on in the preceding weeks. During this period, defense attorneys had filed still more legal documents, firing still more political and legal ammunition at the government's position that this is a routine "criminal" trial. In the final days before the status hearing, the government came out for the first time openly revealing that their case has all along been entirely on a political foundation, and that its main target is and always has been Bob Avakian. In a pre-trial government statement, they said: "The government's theory is that Avakian's speech [at a press conference four days before the demonstration] and the activity and statement at the church are admissible against all of the defendants because they were in furtherance of a joint enterprise in which all defendants were involved." This is

Continued on page 14



Criminal subpoena to Jimmy Carter from the Mao Tsetung Defendants. Others were served on the heads of the State Department, FBI, Secret Service and other government officials. They demanded files, tapes and other material proving surveillance and plotting by the government against the RCP and the January 29th demonstration.

Nov. 18th Rally in D.C. see page 14

WORKERS DONATE TO \$1,000,000 FUND DRIVE

To the workers at Automatic,

I gave \$20 to see that Bob Avakian is not convicted of that 241 years injustice for demonstrating in Washington, D.C. They talk about "Freedom Of Speech," and I believe in it, but what happened here goes against all of what they preach about this country. I don't like the system, and I'm no communist either, but I know when the people who run this country are trying to shut somebody up for saying and demonstrating for what they believe.

Now, I've worked a long time. I started working when I was young, parking cars at a theatre here in Chicago. My sister, she works at Walgreen's. And through my whole life I've never seen working people get what they deserve, but I've seen the rich corporations get richer. I've seen company's like Automatic try to starve people on strike for 11 weeks and more for just a few pennies. I'm white, but I'm not blind. I see that this system has held down Blacks and mi-

norities. I don't believe in revolution, but I think a lot of what the Revolutionary Communist Party and Bob Avakian say about this country is true. And I back up their right to say it.

—An old-timer at AE

I'm a worker at Automatic Electric and have donated \$5 a week to the Revolutionary Communist Party's \$1,000,000 Fund Drive. I would have donated more but my daughter is going to school and I had to buy her books.

My whole working life in this

country has been one of discrimination and oppression. Of seeing the rich get richer and the people get poorer. This U.S. Government with its FBI and CIA to spy on its own people and people in other countries is not a government of the people, but a government of the rich—of the oppressor. When I was a kid living in the South, my father would come home after working 12 hours a day to the shacks where our people lived and he would say to us that we were going to have a revolution in this country. And I believe it today. We need revolution to get rid of

discrimination, oppression and to get rid of the few rich bastards who rob us everyday we work for them. I gave money to see that those revolutionary leaders, like Bob Avakian, who aren't afraid to stand up, don't get sent to prison for 200 years. I gave because we need the Revolutionary Communist Party and its newspaper, *The Revolutionary Worker*, to open our eyes. Our fight is the fight of the working class. I ask all the workers at Automatic Electric to donate to the RCP Fund Drive.

—A worker with many years of slavin' for Automatic Electric

Prisoner Takes Stock of the Future

To the *Revolutionary Worker*,

I have been keeping a close eye on the *Revolutionary Worker* about Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants. As you and I know, the government is trying to make a power move. They know that the RCP is serious and they are trying to slow things down by putting Bob in prison. "The government has gone too far."

I ask, isn't it time to deal seriously with the American question (i.e. the question of making revolution in America—ed.) instead of leaving it to the most irresponsible elements and the tactics of the madhouse? The RCP is dealing with the questions and we should not stand by and see our leaders killed and jailed at will. Washington D.C. should be covered with people so that it will insure Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants that their jury will be in the streets all across this country.

The RCP must take full advantage of this trial. We need all the support that we can get to come to Washington D.C.

so that the party can force the newspapers, radio stations, TV stations and major magazines across the country to cover this railroad. They will not be able to hide what's going on and the government and the American working people will see that the RCP is the vanguard force of this country.

It saddens me very much to see so many people out to give their support to the Pope. Here is a man that offers nothing to the people but "Spiritual Welfare." Slummy as our cities are, you will always find one building look-

ing prosperous—the Church, built with the sweat and labor of the people who give toward these buildings and their maintenance even though they can ill afford it. What do the people get from the Church? Tell me, what do poor people get out of being Christians? Name one thing.

Stop investing your money in all these huge churches and invest in the RCP, your stock for tomorrow.

Yours in revolution
a prisoner in Kentucky.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

ONE YEAR—\$12
TEN WEEKS trial
subscription—\$2.50

Contact your local *Revolutionary Worker* distributor to arrange for your weekly copy of the *Revolutionary Worker* or write to:

Box 3486, Merchandise Mart
Chicago, IL 60654

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact the **REVOLUTIONARY WORKER** voice of the Revolutionary Communist Party, U.S.A.
Box 3486, Merchandise Mart
Chicago, IL 60654
in your area:

Atlanta:

Revolutionary Worker
1355 Sylvan Rd. S.W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30310
(404) 755-4481

Baltimore:

Revolutionary Worker
P.O. Box 1992
Baltimore, Md. 21203 or

Birmingham:

P.O. Box 2334
Birmingham, Alabama
35201

Boston:

Revolution Books
233 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Buffalo:

Workers Center
1131 Broadway
Buffalo, N.Y. 14212
(716) 895-6561

Chicago:

Revolutionary Worker
1727 South Michigan
Chicago, Ill. 60616
(312) 922-1140

Cincinnati:

(513) 542-5124

Cleveland:

P.O. Box 09190
Cleveland, Ohio 44109
(216) 651-8722

Dayton:

Revolutionary Workers
Center
1939 North Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405
(513) 275-8572

Detroit:

Workers Center
3136 East Davison
Detroit, Michigan 48212
(313) 893-0523 or
893-8350

El Paso:

P.O. Box 9322
El Paso, Texas 79984

Hawaii:

Revolution Books
923 North King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
(808) 845-2733

Houston:

P.O. Box 18112
Houston, Texas 77023
(713) 641-3904

Los Angeles Area:

Revolutionary Workers
Center
3807 East Gage
Bell, California 90201
(213) 585-8234

Louisville:

P.O. Box 633
Louisville, Kentucky
40201
(502) 361-0746

New York-New Jersey:

Revolution Books
16 E. 18th St.
New York, N.Y. 10003
(212) 924-4387

North Carolina:

P.O. Box 5712
Greensboro,
North Carolina 27403

Philadelphia:

P.O. Box 11789
Philadelphia, Pa. 19104

Portland:

Revolutionary Workers
Center
4728 N.E. Union
Portland, Oregon 97211
(503) 282-5034

St. Louis:

Box 6013
St. Louis, MO 63139
(314) 781-3601

Salinas:

P.O. Box 101
Salinas, California
93902

San Francisco Bay Area:

Revolutionary Workers
Center
5929 MacArthur Blvd.
Oakland, California
94605
(415) 638-9700

Seattle Area:

Revolutionary Workers
Center
6010 Empire Way South
Seattle, Washington
98118
(206) 723-8439

South Carolina:

Revolutionary Worker
P.O. Box 10143
Greenville, S.C. 29604

Tampa:

P.O. Box 24983
Tampa, Florida 33623

Washington, D.C.:

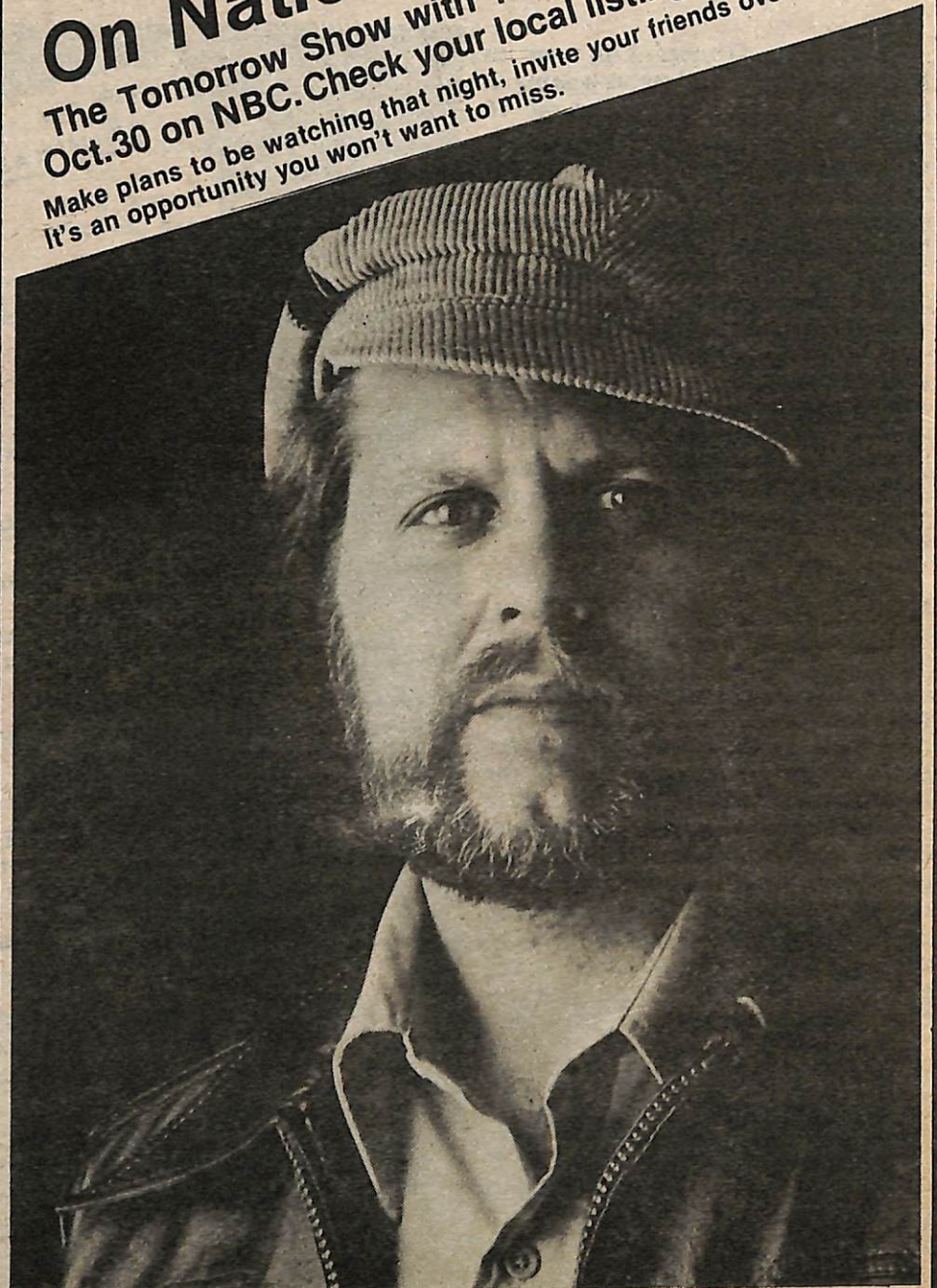
P.O. Box 6422
T Street Sta.
Washington, D.C. 20009

West Virginia:

P.O. Box 617
Beckley, West Va. 25801

Soon to be Appearing
On National TV

The Tomorrow Show with Tom Snyder, Tuesday,
Oct. 30 on NBC. Check your local listings for the time.
Make plans to be watching that night, invite your friends over.
It's an opportunity you won't want to miss.



Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Revolutionary Communist Party

CASTRO FOLLOWS POPE IN U.N. PULPIT

The United Nations has become a real shooting gallery lately. Not to be outdone by the U.S. and its big piece, the Pope, the Soviets wheeled in their heavy artillery last week—Fidel Castro.

Castro blasted away at some deserving targets, especially at the fact of today's world that hundreds of millions of people are starving and shoeless, while a handful of big monopoly corporations in the advanced capitalist countries become more and more bloated. But of course the Pope also found it necessary to acknowledge this reality. The fact is that, like the Pope, Castro came to preach reconciliation between the oppressor and oppressed. And like the Pope, his pious preachings served a specific political purpose—to disguise the actual nature of moves towards world war—and serve the interests of one of the world's two biggest oppressors. Castro, speaking as a representative of the Non-Aligned Nations Movement which just met in Cuba, claimed to have come to plead the cause of a "New World Economic Order." He also disguised his reactionary nature behind some righteous sounding rhetoric. "Why should some people go barefooted so that others may ride in expensive cars," he declared. "Why should some live only 35 years so that others may live 70." He was speaking, he said, "on behalf of the world's children who don't even have a piece of bread..."

He demanded that the U.S. remove its military bases from Cuba and Puerto Rico and "refrain from any political or repressive maneuvers that tend to perpetuate that country's [Puerto Rico's] colonial status." He also sounded good on Israel and its backer, the U.S., saying "From the bottom of our heart we repudiate the merciless persecution and genocide that the Nazis once visited on the Jews, but there is

nothing in recent history that parallels it more than the dispossession, persecution and genocide that imperialism and Zionism are currently practicing against the Palestinian people."

But these stinging denunciations of imperialism were not at all the point of Castro's address. "I have not come as a prophet of the revolution," he intoned. "Nor have I come here to ask or wish that the world be violently convulsed. I have come to speak of peace and of cooperation between the peoples..."

Castro's "Plan"

The centerpiece of this speech was a "concrete plan" to bring about such cooperation and avoid "conflagration": a "strategy for the next development decade, which should include an additional contribution from the 'developed countries' of no less than \$300 billion to be invested in the underdeveloped countries and to be made in yearly installments of at least \$25 billion right from the beginning. This should be in the form of donations and long-term, low-interest soft credits."

These funds, he continued, should be administered by the United Nations, with all countries having an equal right to vote on what to be done with them, and "no strings attached." Pointing out that "The United States alone will spend six times this much on military activities in the 1980s," Castro proclaimed, "Some may consider our demand irrational, but the truly irrational thing is the world's madness in our era and the perils that threaten mankind." Should this plan not be adopted, he warned, economic crisis might "endanger the whole precarious, unstable balance of the world economy...it would be difficult for the resulting terrible economic situation not to inevitably

Continued on page 15



Mickey Poag Lynching Explodes

2000 March in So. Carolina

Chester, South Carolina. Two hundred and fifty people from Chester proudly marched out of this lynching town last Friday for a 2 1/2 day demonstration against last May's lynching of 18-year-old Mickey McClinton Poag, which has been exposed in past issues of the *Revolutionary Worker*. As the demonstrators wound through 55 miles of rural South Carolina state highway, 2,000 others stepped forward and joined in. The march literally rolled up to the South Carolina capitol last Sunday.

More than 2,000 people, mostly Black, took a stand. They stood firm against the brutal oppression they face at the hands of local white reactionaries and their backward slave owner ways. They stood firm against the Chester ruling authorities, like Sheriff Bobby Orr, who were protecting these night murderers by their lies and cover-up. And they stood firm against the attempt by the state of South Carolina and Governor Riley to conduct a whitewash "investigation" into the lynching and cool out the struggle.

Last weekend's march followed close on the heels of the September 29 march of 600 through downtown Chester itself. Friends of the murdered youth carried a symbolic coffin at the head of this march, a march that so powerfully went up against the fear tactics the reactionaries use, that it shook this whole rural area.

The mother of the murdered youth, Mrs. Patricia Poag, described the demonstration to a *Revolutionary Worker* reporter, "When I got to the top of the hill in Chester and looked back at all those people, I started crying. I had no idea how much support we had and how strong we are." Speaking about the oppression Black people face, she continued, "This is just the

threshold, it's not over with by a long way, so many things need to be looked into."

Although the two demonstrations were predominantly Black, a number of whites came out to let it be known where they stand. After the march in Columbia, when Mrs. Poag was back to work in her Springs Mills job, several white workers told her that they had been there and supported the struggle. Six white nuns from a nearby town returned from the march to find their car towed away by the sheriff's boys in blue, an obvious move to intimidate them. And one young white woman who was asked by some Black youths why she was there said, "When they kill a Black brother, it's just like killing my brother."

Throughout the weeks before and after these demonstrations, there have been mass meetings of 200 to 300 called by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) at local Black churches. The people of Chester sought to have these meetings to hammer out plans for how to build this battle. Meetings to bring more and more people into the fight. And after 2 1/2 days of marching, a couple of hundred people returned to Chester to sum it up until 11 p.m. that night, many of them cotton mill workers, who went straight from there to work.

One of the demands of the demonstrations has been for a new autopsy, an autopsy where a doctor would actually investigate the cause of death. (The first autopsy was merely a few polaroid pictures of the body.) The governor was quick to respond to the demand—too quick. Out of complete distrust of the state's intentions, people's guards have been posted at the grave to prevent the youth's body from

being ripped off by the state. And new demands have sharpened up this skirmish—demands for a family member to escort the body once it's exhumed and for the family to personally choose the pathologists. To this offensive, Governor Riley set a deadline and has said they will go ahead with the autopsy in two weeks if the family cannot find a Black pathologist.

The developing struggle has forced many turn-coats and outright reactionaries to jump out.

The Ku Klux Klan posted leaflets along the march route the night before the Columbia march about "Black terrorists." This trash was righteously ripped to pieces. One Klansman got up to the mike in front of over 2,000 angry demonstrators and began to rant, "...you niggers don't know what you're talking about..." before he was dragged away.

Sheriff Bobby Orr has been forced to add some new steps to his song and dance routine. His new act includes testimony from the murdered youth's white girlfriend who denies she ever dated him, although she admits having dated other Black youths. This, despite the testimony of many Blacks in Chester who saw the two together.

The sheriff has also sharpened up his attack against "outside agitators" and with the other ruling authorities going right along, forced the main SCLC organizer, Golden Frinks, out of his motel room and out of town altogether. He's now staying in a nearby town. Meanwhile the local media prints the sheriff's word as truth and continues to slander the struggle.

Creeping along on the sidelines of the struggle, some opportunist types have made their treacherous nature obvious. The Black funeral home director, Chris

King, who has refused to come out with an opinion on what happened to the murdered youth, has managed to get himself on the committee that is negotiating with the state. He has also managed to use his position to raise demands for more Black legislators—he, of course, would be "honored" to run for office.

Then there's the NAACP. When they investigated the lynching last summer they concluded there was no evidence of any brutal slaying and still stick to that today. And, like the true Uncle Tom's they are, they leave themselves the opening that "we will not be satisfied until someone has been arrested." That someone, they say, who accidentally hit the youth with his car and ran.

And despite all these forces trying to aim the fire of the struggle away from the source of the problem and down toward the people, many have not been swayed from the truth. As Mrs. Poag said, "Somebody's got to speak out, it doesn't matter what race it is, something's wrong here...someone was going to bomb my house while I was at the mart but I'm not even worried about my house. What I'm doing will help other children. It could be your son next time."

Mrs. Franklin, the mother of another youth who was lynched in Chester three years ago, came out to the demonstration in a wheelchair, to tell the Poags, "I couldn't find the right source, but I'm glad somebody else did..." That source was the people themselves.

What has broken through in Chester has been the people, especially the Black people, standing up against the reign of terror that the reactionaries try to burn in people's hearts with their cowardly murders. ■

Message From O.C.M.L. Voie Prolétarienne —France

Message of the Executive Committee of the OCML-VP (Marxist-Leninist Communist Organization-Proletarian Road) to the Central Committee of the RCP, USA

We have learned that 17 members and supporters of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, are threatened with a sentence of more than 200 years in prison. These comrades were arrested last January at a demonstration which took place against the U.S. visit of the revisionist renegade Teng Hsiao-ping.

Given that the general crisis of capitalism is everywhere accumulating flammable materials, arousing and stimulating the revolt of the proletarians and the people, the bourgeoisie is trying at any price to crush the Marxist-Leninist communists who are working to raise the working class consciousness to the level of its revolutionary tasks. In its struggle to turn the working class away from the revolutionary road, the bourgeoisie has found a choice ally in revisionists like Teng Hsiao-ping and other advocates of the simple reform of capitalism. These renegades make use in particular of their influence among the working class of the capitalist countries to push them to ally with "their" bourgeoisie in the defense of "their" nation against other nations. They call on the workers to make sacrifices for the fight against foreign rivalry, to wage "economic war," and to prepare for the third inter-imperialist world war. This was the meaning of the visit of Teng to the USA, as is today the meaning of Hua's visit to France: to tie China into alliances with the "western bloc" in order to defeat the rivals of the "eastern bloc," and to turn China into a new imperialist superpower.

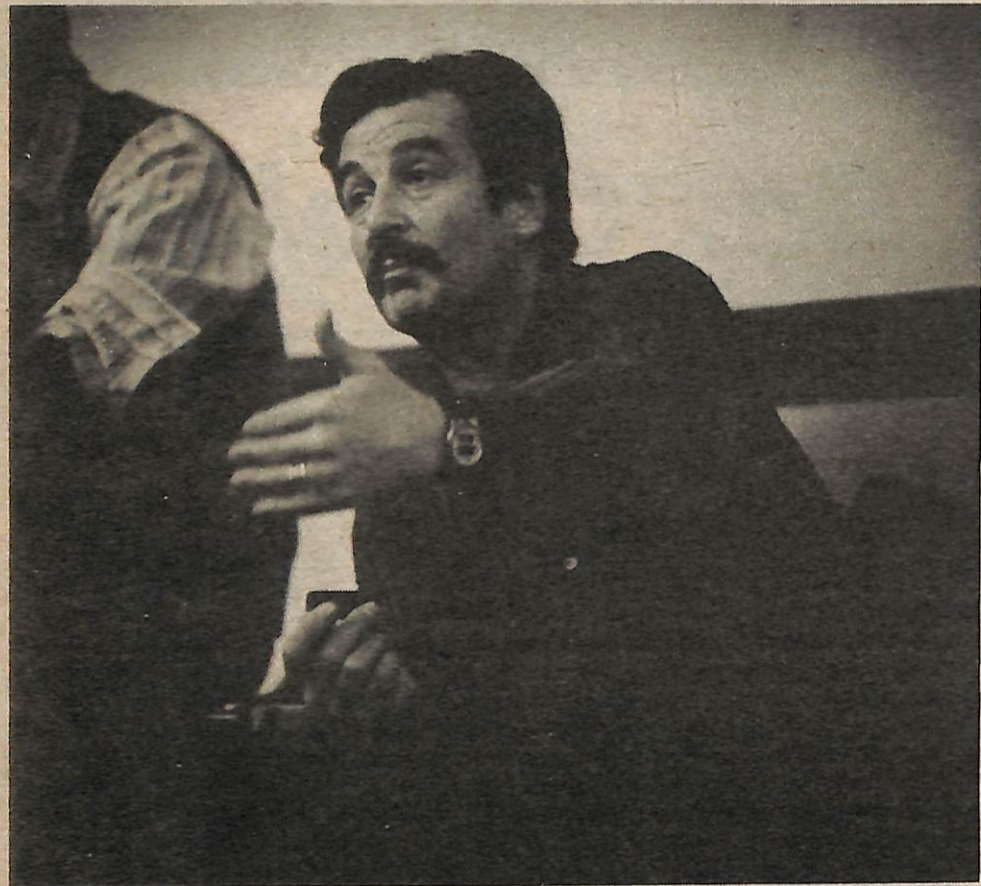
The proletarians have no country: far from allying with "their" bourgeoisie for the defense of "their" nation, they must unite throughout the world and co-ordinate their efforts to establish socialism everywhere. To do this, they must sweep away revisionism.

Our struggle against revisionism can know no limits, for this struggle involves the fate of the worldwide proletariat of which we are a part.

We therefore call upon the proletariat of France to support our protest against the trial of the American comrades. They are indicted for fighting against the alliance of Chinese revisionism with its new U.S. protectors. They are indicted for putting the interests of the worldwide proletariat above those of "their" imperialism.

Support the struggle against revisionism throughout the world. Denounce Hua and Teng, representatives of the new Chinese bourgeoisie, who adorn themselves in the legacy of Mao Tsetung to better betray him.

Solidarity with the 17 Comrades of the RCP, USA.



Jorge Palacios

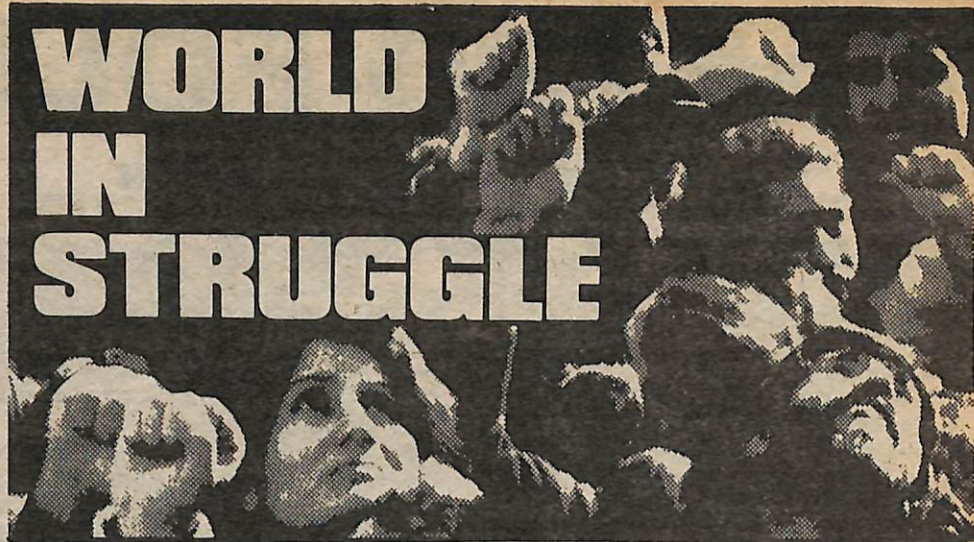
Appearing in San Francisco, Fri. Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Mission United Presbyterian Church, 3261 23rd St.

Sunday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.
La Peña Community Center, 3109 Shattuck, Berkeley

Main Chicago Appearance: Saturday, Oct. 27th, 7:00 p.m.
Hogar del Niño
1802 S. Racine

Speaking in Madison on Thursday, Oct. 25th
for more information on Midwest appearances call
Revolution Books 312-922-6580

Speaking in Detroit on Sunday, Oct. 28th, 7:00 p.m.
Wayne State University
Student Center Ballroom
for more information on appearances in
the Detroit area call May Day Books 313-893-0523



Kurdish Rebels

Kurdish revolutionaries stormed a provincial governor's office and kidnapped Sadeo Zidakalam, so-called special peace emissary for Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan in Mehabad, October 12. It stung the enemy which has been delivering their peace efforts with na-palm and executions. It was the third incident in less than a week. On October 8, Kurdish fighters ambushed a party of government guardsmen on their way from Sardasht on the rocky border to Baneh. They killed 22, wounded 10 and took 33 hostage. Three days later, another frontier post at Hanigarmeleh was hit. Villagers joined several hundred revolutionaries in carrying out the attack, which left the outpost destroyed and sent 50 government troops running for their lives.

Khomeini's all-out offensive against the Kurdish people last month has only pushed the struggle out into the mountains where it will continue to bombard his hand-picked troops with more surprise attacks.

Disco Weapons for South Africa

Item from a recent issue of *Africa News*:

A Johannesburg company has come up with the latest innovation in anti-riot vehicles: an armored van that blasts green dyed water and disco music. "The colored water sprayed over a crowd with people getting blown over can be quite amusing," said Harry Brelsford, managing director of Hotline Fire Equipment. "It has been found in South Africa that music played along with a water cannon can change the mood of a mob," he told *Reuters*. He added that considerable interest in the tank has already been shown by local authorities in South Africa. Disco music was chosen because "It's got to be something popular that's recognized by the crowd—if you're dealing with primitive mobs they really wouldn't appreciate Bach."

"Things We Should Have Known Before"

Southern California has felt the political impact of the U.S. speaking tour of Chilean revolutionary leader Jorge Palacios.

Comrade Palacios' tour, sponsored by Frente del Pueblo, a mass organization of the Chilean resistance, began last week in Boston and New York. On Saturday, Oct. 13, he addressed an excited crowd of 200 people in Los Angeles. Many of the workers of various nationalities, workers who are beginning to become politically conscious and active, were especially enthusiastic. The questions and debate that followed Comrade Palacios' speech lasted almost three hours, as people from the audience put forward an extremely wide variety of views and questions. Hundreds more came out to hear Palacios at UCLA.

In San Diego, Palacios addressed an audience of well over a hundred people, a large turnout for a revolutionary event in that city. With announcements about the program going out on Tijuana radio in Mexico for a week, and great interest building up in that country, quite a few people crossed the border to attend. The many, and at times heated, questions that followed reflected the audience's broad experience with imperialist domination, revolutionary struggle against it and the counterrevolution that poses as "revolutionary."

A Chilean reactionary lashed out with the declaration that Chilean people were better off under the rule of U.S. puppets, and that under the 1970-73 government of Salvador Allende, which stood up to the U.S. in many ways, the

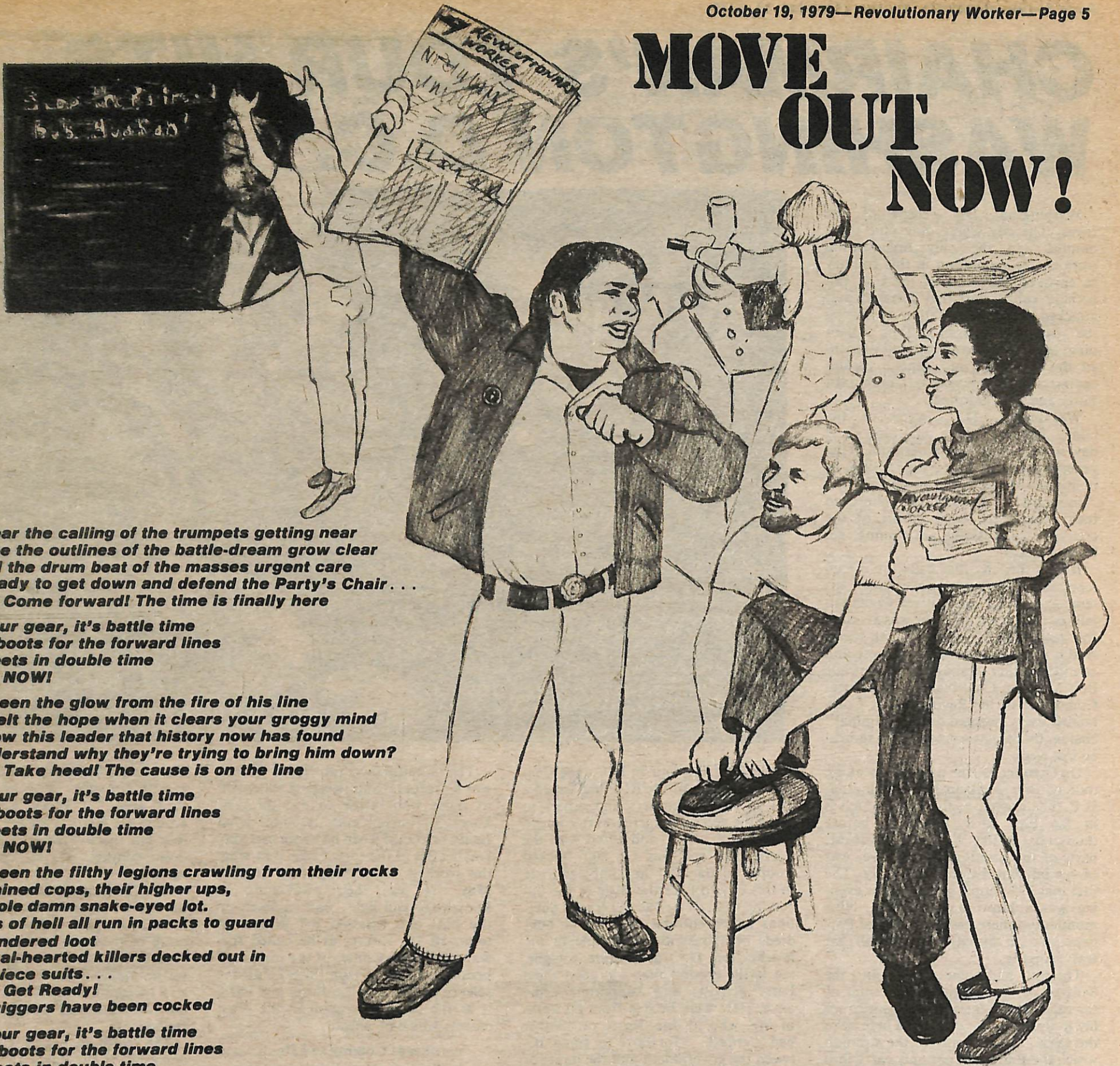
people couldn't even feed themselves. Palacios spoke to how it was the U.S. itself which had orchestrated the sabotage of Chile's economy—and later he spoke at length about how a liberated Chile would reconstruct its society so as to be free forever of foreign domination and all exploitation. In answer to a question from a young woman who'd left Castro's Cuba, he explained both the positive and negative lessons of the Cuban revolution for other countries and Cuba's role in the world today.

The special meaning this tour has had for many Latin Americans, many of whom feel particularly sharply the need to understand many of the questions Palacios deals with, was shown by the remarks of one young man interviewed after this program.

"I'm from Mexico," he said, smiling. "And I want to say (about Palacios' speech—*RW*) that he really brought to light a lot of things that aren't very well known, especially in this country. The themes and his Party's views that he spoke about included many things that we should have known before, and which we should study now. For example, the Soviet intervention (in Latin America—*RW*), and the U.S.'s interventions, and what was the real situation with Allende. Around here, these are themes we don't hear much about. For Latin America, these are examples, so that the people, as he said, can see that it is the people who are really powerful and not all the generals, so that seeing this, they can awake and see that it is possible to be

Continued on page 16

MOVE OUT NOW!



**Can you hear the calling of the trumpets getting near
Can you see the outlines of the battle-dream grow clear
Do you feel the drum beat of the masses urgent care
Are you ready to get down and defend the Party's Chair...
Comrades! Come forward! The time is finally here**

**So pack your gear, it's battle time
Lace your boots for the forward lines
Hit the streets in double time
MOVE OUT NOW!**

**Have you seen the glow from the fire of his line
Have you felt the hope when it clears your groggy mind
Do you know this leader that history now has found
Do you understand why they're trying to bring him down?
Comrades! Take heed! The cause is on the line**

**So pack your gear, it's battle time
Lace your boots for the forward lines
Hit the streets in double time
MOVE OUT NOW!**

**Have you seen the filthy legions crawling from their rocks
The pig-brained cops, their higher ups,
the whole damn snake-eyed lot.
These dogs of hell all run in packs to guard
the plundered loot
Of the jackal-hearted killers decked out in
three piece suits...
Comrades! Get Ready!
Their triggers have been cocked**

**So pack your gear, it's battle time
Lace your boots for the forward lines
Hit the streets in double time
MOVE OUT NOW!**

**We need ranks of agitators
Rapping on time
Burning the streets
With the blaze of our line
Calling forth all
To defend what they hold dear
To answer back
The beast's attack
In the center of its lair
MOVE OUT NOW!**

**We need music and actors
In the fighting machine
To storm the grey fortress
And set free the dreams.
With trained propagandists
The masses prepare
Transforming each block
Into schools of warfare
MOVE OUT NOW!**

**Fighters step forward! Take up your role!
With communard heart and bolshevik soul
With Shanghai daring be valiant and bold
Defend our Chairman!
DEFEND OUR CHAIRMAN! Strive on for the goal!
MOVE! OUT! NOW!**

Remembering Houston, Moody Park Struggle

OPENING THE DOORS TO REVOLUTION

Oakland, California. They've thrown down the gauntlet—a deadly serious challenge, and a truly great opportunity: the urgency of the call to go to D.C. before the trial of Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants pounded in my ears. *In this battle, the future is on the line.* And what kept coming over me was the necessity to turn this battle into something the likes of which this country has never seen before, to mobilize the masses with the revolutionary line of the Party in a way that hasn't been done before and *to win.*

How many times had the words of Karl Marx, that *ideas when they are grasped by the masses become a material force*, hit home since I first became a revolutionary, and how many times had I seen the truth of this in practice. A thousand examples flashed through my mind and in particular, a story I had heard from a friend who had been to Houston, Texas early this year during the fight to Free the Moody Park 3—three revolutionaries who the pigs had tried to railroad to jail for standing with the masses of Chicano people and defending the Houston Rebellion. That fight, too, was a fight for the future—a fight to uphold rebellion and prepare for the revolution

ahead—and in the course of it, the Party's line had unleashed the desire of many to get this stinking system off their backs and step onto the stage of human history with their heads up.

The attack on the Moody Park 3 and the Houston Rebellion had been an extremely serious one, but I knew that in the fight to defend Chairman Bob Avakian that the future of the revolutionary movement in this country was on the line, and that meant taking some giant leaps. We could not rest content with past experience. But there were many things to learn from the battle in Houston, so I called up my friend and asked her to tell me the story about Houston before the Moody Park 3 trial, because something she told me had stuck in my mind as being worth remembering and worth retelling. Eight months had passed and the crush of events had taken its toll on memory but bit by bit the story came back to her and it went like this:

I'd never been in Texas and I hadn't heard anything good about the place—only about how the Texas cops shot first and asked questions later. So the whole way down to Houston we were calling ahead to find out where to go when we got there, and what we

found out is that there had been a lot of trouble finding places to put people up who were coming from out of town for the demonstration the next day.

In fact, the police chief had pulled all the social service types together for a little meeting and warned them that they better not let anyone stay at their churches or community centers. And also, how they had better convince everyone else not to put us up. Then he said something like, if we made it into Houston, they were gonna blow us five miles out of town. So for most people who run community centers or churches this was enough of a reason for them not to stick their necks out.

It was close to midnight when we finally got into Houston. It was hot and the air was so thick you could practically swim in it. When we got to the park where people were waiting for us, there were a thousand mosquitos for each one of us. I figured we were probably going to have to stay there and I was wondering who would get us first, the bugs or the cops when they found out where we were and hauled us in.

But it turned out that the people in People United to Fight Police Brutality had made a fight about getting places for people to stay, pointing out that the

reason that the pigs were trying to intimidate people was to stop the working class and oppressed people from holding this demonstration to support the Moody Park 3. They were the ones that were afraid for the masses to get together in a revolutionary demonstration. So people stepped forward to help, even though they knew that the cops would be after them.

A bunch of people were going to stay in a community center in a Black neighborhood where the brother who ran the place was bucking everyone who was putting pressure on him—the cops, and also some people who were uptight about having any white people stay at the center. He said people could stay there anyway. Finally there were ten of us left and this 15-year-old Chicano guy, Mario, said it was o.k. to come to his place.

There were no street lights in the neighborhood, but the moon was out and I could see all around. The houses were little and old. There were no sidewalks, and I guess there was no drainage because there was mud everywhere, almost like a swamp. I was thinking about how ten people was too much to ask to say there, and then it

Continued on page 11

CHAIRMAN'S TOUR HITS WASHINGTON D.C.

Washington, D.C.—scene of the crime. The city where only nine short months ago the only organization working for revolution in this country so evoked the wrath of the U.S. imperialist ruling class that it lashed out, attacked the demonstration protesting the visit of arch traitor Teng Hsiao-ping, then later broadened and deepened the offensive into general assault against the Revolutionary Communist Party and its Chairman.

Washington, D.C.—scene of the crime. The city where only nine short days ago press accounts were still being generated which echoed the rantings of politicians about Soviet troops recently "discovered" in Cuba and screeched their message to every corner of the country: the Russians are coming, get ready for war.

It is in this city that daily life is well represented by recent government attempts to send a young Black woman to jail for four years after she was arrested for stealing \$6.27 worth of crab meat. And it is to this city, scene of these and countless other crimes, that Comrade Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, wanted on 25 "criminal" charges by the government here, returned last week.

On October 13, the national speaking tour of Bob Avakian hit Washington, D.C. The impact of this tour, which is in the East after appearing before thousands in the West, the Midwest, parts of the South and elsewhere, was of special significance in this city. The fact that 175 people gathered this evening was a blow at the enemy. Nine months ago there had been no real Party presence in this city. And now all that was changing.

The tour had come straight into the belly of the beast—the nerve center of the ruling class's attack. Its significance lay in the fact that contained here were the seeds and elements of the strength which the Party will not only carry into the months ahead, as it fights to beat back the government attack, but also into the years ahead as it educates and mobilizes the masses of people against the enemy and prepares for the final showdown.

Just two weeks prior to the ap-



Revolutionary Worker

pearance of the tour in D.C., the Central Committee of the RCP had issued a call to Party members and others to make the necessary sacrifices to come to Washington, D.C. and stand with the Party. This call was for 200 "picked troops" to marshal the combined force in this city to take the issue of the upcoming trial, as well as the crucial questions it concentrates, out to the hundreds of thousands of people in the Washington, D.C. area. Here, tonight, the fertile ground that will greet these Party activists and supporters came alive. Here were people from all walks of life, who to one degree or another had stepped "forward to stand between the government and the target of its attack," as the comrade had stated in the introduction. Here, also, was Bob Avakian. All 17 Mao Tsetung Defendants were here for a court appearance, and tonight they were asked in an inspiring moment to stand up for recognition.

The Chairman's four-hour speech was a profound and sweeping statement to those who refuse to live on their knees. Its impact must resemble what Lenin predicted when he wrote in a May Day leaflet in the early 1900s that what the workers were celebrating on that May 1st was their awakening to knowledge and light. Bob summed up the past and assessed the present in terms of the future, as he called forward the best qualities of the masses of people—called on them to take up the science of Marxism-Leninism and wield it as the decisive weapon in the great storms which lie ahead.

Seeds Coming to Life

One woman who had come from Baltimore to attend the tour returned home after 4:00 o'clock in the morning and immediately woke up her husband. She talked his ear off for three hours. Several others from the projects in D.C. talked on and off for days afterwards.

They decided to set up the beginnings of a *Revolutionary Worker* network in their areas. A Black worker, active around the Black Panther Party in the '60s but inactive since, told Bob later that evening, "I'm coming alive again."

The Chairman had briefly spoken to the Party's plans for the coming period in D.C. and had pointed out that as a result of these plans, the ruling class is "scared shitless." The basis for this was further demonstrated after the speech, at a reception at the national office of the Committee to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants.

The reception began with a call for donations to the Party's Million Dollar Fund Drive. People signed pledges for donations, and significantly, a copy of Bob's book, *Mao Tsetung's Immortal Contributions*, later to be autographed by its author, was auctioned off. Interspersed throughout the bidding, individuals made donations as they told why.

The bidding on the book climbed. \$300. \$350. \$400. A Black woman, the mother of seven, recently laid off her job, raised the bid to \$425. She said she wanted the book for her kids to read. Inspired by Bob's speech and the work of the Party, she took the lead in making obvious sacrifices. A man across from her, who had quit his job in another part of the country to come to D.C. through the end of the trial, raised the bid to \$500, but said he thought that she should have the book. Then, two other people added to her bid and the bidding was closed. The book went for a total of \$600. Later in the reception, the Chairman autographed the book and wrote a lengthy message dedicated to her seven children. Between the auction of the book and other donations and pledges made that night, over \$2500 was raised for the Million Dollar Fund Drive.

The speaking tour of the Chairman hit D.C. at a crucial point. The Party is in the initial stage of a political battle which will have a critical impact on the revolutionary movement and the political situation going into the '80s. The glimpse of this future could be seen the night Bob Avakian spoke. Right in enemy territory, the razor edge of the Chairman's line once again sliced the enemy to pieces as he called on people to step out, join with the Party in this present battle, and more, to take up and struggle for the line of the RCP, lift their sights high and enlist permanently in the ranks of the revolutionary movement. The tour was a portent of coming months and coming years.

WU
western union

Telegram

TO MARY ELLEN ABRECHT, U.S. PROSECUTOR AND
JUDGE CARLISLE PRATT, DC SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE
500 INDIANA AV WASHINGTON DC

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT 392 PARTICIPANTS AT MIDWEST CONFERENCE,
OCTOBER 6, DETROIT MICHIGAN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO REGISTER OUR OUTRAGE
AT U.S. GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPTED RAILROAD OF BOB AVAKIAN AND 16 OTHER
MAO TSETUNG DEFENDANTS.

CONFERENCE RECONGIZES CLEARLY THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR ATTACK. WE
UNDERSTAND WHAT BOB AVAKIAN MEANS TO US AND THE PEOPLE IN THE US AND INTER-
NATIONALLY, AND THE ROLE EACH OF US MUST NOW PLAY IN DEFENDING HIM AND
ALL DEFENDANTS.

WE SEE WHAT IS AT STAKE, AND THAT OUR OWN ACTION IS DECISIVE. HAVE
RESOLVED TO TAKE THAT ACTION--TO EXPOSE THIS OUTRAGE TO THOUSANDS,
MILLIONS, IN COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS; AWAKEN THEM TO THE POSSIBILITY
YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO WIPE OUT; TO CHALLENGE AND WIN MANY TO JOIN US
IN DEMONSTRATIONS AND JOB ACTIONS OPPOSING YOUR FRAME-UP, STANDING WITH
BOB AVAKIAN AND MAO DEFENDANTS, AND IMPELLING REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT FOR-
WARD. WE KNOW WHO THE REAL CRIMINALS ARE IN THIS CASE AND WE ARE CONFIDENT
MILLIONS MORE ALSO WILL RECOGNIZE THIS TRUTH AND KNOW WHO THEY MUST DEFEND.

SIGNED

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE, SPONSORED BY:

REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY
NATIONAL UNITED WORKERS ORGANIZATION
UNEMPLOYED WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR
REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST YOUTH BRIGADE

D.C. is a Powderkeg

Following are slightly edited excerpts from Bob Avakian's speech on October 13 in Washington, D.C.

Only two short weeks ago, we issued a call for volunteers from all over the country to come to Washington, D.C. before this trial begins and to turn this whole city, and in the process, turn this whole country upside down. That's exactly what we're gonna do and nothing less. And we've already seen the response to that call. We've said openly, we're telling the authorities straight up, "We're gonna send 200 picked troops in here." I want to explain what I mean by that. I mean political activists, political organizers, people who are aware and awake, people who understand what the stakes are in this battle, understand where the future lies, understand the thoroughly rotten nature of this system and understand what has to be done to turn back this attack and to build a revolutionary movement in this country. Out of the hundreds and maybe even thousands who are going to volunteer, 200 are going to be picked to come here and they better be coming soon.

I want to warn the pigs in the audience tonight, they're going to be coming soon and they're going to be coming prepared. But they're not coming 200 to take on the capitalist system and its police and its armed forces all by themselves. They're coming 200 to be the voice and the organizers and the activators of thousands of people. Thousands of people in this city—people who are here tonight, people who heard about this meeting but didn't come, and people who didn't even hear about this meeting and have never even heard of this case or our Party yet. All kinds of people like these, by the time this trial starts, and certainly by the time it ends, are going to be actively drawn into this battle, thousands strong and in a daily way. They will go out and reach, activate, influence and arouse, tens, even hundreds of thousands more people in this city. And at the same time, and through the influence of what we do here, tens of thousands of more people will be influenced and activated all around this country in relation to this battle. The eyes of thousands, perhaps even millions, of people are going to be focused on this city and on the battle that's going on around the Mao Tsetung Defendants, on the battle that's going on to beat back the attack on the Revolutionary Communist Party and its leadership.

People all over the country, not just in the streets of Washington, D.C., but all over the country, are going to be thinking uppermost in their minds everyday about this case and what is happening. How is this battle going? How can they do more to support it?

How can they let some more people know about it? How can they draw more people into it? And the ruling class is not going to be able to sweep this under the rug, shovel it away somewhere, say it's just another one of the little legal maneuvers. It won't be another railroad they're running through unopposed. They are going to be opposed at every turn, inside and outside the courtroom. And especially among the masses of people.

And I'm gonna tell you right now, they're scared shitless of this. You look at this city, this city is a timebomb, this city is blasting powder waiting to go off, and I'm talking politically here, let's be clear. All you provocateurs and everything else, let's be clear here what we're talking about. This city is a powderkeg because it is a perfect representation and a concentration of what this whole country is about. Here it is, the political capital of these imperialists who rule over us, the nerve center of all their dirty dealings and business, here and all around the world. And in one part of town, in a very small and isolated island, you have all the monuments to all the past capitalists and slavemasters right on back to George Washington. You have the hallowed halls, the marble buildings and the fancy statues where they take people and try to brainwash them about the great ideas of the founding fathers of this country, like that Black people were 3/5 human. That one they don't talk about too much anymore because a lot of struggle has gone on since then. But the essence is still the same. This city is where they carry out their dirty business. These drunken degenerates from Kennedy to Connally get together and try to figure out how to intensify the oppression and exploitation of us here and the oppression and plunder and exploitation and aggression against people all throughout the world.

But look at this city, this representation of the whole country and society, the way they've twisted and perverted it. Look, all around it, including where we are right now, are the broken down slums where the masses of people on whose backs this very system has been built up and on whose backs all the wealth that they brag about has been accumulated, on whose broken bones all the power and wealth that they wave to people all over the world to intimidate and threaten them has been built up. These people still live in the wretched miserable conditions that millions of people have to live in throughout this country. And millions more are being dragged down into it as this crisis of this system deepens and intensifies.

And these rulers of ours know this, they understand, although they don't understand scientifically. They have a basic sense, as any oppressor and

slavemaster does, that the people over whom they rule and the people over whom they carry out their exploitation and oppression every day, have a deep hatred for the way they have to live. That's why they work overtime to misdirect this anger and this hatred, to channel and direct it into harmless and useless outlets, either exploding against themselves, against each other in violence that is misdirected, or else going off into useless reformist dead-end tactics that leave us even further confused and demoralized than when we began.

They understand in a vague way that millions of people out here hate the way they have to live and that if millions of people come to understand that their system and rule over people is the source of this, that that will become a tremendously powerful, dangerous and explosive force which they will not be able to contain. It is precisely that force, it's precisely those millions of people, the hundreds of thousands here and millions throughout the country whose eyes we're going to be focusing and whose attention we're going to be turning not just on this case in and of itself but on all the questions that it concentrates and raises to a higher level. This means their preparations for war, their dirty dealings and backstabbing of revolution, and their oppressing people throughout the world, and the urgent need and growing possibility to work for revolution in the period ahead. That is what the hundreds of thousands of people here and

millions of people around this country are going to be having their attention focused on in the period ahead, through the course of the battle and in the ongoing struggle...

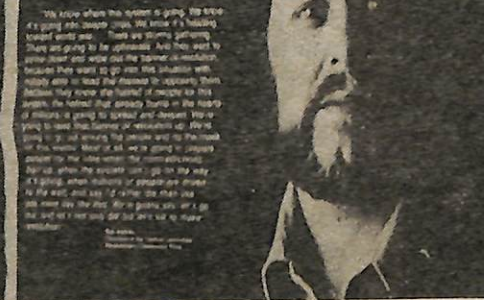
One former Black Panther member who is now with our Party put it, "Without the Revolutionary Communist Party and its leadership we will certainly fight but we will not win." And it is fundamentally decisive that we have this Party and for that reason it is crucial that people rise in the defense of this Party and its leadership and wage a toe to toe all-out battle with the ruling class of this country over the very question that they are posing, that they are throwing the gauntlet down around, which is whether or not there is going to be a revolutionary leadership going into this period of upheavals and storms in the 1980s.

That is the issue they have thrown the gauntlet down around, that is the question they are slapping us in the face and challenging us with, and we have to take up the challenge and we have to bring forward thousands, tens, even hundreds of thousands more to take a stand and wage that fight and determine to say, "Yes, we will win this battle and yes, there will be a revolutionary Party and a revolutionary leadership. We may not be strong enough right now to overthrow you, but goddamn it, we are strong enough right now to prevent you from taking away, crushing and crippling our revolutionary leadership." This is the stand we must and will take.

"To All Those Who Refuse To Live and To Die On Your Knees!"

Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party will be speaking throughout the country in the next several months. Bob Avakian is facing charges adding up to 241 years in jail.

The Revolutionary Communist Party and its Chairman, Bob Avakian, are the target of the most vicious attack by the gov't since the '60s.



Now on the East Coast

This is your chance to hear the leader of the only organization in this country seriously working for revolution, the organization the government is viciously attacking and declares to be the most dangerous revolutionary organization in this country.

When you hear Bob Avakian speak you will know why those who rule this country are desperate to put him away and to stop the RCP. And why those who hate this whole criminal system and government are rallying more and more to the RCP!

Don't Miss The Chance To Hear Bob Avakian Speak & To Get Down With The RCP! It Will Change Your Whole Life!

For more information, contact the RCP in your local area, or write to: PO Box 3486, Chicago, IL 60654.

Digging Out of the Hole

"Ex-Coal Miners Blamed for Prison Tunnel" whined the headlines in the *Charleston (West Virginia) Gazette*. A thirty-two foot tunnel was discovered under the basement of the West Virginia State penitentiary late last month, and it's got prison officials going nuts. The tunnel, started in the floor of a small basement utility area, was 24 inches wide at the entrance and nearly 3 feet across further in. Digging implements, a fan (for ventilation), a light, and work clothes were found in the tunnel. It extended from the basement to the front wall of this prison in Moundsville in northern West Virginia. "There's no way to determine who, in fact, dug the tunnel," said present superintendent Richard Mohn. "We have a list of suspects, but nobody is going to

talk... We have an extensive number of miners in here who know how to dig a punch mine, and the tunnel looked like a typical punch mine operation."

This is the second such tunnel reported from Moundsville in the past 4 months. The last digging operation was only discovered after the two miner/prisoners had made their escape from the prison. And, although the two were soon recaptured and no one escaped from the recent aborted tunnel attempt, the whole thing seems to really stick in the craw of the local authorities. Unfortunately for them, the miners they have thrown in their dungeons do not forget or hesitate to use the valuable skills and knowledge they acquired sweating in black hell-holes for the profits of the capitalists.

Mural Sends Drug Clinic Heads Up The Wall

As I pulled up in front of the El Rincon Supportive Services building my eyes were on the long blank brick wall on the side of the clinic. The blank wall startled me since I had come there to participate in the unveiling of a mural that was supposed to be mounted on that wall. Inside people had begun to gather to celebrate the completion of the mural, food was being set out, a band was setting up to play, but no mural.

I finally found it, nailed to the walls of a room deep in the rear of the building. What I didn't know then was that the next day it would be almost on its way out to the back alley with the rats and the trash, but more on that later.

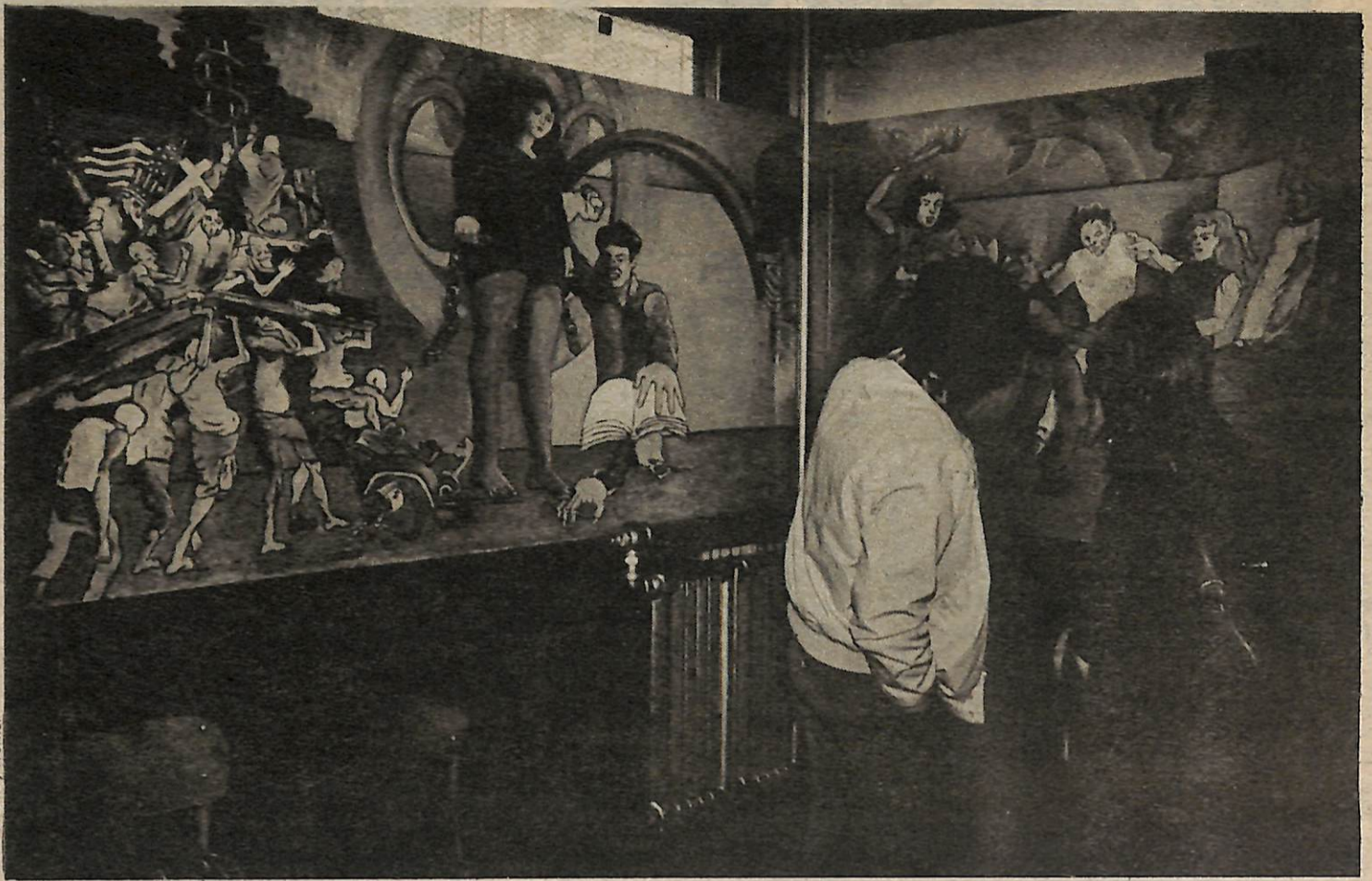
It all started three months ago, when the director of El Rincon, a methadone clinic in a Puerto Rican area of Chicago commissioned a mural to make the run-down warehouse-like building look a bit more respectable. People had been complaining that they were afraid to come there because it looked so seedy. Sketches of a local Chicano muralist were approved and work began on a 4 x 80-foot set of masonite panels.

But as the sketch came to life under the muralist's brush, the revolutionary thrust of the mural became more clear and it quickly became the center of intense controversy—which is what made me want to see it.

I had talked to the artist before coming and I knew he agreed with Mao Tse-tung that there can be no "art for art's sake," that all art represents and serves specific classes. I knew he wanted to do something that would speak to the real hopes and feelings of the people. So I was ready to see a political mural, but I wasn't quite ready for how political and revolutionary it really was.

The mural is done in essentially three parts. One part shows a large group of workers marching, carrying brilliant red banners. They are Latin, Black, white, men, women—their faces are clear, strong, they have character. Some wear caps, some of the caps had stars on them before the director, under pressure from the board of directors, made the artist paint them out.

The artist told me that as he worked on the mural, people from the clinic program would gather around. He was painting people just like them! Some staff members would slink around bad mouthing those painted faces, saying, "people don't look like that. They don't wear caps like that."



But the artist painted from the streets, from Wicker Park and Milwaukee Avenue. The banners they carried suggested a May Day march. One said, "Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win" in Spanish. Another, in English, said, "We are prepared to meet the challenges of the 80's." As for the red flag with the star in the middle on a black bayonet, the director wasn't too thrilled with that either.

The first part of the mural is specifically about drugs: death dealing destructiveness, a lake of despair and animal-like creatures, the dope pushers. There is also this platform on the backs of the junkies, weighing them down, crushing them. And on the platform is a pile of figures with a U.S. flag, Uncle Sam, a cross, a dollar sign. "Oh no," the director had moaned, couldn't the American flag be taken out? The artist said no.

But it was the central part of the mural that really knocked me out. There's this huge young woman, very strong. She's the only figure on the mural that's painted as if you're looking up at her. One foot is stepping on a drug pusher, broken chains hang from her wrists, broken shackles lie at her feet. She is the addict who beat the habit, but she is way more.

She is the masses rising up to freedom. Her pose reminded me of paintings I've seen of the Virgin Mary squashing a snake under her foot. This image is common in Latin American

countries and represents the church demolishing evil. But the woman in this mural is not some mystical Mary. She is solid flesh and blood and very alive and the pusher that she is squashing looks a bit like a medieval gargoyle, or an old dinosaur fossil. She seemed to be revolutionary consciousness rising up to crush the old antiquated demons and horrors of this decaying society.

What makes me say consciousness? A rainbow flows from the woman, over a man reading a book (he's also squashing the demon with his book) to a red book held in a massive upraised hand. And that red book is *the Red Book of Mao Tse-tung* even though the yellow star on the book has been painted over with red (one of the only concessions wrung from the muralist by the director). The massive hand has a workshirt cuff, and as I understand it, a staff member at one point tried to claim it was a Chinese hand and a Chinese sleeve. "Can't you make the red book a bible?" he had asked the artist.

They had meetings about the Red Book. The director and the staff would come while the artist and others were working on the mural. Dragging in chairs they'd say, "The book, we want to talk about the book." The BOOK. It all started to focus on the book. It was a lightning rod. Somehow in the mural it even looks like a lightning rod. It drew all the fire.

People who came to the clinic who

had watched the daily progress of the mural talked about the Red Book. Some had read it in prison. They told the artist it had been considered contraband in some prisons, people caught with it were thrown in solitary. "You can have Hustler and Playboy but not the Red Book." People from the clinic (the staff and director call them clients) started to read it, discuss Mao Tse-tung, discuss revolution. The Red Book stands for revolution. The mural stands for them. They began to love it.

But some of the staff grew to hate the mural. They banned the people from the clinic from any meetings about it. After all, they said, what do junkies know about art or politics? The mural made the director and the staff afraid. Afraid of losing their jobs, afraid the clinic would lose its funding. And I think it made them afraid of losing control over their "clients." The capitalists, the government, the boys downtown never even had to lift a finger. Their class interests got carried out by the director and the staff members he had won over.

Many of the staff members, like many of those on the program, are from the Latin ghettos, and they have been offered a way out of the ghetto. But the price of their way out is ideological unity with the capitalist class. Give your brother methadone for nine years, ten years, or until he drops.

Continued on page 16

Ford Upholds Law of Profit in Pinto Decision

The grotesque details of the Ford Motor Company's killer Pinto coverup continue to unfold. Confidential Ford memos were recently discovered in the court file of an Indiana criminal case in which Ford is charged with negligent homicide in the case of three young women who were burned to death when their '73 Pinto was rear-ended by a van last year. The documents show conclusively that, even before mass production of the Pinto began, Ford knew the car's gas tank could rupture and explode in rear-end crashes at speeds as low as 20 m.p.h. According to Lee Strobel of the *Chicago Tribune*, who discovered the documents, "Ford engineers developed several ways of reducing the hazard, but none was implemented even though some could have been installed for less than \$10 per car."

One confidential memo written in 1971, the year the Pinto first went on sale, suggested that Ford wait until 1976

before beginning to install an \$8 part to reduce the fire hazard—the reason being that the delay would save Ford \$20.9 million. In another document, the manager of Ford's body testing department, who has since retired, spells out how negative safety test results are routinely buried from view, with no reports issued. In the words of the memo, "The test is then cancelled officially with a letter stating the date of cancellation, but no reason given." Test results, however, are kept in files and this led the manager to question the soundness of Ford's policy, since "our records could be subject to subpoena." A practical and far-sighted consideration for any company planning to sell time bombs to an unknowing public.

These are only the latest in a long string of revelations relating to Ford's premeditated murderous activities. The company is facing a growing number of civil suits resulting from injuries and deaths in Pinto explosions, and the

Indiana case is the first in history where a corporation is being charged with the criminal act of homicide. Earlier this year, a jury awarded a California youth \$127.8 million in a judgment against Ford. He had been hit from behind in his Pinto which exploded in a ball of flames, burning him over 95% of his body. During the course of that trial, and the Indiana case which is still in the courts, a lot of evidence was uncovered which the Ford Motor Company would have preferred to keep secret. Perhaps most revealing was the fact that, shortly after the first Pintos began detonating around the country, Ford got its accountants and statisticians together to determine whether it would cost them more to recall all their Pintos and make safety alterations, or face lawsuits by those whose cars might blow up. Ford decided to take its chances in court.

All that was front page news two years ago, and a lot of people were shocked to learn that Ford sees the value of its customers' lives as a matter to be coldly calculated in terms of dollars and cents. But a former head of General Motors explained the reason

for Ford's (and the rest of the capitalist class') criminal conduct years before the Pinto was ever designed. "We're not in the business of making cars," he said, "We're in the business of making money."

The god of profit. For the capitalists it defines life and renders death—the death of the masses, that is—insignificant. "As is the case with any car," intones Ford to this very day, as dollar marks flash on and off in its eyes, "the Pinto fuel system can be damaged to the point of being ruptured in a sufficiently violent collision, (20 m.p.h.? —RW) and the results, should a fire ensue, can be tragic." What a touching and sensitive appreciation of tragedy.

In light of this moving show of concern by Ford, a California judge has taken away \$121.2 million of the outraged jury's original award to the young man whose entire body is living testament to the capitalists' crimes. And Ford is appealing the other \$6.6 million. Whatever the outcome of the upcoming court cases facing the company, it will receive no more than a slap on the wrist, to be sure. For they have only acted according to the capitalists' most sacred law—profit, profit above all else.

The Pigs Don't Want the People to Hear It!

Greensboro Tour

The speaking tour of Bob Avakian on October 14 here erupted into a full-scale battle. The terms of the battle were nothing less than whether the Chairman's speech would happen at all.

By Wednesday, October 10, five people had been arrested for building for the speech—one RCYB member for agitating and leafleting at a local high school in nearby Chapel Hill, and four more at the Greensboro campus of the University of North Carolina.

Not to be outdone by the police, the reactionary "Workers Viewpoint Organization," which claims to be communist, attacked two revolutionaries who were leafleting the A&T University homecoming parade. These WVO goons slashed at them with razor blades, maced them, and grunted, "You better get out of town and stay out." (As we go to press, we have learned that WVO goons have again attacked revolutionaries who were leafleting a plant about the speech Bob Avakian gave in Greensboro. These reactionaries came out of the plant armed with bricks and outnumbered the leafleters 2 to 1. One leafleter was put in the hospital as a result of this pig attack. The next day the newspapers reported the incident as if it was workers at the plant attacking revolutionaries—RW.)

On Thursday, October 11 supporters of the RCP and the Mao Tsetung Defendants went into Hampton Homes, a Black housing project, to hold a rally and leaflet about Chairman Avakian's upcoming speech in Greensboro. A crowd of about a hundred gathered despite foolish attempts of Black cops to convince residents to stay away. The cops attacked, first arresting a woman for violating the noise ordinance, and then a man for "inciting to riot." The crowd was electrified. People pointed at the cops, chanting, "You, you, you..." The cops sealed off the projects and went on a sweep, beating whoever they could get their hands on, and arresting nine people for "inciting to riot." When the cops returned to their patrol cars, they found they were dented and had had the paint scraped by youths with rocks.

The battle continued right down to the wire. The pigs made it almost impossible for those arrested at Hampton Homes to get out on bail. Bondsmen were either threatened or working directly with police, and one even confiscated a car as collateral. A pre-dawn gestapo-style raid was made on an RCP member's house by police holding a warrant for an RCYB member who was forced to turn himself in later so the warrant couldn't be used as a pretext for raiding Chairman Avakian's speech itself.

Because of threats on the life of the Chairman and the people who attended, the speech had to be moved to a second location. In defiance of all these attempts to scare people away, Bob Avakian went right into the Hampton Homes projects for a successful press conference, while residents crowded around him and kept an eye out for the unmarked police cars cruising around.

The repression aimed at stopping the Chairman's speech in Greensboro and the tremendous controversy around it, instead of silencing Bob Avakian, has made the question much sharper—just who is this man who the authorities want to shut up so bad?

San Jose State

San Jose, Ca. The San Jose authorities have launched the sharpest political attack this town has seen since the late 1960s. The attack is aimed at the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade and the San Jose State students who have become involved in the fight to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants and Stop the Railroad of Bob Avakian. The attack coincides with the trial of 5 RCYB members arrested last winter on the campus for taking part in a support demonstration for the anti-Teng Hsiaping demonstration held in Washington, D.C. last January 29. As a result of a rally held on campus on October 10, three revolutionaries have been arrested on a variety of five misdemeanor charges. In addition, university officials have declared the RCYB an *outlaw organization*, banning it from campus for 72 hours.

One of those arrested on the 10th has been banned from the campus for two weeks, and all three are subject to arrest if caught on campus. Over a hundred "troublemakers" have been photographed and put on a blacklist which the university refuses to divulge. Cops, both uniformed and plainclothes, prowl the campus like gestapo troops with these photos and names, warning that any of these conspirators can be thrown off campus or even arrested. The *San Jose Mercury* has run articles openly attempting to link the RCYB with "a global terrorist network." And the university paper, the *Spartan Daily*, has run a classic red-baiting editorial, saying, among other things, that at the October 10th rally, "the police simply had no choice... they were forced to act as the RCYB provoked and pleaded their way into the paddywagons."

When the RCYB recently began to make its big push to mobilize San Jose State students to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants and Stop the Railroad of Bob Avakian, the authorities were quick to act. The judge in the trial of the 5 RCYB members, who were busted for marching into classrooms with 20 others to let students know about the historic anti-Teng demonstration, upheld a "blanket law" that gives the university administration complete power to grant or deny any campus political activity. But things didn't exactly go the way they were intended to. The Oct. 10 rally (called on the opening day of the 5 RCYB's trial) was staged in front of the student union. It so happened that Oct. 10 was also the day that the university had chosen to give a birthday party at the student union commemorating the ten years the building has been open. Inside, as the ice cream, cake and party favors were

Black QB's Sacked

Racism and the Pigskin

Once more, the ball was right on the money. Thirty...forty...fifty yards and right into the arms of the wide receiver running down the field—another touchdown pass. The coach looked up and turned to a reporter, watching the team practice. "Right now, today, he's one of the best four or five quarterbacks playing the game. If he were in the NFL today, he'd be among the greatest."

The speaker is the head coach of the semi-pro Baltimore Eagles, talking about the starting quarterback. Who is this quarterback? Don't the NFL clubs know about him? If they did, wouldn't they be beating down the door to get his name on a contract? Is the problem that



Revolutionary Worker

Pigs move in to break up rally to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants on San Jose State campus.

handed out, so was the administration's reactionary message: we've had ten years of peace and order here, let's keep it that way.

The political battle lines at the rally outside got real clear with the university on the one hand handing out cake and ice cream for the good little boys and girls inside the building, while at the same time they were sending out their reactionary little horn tooters from the ski club in an attempt to disrupt the rally with jeers and even pro-KKK trash. More students drew closer to the rally. People began crowding toward the door of the student union. That was too much for the cops, who quickly moved in, blocking the entrance and nervously eyeing the crowd.

The crowd grew, and the battle lines sharpened up at the sight of these goons guarding the door. Some 200 people had gathered, listening to the speakers and struggling over where they were going to line up. Would they support and defend Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants? Or would they stand with the rulers of this country? A woman student from the crowd took the bullhorn to say that although she wasn't a communist, she wanted to dare anyone to have an opinion other than the system's, and went on to say, "If these attacks don't upset you, I don't know what it takes." A Black woman defied one of the cops: "Give me your

gun and then stand in front of me!"

Soon the order came down for the cops to disperse the demonstration, but over a hundred students simply joined with the RCYB and moved the rally elsewhere. Enraged, the cops moved in and busted three people. Students were outraged. Some who had joined the rally in front of the student union now stepped forward to keep things going. One of these students later said, "I almost felt those cuffs on me, but I kept talking." Finally, the cops had to give a second and final order to disperse.

The attempts to stomp out the revolutionary sparks being generated on the San Jose State campus have only succeeded in fanning the flames. Only weeks into the school year, the political atmosphere on the campus has become charged in a way not seen in years. The day after the rally, the "banned" RCYB found the ways to get a leaflet across campus, aptly headlined, "This is an illegal leaflet." Students are coming forward to defend those most recently busted, and some are joining in the defense of Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants.

The trial of the San Jose 5 is still going on. The bourgeoisie wants to convict these revolutionaries, but they are also beginning to sense the political price they will pay if this railroad goes through. Unfortunately for them, the price is going up. ■

But it was many of these same sportscasters who conspired with the NFL hierarchy and helped prepare public opinion to run Gilliam out of the NFL in the first place. Why? Because Joe Gilliam is Black and is *too* good at playing football. In the "American Spectacle" that is professional football, only a few Blacks have even gotten the chance to be the starting quarterback—the "team leader" and "the brains of the offense." Those that have gotten the chance haven't lasted long. This is the result of a systematic policy by team managers and owners as well as the executives that run the professional football leagues. And that is just one form

Continued on page 16

Pro-Albania Parties' Summer Camp

SPANISH INQUISITION

NO. 2

This August a strange series of events took place which turned a summer camp, billed as an international gathering of anti-imperialist and anti-fascist youth, into an arena of sharp class struggle and the sight of phony "communists," conducting a modern day version of the Spanish Inquisition (when in the 15th century the Church and the Spanish feudal classes launched an attack on all kinds of progressive thinking, burned books, executed people for "heresy," etc).

The camp was organized in the main by several European parties which have close ties with the Albanian Party of Labor, whose leader, Enver Hoxha, has recently come out with a full-scale assault against Mao Tsetung. Hoxha and his closest followers have tried to make attacking Mao a sort of "admissions card" into what they like to refer to as the "international Marxist-Leninist movement." Several parties which only a few years ago gave lip service to Mao as the greatest Marxist of our time, have dumped him like a hot potato now that it isn't popular to be upholding Mao in certain circles and now that there is little capital to be gained from pretending to support his teachings.

But unfortunately for those who planned the summer camp, not everyone is willing to abandon revolutionary principles, and there were those at the camp who were determined that the struggle against revisionism take precedence over the singing of folk songs.

The Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile, which had participated in planning meetings for the camp, came prepared to make their new document, "An Evaluation of the Work of Mao Tsetung" public for the first time. At the preparatory meetings, it had been

agreed that all the participating organizations would be free to distribute any of their literature. But when the camp organizers saw that a defense of Mao Tsetung was being circulated, they threw a fit.

Meanwhile, outside the camp about seventy members and supporters of the Communist Party of Turkey, and its youth organization, the Marxist-Leninist Youth of Turkey (M-L) set up their own encampment. Although they had come huge distances to attend, they had been denied entrance to the summer camp at the instigation of another Turkish group which has lately been faithfully parroting any and all garbage coming out of Albania.

The combination of the presence of the Turkish youth outside the camp gates and the RCP of Chile and others within the camp itself who were fighting against the politics of the "camp counselors" threw the latter into a complete frenzy. In violation of the previous agreement, the Chileans were ordered to stop selling their pamphlet defending Mao. When they proceeded to give it away instead, they were expelled by force from the camp, as were the delegations of the Marxist-Leninist Party of Austria and the Communist Party of Cyprus (Marxist-Leninist). The camp superintendents then went around trying to confiscate the contraband literature from all those in the camp who had gotten it—throwing it all into a giant pile. Even the Spanish police were called into the act by the camp organizer!

The defense of this cowardly action was almost as pathetic as the actions

themselves. A joint statement signed by 11 of the 25 participating organizations of the camp accused the Turkish communists of being "provocateurs" and said the RCP of Chile and an Austrian party were "sowing confusion and division among the participants."

The Communist Party USA (ML), otherwise known as MLOC, publisher of the little-read weekly *Unite!*, was also a signatory to this reactionary trash. In their paper they actually said that those who were thrown out of the camp were supporters of Chinese revisionism! Actually, all the groups who were expelled from the camp are well known opponents of Chinese revisionism—for example, the RCP of Chile was among the first parties in the world to condemn the new Chinese rulers through their Open Letter to the CPC which had wide

impact among Marxist-Leninists worldwide. Further, it is a little ridiculous to hear MLOC calling others supporters of Chinese revisionism when it was MLOC that openly hailed the revisionist coup in China—only to switch their support to the Albanians when they thought it might give them some international recognition!

The silly and childish actions of the organizers of the summer camp in burning books and expelling "heretics" cannot be seen as simply a question of not allowing democratic debate. At the bottom is the reactionary line coming from these forces, on the question of Mao and a whole host of others as well. Since their line cannot stand up to debate, and since they fear their members coming into contact with correct ideas, they are reduced to outlawing genuine Marxists from their camp and like the first Inquisition, demanding unquestioned obedience to the Pope—in this case Enver Hoxha. ■

Carter's Town Meeting Interrupted Again!

Dolton, Illinois, October 16. It was the latest of Carter's "town meetings," one of many cozy gatherings sponsored by his re-election road show to save his collapsing political credibility. What better way of "giving the people a chance to ask questions of a public official," according to a White House advance man.

Yes, indeed, what better way for Jimmy "regular guy" Carter to meet the people than at a town meeting held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning when the bulk of the working class population has just punched the time clock, ready to settle down to the daily grind?

And what better location could have been chosen to get a representative cross-section of views than middle-class Dolton, deep in Chicago's white south suburbs? It appears, however, that even with these restrictions, the Carter entourage was worried that too much leeway might be allowed for riffraff and other unruly elements to edge their way onto the scene.

So that a pre-selected group could be chosen for attendance, applications were printed up and run in local newspapers, noting in the grand tradition of American participatory democracy that "any citizen is eligible" to attend the town meeting by sending in the coupon with name, address and phone number. But it would have been more accurate to state that "any white citizen is eligible." It did not seem to bother Carter, supposed champion of equal rights for minorities, that the application was printed exclusively in the *Economist* newspaper serving the almost entirely white south suburbs and white south-west side of Chicago, while the city's Black newspaper, the *Daily Defender*, was ignored.

For some unstated reason, all applications had to be in nearly three days in advance of the public "random lottery drawing" to decide the lucky winners—perhaps to give the fifteen League of Women Voter assistants plenty of time to place applications in the lottery drum? Or could it be that the Carter crew was screening the applicants, in fear that some rude questions might arise to knock a hole in his flimsy little pre-fab town meeting?

When the big day arrived, it was hardly surprising that a well-dressed, 99.9% white bunch appeared with their special, picked-up-in-advance tickets in

hand. All were carefully checked by cops and secret service men at the door. The town meeting got off to a smooth start with Carter blowing kisses on schedule to the crowd. He had just struck a distressed pose, droning on and on about how, "Yes, America has problems, but..." when a big one presented itself right in his face. A revolutionary jumped up, holding a poster of Bob Avakian and shouting, "The Revolutionary Communist Party says 'Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants, Stop the Railroad of Bob Avakian!'" several times before the Secret Service men managed to pull her out.

This is the third time Carter's well-orchestrated charade town meetings have been disrupted by RCP supporters. How did she manage to get in? The Secret Service will never know—but it definitely wasn't luck of the draw.



Mass Murder No Crime for Construction Co.

Tucked inside the Saturday morning edition of a New Jersey newspaper, the following item, in part, appeared: "A federal grand jury yesterday acquitted Research-Cottrell, Inc. of criminal liability in connection with a 1978 West Virginia cooling tower accident that killed 51 workers. The six-month investigation failed to reveal any criminal violation by employees of the construction and engineering firm, according to the Justice Dept."

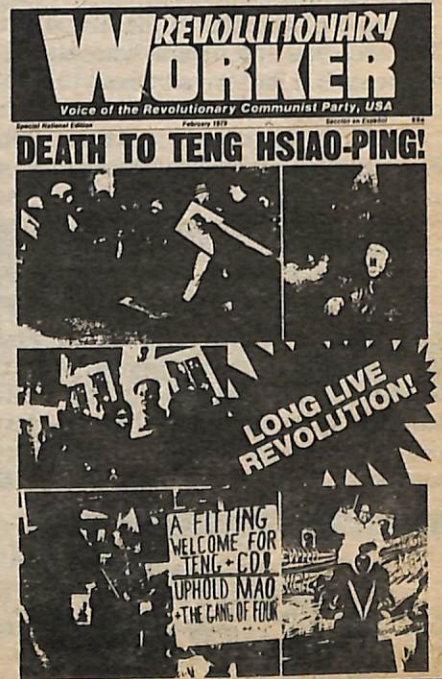
It was in April of 1978 that 51 workers were plunged to their death after being ordered to work on the tower. It wasn't an accident at all. It was mass murder. Workmen had repeatedly complained to the company that the cement was "green"—too soft to work on. But Research-Cottrell refused to lose one bloody penny by delaying the construction, and ordered

men up the tower. When the scaffolding broke away, the workers were hurled to their death 170 feet below.

The grand jury knew all this. The government had already fined Research-Cottrell over \$100,000 and OSHA had found them guilty of not testing the cement or the scaffolding. But this didn't matter. What the grand jury decided is that the resultant mass death from all of this was not criminal. Under this so-called democracy, actually a dictatorship of the class of capitalists, companies like R-C kill 51 workers without violating the law.

It didn't take R-C long to respond with gratitude, as it has continued to build more towers in other states, citing the finding that "the investigation supports its position that this accident was not the result of any willful conduct on its part." ■

SPECIAL ISSUE!
The Demonstration That
Sent Shock Waves
Around The World!!!
Order Now p.o. box 3486
\$.25 chicago il.
60654



Record Review

Bellamy's Cut New Anthem For Old Reaction

(from Beckley, West Virginia)

REACTION: n. 3. a movement back to a former or less advanced condition.

If anything has ever fit one of Webster's definitions, a recent country hit by the Bellamy Brothers fits "reactionary" to a "T." "You Ain't Just Whistlin' Dixie" (from the Warner/Curb album BSK 3347, "The Two and Only") has got to be one of the most backward songs in recent memory.

The Bellamys have been casting about for a rerun ticket to stardom ever since their first big hit, "Let Your Love Flow," brought them national attention back in 1976. But a few highly ignominious releases followed this glossy, plastic-happy tune over the next couple of years, and the brothers just weren't getting the attention they felt they deserved. A new formula was what they needed to get airplay—obviously their dime-a-dozen abilities weren't building up a big following—so what was called for was "THE GIMMICK."

They hit it right on the money earlier this year with "If I Said You Had a Beautiful Body Would You Hold It Against Me." It had all the elements for a hit single: a tune ripped off almost 100% from the 1975 Eagles hit, "Lyn' Eyes" (hell, if it worked out so good for the Eagles, why not run it by one more time?), and a heavy dose of naughty schoolboy sex talk. A little depth added musically in the studios of Mike Curb Productions (owned by Mike Curb the lieutenant Governor of California)—and PRESTO!—just what the bourgeoisie ordered: 45-rpm mindfuck in 4/4 time.

But if "Beautiful Body" showed that they could fill the bill, the Bellamys' latest hit, "Whistlin' Dixie," proves they got the program down! It doesn't just rehash some tired old crap about women being playthings like their last single did—it blazes whole new trails backwards!

Check out the lyrics to the second verse:

The cottonballs gleam and the
cow's giving cream
For the baby's sake.
Pa comes in full of gin
And he's mean as a rattlesnake.
And then the well runs dry and we
cry
And cuss the garden hose.
And mama draws a bucket full of
creek water
Just to wash our clothes.

(David Bellamy ©1979 Famous Music Corp./Bellamy Bros. Music ASCAP)

Is this a cry of misery from times that people are glad are behind us? Are these angry voices pointing to the rotten lives so many poor rural families still have to lead in this "space age" society? Hell no!

These fools say they love this shit—complete with pedal steel and mellow acoustic guitars, and heavy bass line. (Of course "Pa" couldn't have been digging the whole scene all that much or else he probably wouldn't have been out swilling all that gin.). It goes on:

Now these are a few things I'm in
love with.

A small part of the reason I go
back

To Carolina, Mississippi, Florida,
gorgeous Georgia.

Now if you think I'm happy down
there

You're on the right track.

Well, frankly, that whole romanticized picture—the return to the golden days of yesteryear—smells of something the cow was giving, but it sure as hell wasn't cream for the baby's sake. The working class has got no interest in turning the clock back to creek water, milking the family cow or any of that crap. Our labor's moved mankind way beyond that, and if some of us are still

forced to live that way it's because capitalism sucks—because those who need haven't been able to get because there just ain't no profit in it. This writer still gets rusty pump water from the kitchen tap because there's no profit in them running city water up this hollow. If somebody thinks we dig that, he's got his head up his ass.

But if you're starting to think that the Bellamy Brothers' brains must have been idled by too many hours snorting fumes in the outhouse, then you're missing the point. All this mellow, golden memory, teary-eyed slop is a setup for their real full-blown political punchline—the chorus:

You ain't just a-whistlin' Dixie
You ain't just slappin' your knee
I'm a grandson of the southland,
boys

An heir to the Confederacy.
You ain't just a-whistlin' Dixie
Cause the cattle call's callin' me
home.

So put me down there where I
want to be

Plant my feet with Robert E. Lee
Bury my bones under a cypress
tree

And never let me roam.

The pedal steel fades out wistfully

with the notes of "Dixie," and you realize that this ain't just your run-of-the-mill mindless AM C&W song—this S.O.B. is heavy propaganda!

It's supposed to suck C&W fans right in. You hate how things are going? Hate being ground down every day at work, squeezed, humiliated, and frustrated every way you turn? Hell—check it out: a simpler time, a warmer place. Turn the clock back and find some good old virtues you can cling to: creek water, confederate flags, and Robert E. Lee.

Well, this confederate crap that they're pushing is just a hair shy of calling for a return to slavery—it is stone reactionary, and it's not just intended for the "southland." There's even been a current in southern music over the past few years that waving the Confederate rag somehow makes a young long-hair a "rebel," and this has gotten over with a few.

Almost every time you turn on the tube or pick up the daily paper, wherever even a couple of stone-age morons are slipping into their sheets, it's headline news. It's no accident that just when the ruling class is blitzing us with this KKK "comeback," an anthem for reaction should happen to spring up.

Learned Professor Says: "Unemployment is Good for You"

According to Professor Fischer Black of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, unemployment is good for you. He also thinks that having a recession or depression every once in a while is inevitable—and not a bad thing, either.

"The process of being unemployed is a very important one in the economic system," says Black. "You're going through a process of finding out about yourself, about available jobs, and making yourself known to potential employers."

Oh yes. Seeing if you and your family can make it on your unemployment check, if you're getting one—that's "going through a process of finding out about yourself." Making the rounds of the plants and finding the signs that say "No Openings"—that's finding out about available jobs. Going into the hiring office to hear the manager yell, "We haven't got any jobs. Can't you read?"—that's "making yourself known to potential employers."

But then, Prof. Black doesn't think

you should find out how to get by on an unemployment check, because he doesn't believe in unemployment insurance. "It causes some people to remain unemployed longer than they otherwise would," he explains. "Instead of going out and getting whatever job they can—and producing goods and services—some people will look longer until they find a job that pays more or that they like better."

Who is this jerk and what's his game? He teaches at MIT's Sloan School of Management and he's featured in the most recent *Fortune* magazine as representing the "new wave" in bourgeois theories about the economy. Ever since the 1930s the bourgeoisie has been trying to figure out some way to "smooth out" the ups and downs of the capitalist economic system, some way of avoiding depressions and recessions. Most popular have been the theories of John Maynard Keynes, according to which this could be achieved by deficit government spending during bad times, balanced by heavy taxation and government surplus in "good times." This has been the strategy of bourgeois liberals. Conservatives, on the other hand, favor the monetarist theories of Milton Friedman and others, according to which fiddling with the money supply and adjusting the policies of the Federal Reserve will do the trick.

Obviously none of this has worked very well, and in the face of the bankruptcy of these two main-stream

theories, bourgeois theorists are fishing around for a new approach. So now along comes this Fischer Black to say that there's nothing to explain and nothing to do. For the main point of his theory is that it's impossible to explain these "business cycles" (recessions, depressions, etc.). "One of the points of my analysis," he says, "is that you can't always find a single factor or group of factors that cause a downturn. Changes in taste and technology are going on constantly. When you get a lot of unfavorable changes at once, total economic activity declines until firms and individuals adjust."

In other words—who knows why these depressions always come around to infect us? They're inexplicable and there's nothing we can do about them. They're inevitable and anything the government tries to do about them causes more harm than good. That's the gist of this learned professor's theory.

This is an accurate reflection of the state of knowledge which the ruling class has about its own capitalist economic system—and about society in general. They cannot understand what causes the business cycle and how to prevent it because the truth is that capitalism is inevitably subject to these periodic crises of overproduction, and the only way to avoid them is through the destruction of capitalism and the leap forward to socialism.

Opening

Continued from page 5

turned out that Mario hadn't even talked to his mother yet!

When we got inside, Mario's mother comes out, and some people who spoke Spanish were talking to her about why we were in Houston and how we had no place else in town to go. Right away, although she didn't speak much English, I could hear her saying, "It's o.k., it's o.k." And in the back of my mind, something was taking shape. As she talked, I looked around at the house. The kitchen sink had no drain pipe, just a bucket underneath and the stove was broken. There were two bedrooms and Mario said there were five who stayed there. The bathroom door was broken—propped up against the wall, but not on any hinges. The place was clean, but there were cockroaches everywhere and when no one was talking you could hear them crawling on the floor.

At about three a.m. we were going to sleep and I was talking with my friend, Julia, who came with us from California. I was still worried that the cops were going to put a lot of heat on

Mario's family because we were all there. And I was saying how we'd just kind of put her on the spot showing up like we did. Julia said that I was really full of it, that Mario's mother had told us not to worry about her—that we should be careful because we had come from so far away.

Right then I realized something I'll never forget. When this lady said, o.k., she knew exactly what she was getting into and she knew why. Right there, in that neighborhood with the houses falling apart, with two million roaches crawling out of the swamps, with people packed into little rooms, with the cops out there roaming the streets looking for everybody, the ruling class was making some big trouble for itself. When you talked to people there about revolution they didn't ask "What am I going to lose?" they said, "How?" Mario's mother knew very well that the struggle to free the Moody Park 3 and the people who stood up for it were important to turn things upside down. She knew it with every breath.

We stayed there a few days, until the rally and we got to know the family pretty good. In the few moments when we weren't out on the streets, Mario played his favorite tapes for us. The

morning that we were all getting ready to go out to the rally, Mario was talking about how he really dug Jimmy Hendrix and he just had to put on this tape. It was Hendrix playing the *Star Spangled Banner*. I wasn't sure if it was just the tape or the way Hendrix played it but when it blasted out all off key with all kinds of feedback, it was like the sound of the red, white and blue getting blown up. It was definitely the right thing to listen to at the time.

To all those who scoff at the words, *we have nothing to lose but our chains*, just keep staring at that tidal wave on the call for volunteers and shaking your head in cynical disbelief: some of you will still be shaking your head when the undertow pulls you down. We're going to win this one. ■



Organ of the Central Committee of the RCP
SUBSCRIPTION RATE: 1 Year, \$6.50
Send to Revolution, P.O. Box 3486, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL 60654

OIL: A GROSS EXAMPLE OF IMPERIALISM

This is the first of two articles on the oil industry and imperialism. The second article will examine the international dealings and plunder by the oil monopolies.

Oil crises and price rises sweep the country one after another. Everyone is asking "Who's to blame?" Naturally the ruling class and its many willing servants have dozens of so-called explanations. The reactionary anthem of announcer Paul Harvey blares over the radio: "More crude or no more food!" He blames the "greedy Arabs," as if each was using his own oil well to "blackmail" the U.S., as if a few "power-mad Sheiks" were wildly competing with the U.S. capitalists instead of being offspring of imperialism themselves. Doug Fraser, UAW president and honcho in the Progressive Alliance, also yells blame-it-on-OPEC as well as singling out "greedy big oil." He is joined by the Citizens-Labor Energy Coalition in calling for a Citizen Energy Corporation and a national day of protest to "Stop the Oil Profiteers!" And then there are the Fonda and Hayden types with their "Campaign for Economic Democracy." "Join us," they say, "and we'll put the average Joe on the board of directors and turn these oil companies around!"

But while it is certainly fine to oppose the oil companies, these folks are peddling nothing more than pipe dreams and illusions. The one thing these various politicians, reformers and straight-out reactionary mouthpieces have in common is that they believe "big oil" can be reformed—whether it be by "giving the little guy a voice," by "forcing the oil giants to limit their profits," by government taking over the industry or by some magical return to the "good old days" of free-enterprise capitalism. "The American system can be made to work for the American people," they all declare, in one form or another. And this suits the imperialists just fine because, deliberately or otherwise, it obscures the real enemy of the people and covers over the basic facts of economic and political life today.

"Big oil" is no freak or exception. The fact of the matter is that this American system is working the only way it possibly can work—the inevitable result of the historical development of monopoly capitalism. The stark truth is that the economy of the U.S. and the entire world is enslaved and dominated by the workings of monopoly, by international finance capital and by a few big powers—in other words by imperialism. The energy problem isn't some greedy Sheiks or simply the question of "big oil." And the solution isn't some tired old reac-

tionary ideal of "fair competition"—a bushel of wheat for a barrel of oil—or "tilting with windmills" in a vain attempt to "cut the monopolies down to size."

The fundamental problem here is the monopoly capitalist system itself which has a stranglehold on the lives of millions. And the only possible means to break this hammerlock has actually been ushered onto the stage of history. As V.I. Lenin demonstrated 60 years ago in his famous work, *Imperialism, The Highest Stage of Capitalism*, "Imperialism is the eve of the social revolution of the proletariat." As we shall see, monopoly capitalism has created the conditions of its own undoing and the very grave diggers who will preside over its funeral—the modern proletariat, the working class it has assembled.

Big Oil And Monopoly Today

The futility of "turning back the clock" or somehow "reforming" monopoly capitalism comes to life when you consider the position of the big oil companies today. Seven Sisters (five of which are U.S. oil companies) control the vast majority of the world's oil production. Oil production, transport, marketing, etc. worldwide are dominated by these giants. The Big Five—Standard Oil of New Jersey (now Exxon), New York Standard (Mobil), California Standard (SOCAL), Gulf and Texaco—rank in the top ten of U.S. corporations with some \$150 billion in total assets. But oil is no exception; almost every major industry from auto to telephones, is concentrated in the hands of a few giants.

But the tentacles of all these monopolies extend much further than the industry they happened to start out in. They are literally wrapped around the entire economic fabric of society. Through the holding system, these "parent companies" are able to dominate hundreds of subsidiaries and effectively control as much as eight, sixteen or even 32 times the amount of capital they actually own, encompassing every conceivable type of production. As Lenin pointed out: "A monopoly, once it is formed and controls thousands of millions, inevitably penetrates into every sphere of public life, regardless of the form of government and all other 'details'." The result of this tremendous concentration of capital and resources is the ability to manipulate all facets of economic life, extort mammoth profits, and dominate political and cultural life in every way.

The oil monopolies, again, are a fine example. They have used their gigantic assets to corner virtually all competing energy resources and to develop them or not develop them as they see fit. By the end of the '60s, eleven of the fifteen largest coal companies were controlled by "outside" interests, mainly oil companies. The same holds true for natural gas production and reserves, geothermal energy sources and the growing nuclear industry where oil companies control 40% of all known uranium deposits. And it is the anarchistic drive to maximize profits that determines how and when such energy will reach the market, not whether people need it or not. Before the recent oil deregulation, Mobil, for instance, preferred to invest in Montgomery Wards department stores rather than develop domestic oil. All the majors have real estate divisions, and some, like Gulf, own whole towns! How naive are those who in the face of such domination would have us pursue their fleeting visions of "economic democracy" under capitalism!

And as for political life, these monopolies are right there too. "Regulatory" agencies—such as the infamous Nuclear Regulatory Commission—are full of the direct and indirect agents of these giant sharks. Politicians are bought and paid for. Henry Kissinger, to cite just one famous example, was openly on the Rockefeller payroll for years. Culture, too, is dominated by these giants and "philanthropists" through foundations and monopolization of the record industry, for example.

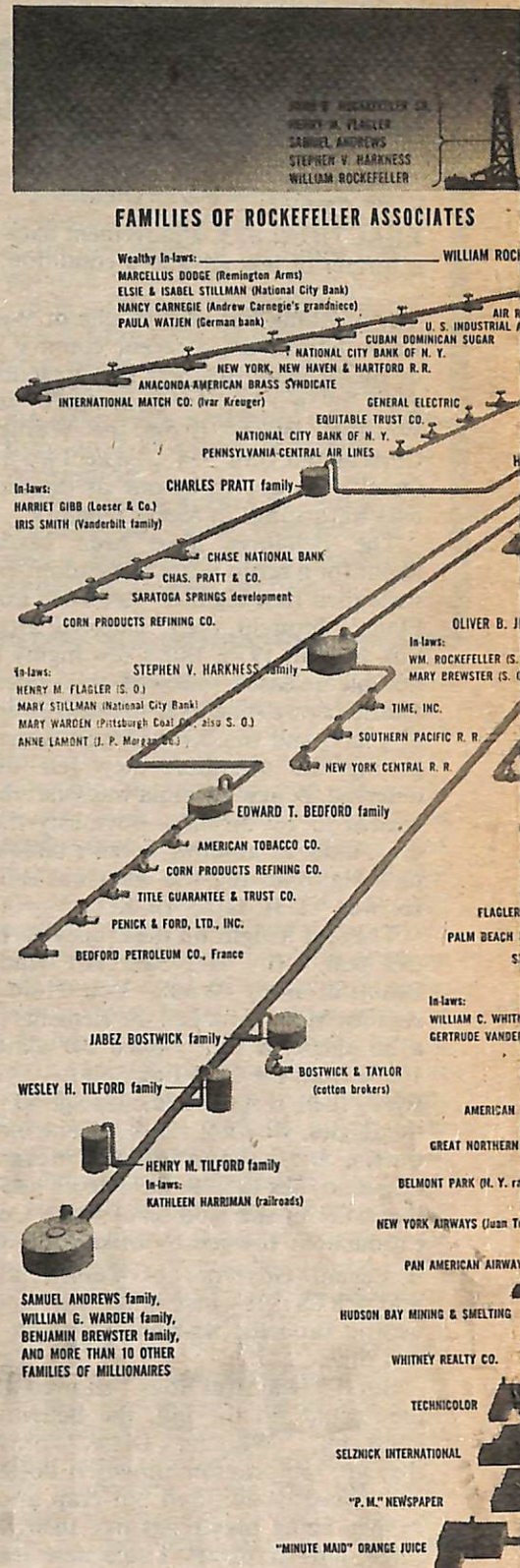
The Rise of Monopoly

"Monopoly," said Lenin in 1916, "is the exact opposite of free competition, but we have seen the latter being transformed into monopoly before our eyes..." And indeed the lightning-like ascendancy of the oil dynasties is a case in point. They, along with the other "great names" of American capital—Carnegie, Armour, Gould, Fisk—have their roots in the days of the Civil War. In this period, from 1860 to 1870, the future financial empires were forged. For these budding capitalists, the Civil War was for the poor to die in and the rich to profit from.

James Mellon (whose family later founded Gulf Oil) made millions trading in wheat and wrote his father, "My friends continue to grow rich. They don't care when the war ends." J.P. Morgan, a millionaire at 26, made \$100,000 buying defective rifles from the government and selling them back the very next day. Meanwhile, John D. Rockefeller was strong-arming his way into the black gold rush in western Pennsylvania. There was never a time when the weak weren't being cannibalized by the strong. And far from tampering with the "normal" course of capitalist development, what characterized these robber barons was the fact that they practiced the dog-eat-dog laws of free-enterprise more efficiently and successfully than anyone else—this was "progress" under early capitalism.

The monopolies were, therefore, an inevitable outgrowth of the ruthless and bloody beginnings of the "free" capitalism that is being remembered so fondly by petty reformers these days. With the fortunes from speculation and double dealing already under their belts, the shape of the future was set. The more capital amassed, the more the capitalists could bury their competition. Who could keep up with those whose resources were so great? When the first great crisis hit the economy in 1873, the spirit of the new "nobility" was captured by Andrew Carnegie who piously declared, "the man who has money during a panic is a wise and valuable citizen." As capitalist after capitalist was wrecked, those at the top bought them out right and left.

Rockefeller used these years to pull together the Standard Oil empire that exists today, absorbing hundreds of competitors. In the early 1870s he bought out 34 failing refineries in one year alone. He bought every tank car



In 1950, Rockefeller's Standard Oil magazine's tribute was this two-page thirty years have passed, and today

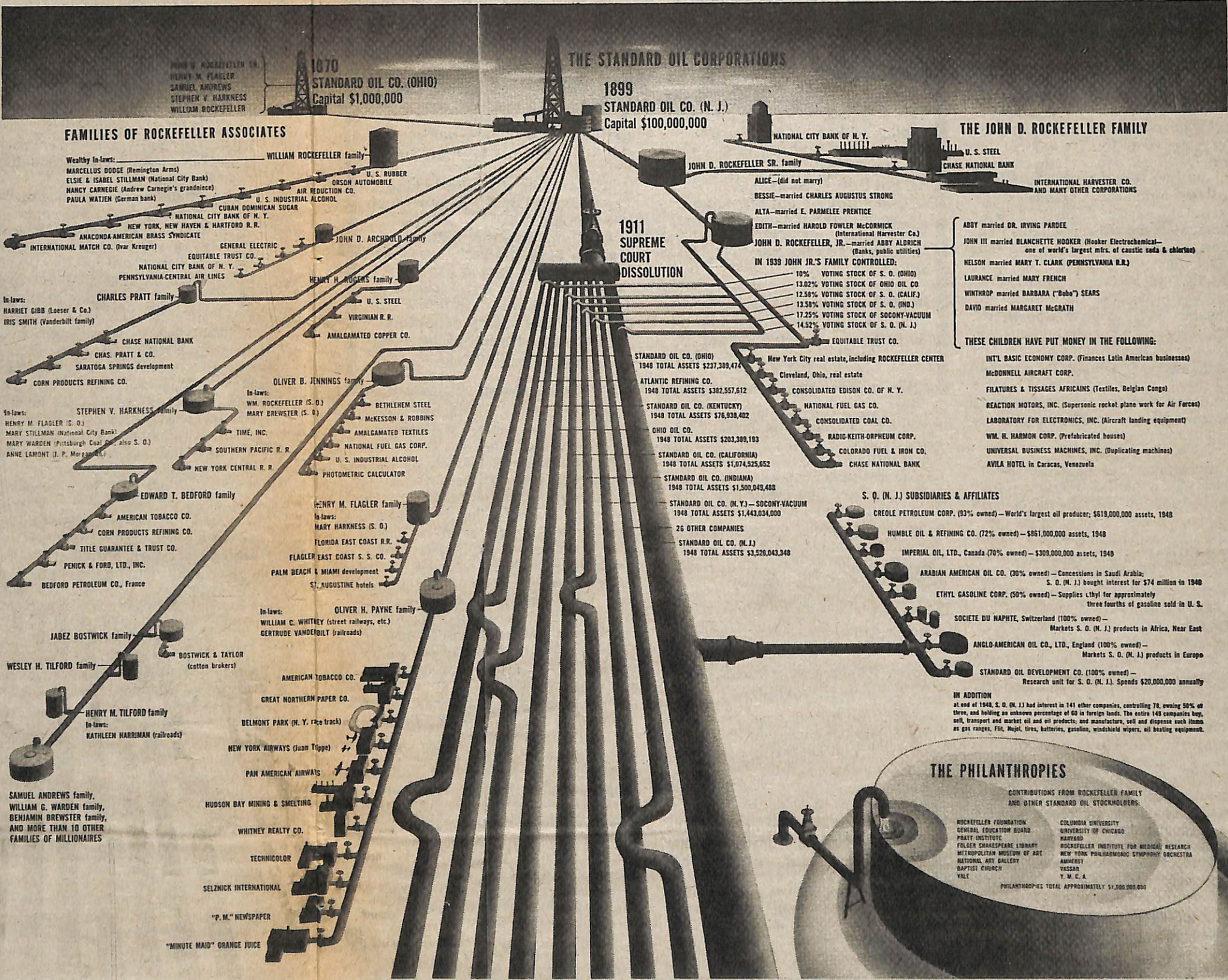
for shipping oil in the country and 90% of the pipeline. He also got special rates for railroad use (and shut out his rivals) because, as was the case with New York Central, the owners had stock in Standard Oil. Rockefeller extorted, blackmailed and dynamited his competition off the earth. And as he put it, "It was right between me and my god. If I had to do it again tomorrow, I would do it again the same way." By 1885, he controlled 85% of the U.S. oil which supplied 90% of the world's supplies.

By combining various branches of an industry under the ownership of a single enterprise, the monopolists were then able to control every aspect of production as is evident in the case of Standard Oil—drilling, refining, shipping and transporting, and even the manufacture of oil-related products. With the increasing concentration of production in the hands of a few, they were also able to fix prices, conditions of sale, terms of payment and divide up all existing markets.

Through such tactics as systematic price cutting, cutting off supplies of raw materials, etc. the monopolist combines were able to quickly ruin any "outside" competitors. "Here," said Lenin, "we no longer have competition between small and large, technically developed and backward enterprises. We see here the monopolists throttling those which do not submit to them, to their yoke, to their dictation."

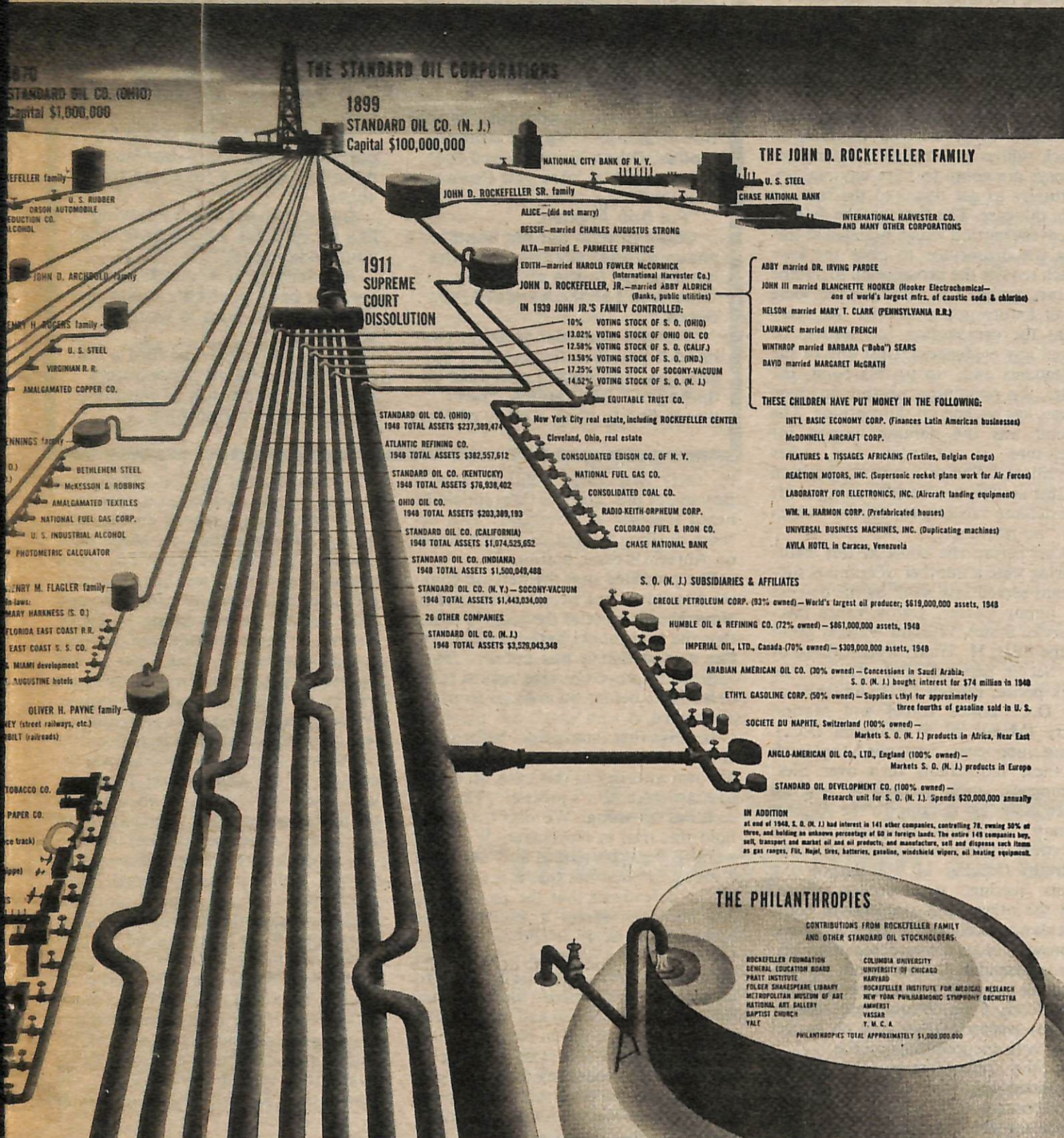
Finance Capital

As monopoly capitalism moved into the 20th century, a new factor emerged that shut the door for good on the era of free capitalism. This was the growth



In 1950, Rockefeller's Standard Oil celebrated its 80th birthday. LIFE magazine's tribute was this two-page chart in their 1950 issue. Nearly thirty years have passed, and today the imperialists don't brag quite so

openly about their empires of exploitation, which are far greater than shown here.



workers were linked together in various aspects of production. The productive process was rapidly changing into something "quite different from the old free enterprise competition between manufacturers, scattered and out of touch with one another, and producing for an unknown market."

As Lenin pointed out: "When a big enterprise assumes gigantic proportions... organized according to plan the supply of primary raw materials... when the raw materials are transported in a systematic and organized manner to the most suitable place of production... when a single center directs all the consecutive stages of work... when these products are distributed according to a single plan among tens and hundreds of millions of consumers... then it becomes evident that we have socialization of production." Thus, he said, the development of capitalism into its imperialist (monopoly) stage literally "drags the capitalists, against their will and consciousness, into some new sort of social order, a transitional one from complete free competition to complete socialization."

What the reformists, swindlers, and idealizers of the past refuse, whether consciously or unconsciously, to recognize is staring them right in the face! At the basis of the manipulation and robbery of the monopolies lies socialized production. This is actually a tremendous advance but this immense progress of mankind which has achieved this socialization all goes to benefit not the masses of people, but the tiny handful of imperialists! As Lenin illustrated, "Production becomes social, but appropriation remains private. The social means of production remain the private property of a few... the yoke of a few monopolists on the rest of the population becomes a hundred times heavier, more burdensome and intolerable."

To petty-bourgeois critics of imperialism in Lenin's time who were outraged at this "travesty of free enterprise" and who dreamed of a return to "free," "peaceful" and "honest" competition, he had this to say: "Let us assume that free competition, without any sort of monopoly, would have developed capitalism and trade more rapidly. But the more rapidly capitalism and trade develop, the greater is the concentration of production and capital which gives rise to monopoly. And monopolies have already arisen—precisely out of free competition. Even if the monopolies have now begun to retard progress it is not an argument in favor of free competition, which has become impossible after it has given rise to monopoly." And in addition, he pointed out that monopoly did not represent less competition, but in fact intensified competition on a grander, more violent scale with huge enterprises going for each other's throats, warring to divide and redivide the world with whole governments bought and paid for and entire armies at their command.

Today, especially, the thousand myriad notions of making the monopolies more "accountable" to the people, or of begging the government to "intervene" are truly nothing but a "pious wish," useless and ultimately reactionary in the face of the tremendous social forces the development of capitalism into its monopoly stage has called into being as a result of its very process of development. The historic mission of the proletariat is not to move backward but forward into a new era of human history. It is to bring about the logical conclusion of imperialism's unprecedented development of the productive forces built on the flesh, blood and bones of the working class. And that is nothing less than making socialist revolution, to crack the shell of private economic and private property relations holding society back and transform the fruits of social labor into the common property of all. For it is truly, as Lenin said, "a shell which no longer fits its contents, a shell which must inevitably decay if its removal by artificial means be delayed."

celebrated its 80th birthday. LIFE magazine chart in their 1950 issue. Nearly the imperialists don't brag quite so

openly about their empires of exploitation, which are far greater than shown here.

of finance capital, the merging of the bank capital and industrial capital into the clutches of a financial elite. This enabled, as Lenin put it, "the banks to grow from humble middle men into powerful monopolies having at their command almost the whole of the money capital of all the capitalists and small business men and also the larger part of the means of production and of the sources of raw materials of a given country and in a number of countries." Capital was exported to other countries. (This international aspect of imperialism will be dealt with in a future article.)

By the early 1900s, for example, Rockefeller in alliance with the National City Bank came into control of a number of other banks whose directors were simultaneously directors of Standard Oil, of light, gas, coal, iron ore and copper companies as well as controlling five major railroads. The bulk of profits no longer went to the successful businessman or even the captain of a particular industry. They went to the "geniuses" of financial manipulation who subordinated to their will "all the operations, both commercial and industrial, of the whole of capitalist society." (Lenin)

As the business operations of the capitalist monopolies came increasingly under the domination of this financial oligarchy, popular indignation raged among the masses at the morbid and disgusting parasitism of this class described by Lenin as "people who live by 'clipping coupons', who take no part in any enterprise whatever, whose profession is idleness." Forced into action, the government made a number of attempts to quiet public opinion by going

through the feeble motions of "busting up the trusts." Most notable of these was the Sherman Anti-trust action in 1911, in which the Standard Oil Trust was divided up into 34 "independent" companies.

But like a runaway train, the laws of monopoly continued to assert themselves. Though formally independent, the companies were still "interlocked" through a maze of stock manipulations, joint ventures, etc. and conspired together to divide up and expand their control of the market. The fact that 70 years later, David Rockefeller, through his directorship of Chase Manhattan Bank, controls Exxon (formerly New Jersey Standard and now the largest corporation in the world), California Standard, Indiana Standard, Mobil (New York Standard) and is the largest shareholder in ARCO, should give those who, through various reformist schemes, would "limit the arbitrary power of the oil companies" is considerable food for thought!

Enter the Proletariat

But even as they amassed tremendous wealth and power, at the same time the monopolists also amassed an even more significant force in society—the modern industrial proletariat. And it was recognition of the potential of this mighty army created by the capitalists themselves that led Lenin to confidently proclaim: "Monopoly, that grows out of the soil of free competition, and precisely out of free competition, is the transition from the capitalist system to a higher social-economic order..."

With vast resources and productive forces at their command, the monopoly capitalists had marshalled millions of

wage workers to labor in their massive enterprises. An army was being concentrated and assembled. Here was the heart of socialized production. Between 1860 and 1900, the number of workers in industry grew from 1,300,000 to 4,700,000. Millions of immigrants, drawn by the lure of opportunity, came to the U.S. and discovered the cold reality of working class life in America. Old time slavery was replaced by new time wage slavery for increased numbers of Black people. On all these workers' broken bones, the vast empires of a few were built. If the monopolists eyed each other's empires hungrily, it was nothing compared to the hell on earth they offered up to those who made them rich.

Wages were barely enough to keep the workers alive, and when crisis hit, they were no longer useful and were tossed into the streets. And nowhere did the outlook of the capitalists come out more clearly than it did when they faced the anger of those who were making them rich. Strikes and attempts to organize were met with unbridled violence. Hundreds of workers were murdered, their leaders framed, as the capitalists fought desperately to bring the proletariat to heel. This was life for the masses of workers in the glorious days of the birth of imperialism in America.

But despite themselves, the monopoly capitalists were creating the seeds of the "higher social-economic order" Lenin spoke about. As "free" competition was transformed into monopoly, the inevitable result was immense progress in the socialization of production. The best engineers were engaged to streamline the enterprise. Many

Hearings

Continued from page 1

the basis of a "common plan" by the defendants.

The government also stated that they plan to introduce evidence about the 1977 Washington DC Iranian students' demonstration against the visit of the Shah of Iran as well as about the action of the Embassy 5 at the Chinese Chancellery earlier in January 1979 and the actions of the two people who waved Mao's *Red Book* in revisionist Teng Hsiao-ping's face on the White House lawn on the morning of January 29th. Given these developments, the defense's aim on this day to win a full hearing in November on the political and legal issues raised in defense motions became even more important.

The very atmosphere in which a hearing on this question would be held became the first battle in the courtroom on Wednesday. Fifty supporters of the Mao defendants had come to court. After a militant picket line outside, they attempted to enter the courtroom. They were met at the doors to the courtroom by a beefed-up force of court marshals who kept them outside. Inside the courtroom, it was business as usual, as the judge proceeded to hear other cases and routinely sent a number of defendants in those cases off to jail. In the middle of this hushed atmosphere, defense attorneys rose to protest the barring of people from the courtroom. The judge was forced to stop the proceeding and open the courtroom doors. A sea of red T-shirts flowed in to fill every empty seat in the room.

When the case of the Mao Tsetung defendants was called, the judge attempted to begin the hearing with the earlier "business as usual" atmosphere prevailing. But it didn't last long. Ten minutes into the hearing he made his favorable ruling on the defense motion to continue the trial to a later date and granted a pretrial hearing for November.

The focus then centered in on the nature of the hearing in November: what motions would be heard at that time; how long would they take; how many witnesses would be called; which motions would be ruled on before that date; and which would be held back to be dealt with at the time of the trial. Defense attorneys indicated this November hearing would take at least two weeks and they intended to call about 75 witnesses. Judge Pratt indicated that he planned to fully hear the defense motion to dismiss the indictments in November. This made it clear November would be a major battle at which the whole trumped up prosecution case and its political basis would be challenged.

Vindictiveness

After the ruling, Judge Pratt announced plans to dismiss over half of the 25 felony charges against the 17 defendants in light of the section of the defense motion charging prosecutorial vindictiveness. Key to this motion is exposure of the history of mushrooming charges against these defendants—from the original misdemeanor riot charge up to 25 felonies plus the riot charge in 8 months. And then when the two groups of defendants originally indicted separately on 12 to 15 felony counts moved to join their cases in a common defense and a single trial, the prosecution struck again. Immediately they returned to the grand jury and re-indicted *all* of the defendants on *all* of the charges. This blatant political vindictiveness has been obvious all along—and the judge's ruling to quash over half of these charges admits as much.

Of course this is hardly a big comfort to the defendants—as they will still be facing a "mere" 100 years in jail each worth of charges, down from 241. And the ruling does not change the fact that this political vindictiveness is still going on. In fact, in sending U.S. Prosecutor Abrecht back to the grand jury for the *third* time, the court's ruling may in fact give the government still another chance to tighten up their "case" against the defendants before proceeding to trial.

While the judge cautioned Abrecht

against using this third re-indictment as another opportunity to pile still more charges on the seventeen defendants (since her "vindictive" slip is already showing too much), his ruling leaves it to Abrecht to determine the exact way to proceed with this latest manipulation of the charges against the defendants.

Carter Subpoenaed

Also discussed at the status hearing were two other defense motions on which rulings are critical if defense attorneys are going to have any real opportunity to get down to the facts to fight this case. The first was the defense discovery motion which is aimed at forcing the prosecutor to obey the laws which require the prosecution to outline its case against the defendants in some detail before going to trial. At every point the prosecution has refused to reveal any evidence against any of the defendants and, up to this point, the judge, by remaining neutral on these issues, has backed up this position. The second was the defense motion for disclosure of electronic and other surveillance. The government's position on this motion has been to shrug it off as a defense "fishing expedition" which has "no relevance."

Also before the court at this status hearing were a number of criminal subpoenas served last week by the defense on Jimmy Carter, Cyrus Vance (Secretary of State), William Webster (head of the FBI), H. Stuart Knight (head of the Secret Service), P.T. Hill of the Park police, Burtell Jefferson (chief of the D.C. police force) and Marion Berry (Mayor of Washington D.C.). These subpoenas demanded that each of these individuals turn over files, documents, tape recordings and all other materials relating to the Revolutionary Communist Party, the January 29th demonstration and this case, to the court by October 17, the date of the status hearing. Alternatively, Carter and the others could appear in court that day to explain why they could not or would not turn over these materials. Not surprisingly, Jimmy and friends made no personal appearances in Courtroom No. 6 on Wednesday. Neither did any tractor trailers pull up loaded down with the materials on file.

At the status hearing the defense demanded that the court bring contempt charges against Carter and all the others for their flagrant violation of their own law. Abrecht offered the flimsy excuse that the subpoenas had not been served "correctly." The judge gave Abrecht five days to show cause as to why he should not hold Carter and the others in contempt. He also demanded an affidavit from the defense proving that the subpoenas had been served according to correct legal procedures. Within a week this issue will be raised again and the defense is determined to fight through on it.

Together with the discovery motion and the surveillance motion, a ruling on these subpoenas is very relevant to the ability of the defense attorneys to go forward and prepare to have a full hearing on the motion now set for court in November. Far from being a general "fishing expedition," these subpoenas as well as the motions are aimed at procuring critical evidence which is currently locked in files at the White House and in the offices of the other agencies subpoenaed, evidence that will clearly indicate that the RCP and its Chairman, Bob Avakian, have been the target of top-level government programs ("legal" and illegal) of political harassment and surveillance for years and that this was stepped up after the exposure around Teng's visit. And this is directly tied into the prosecution of Avakian and the sixteen others in this case. No final decision was reached by the judge regarding the timing of his ruling on these questions, and the fight to have full hearings on these matters and win them before November 19, will be one of the critical legal struggles between now and the pretrial hearing.

The final issue taken up on Wednesday was the schedule for hearing the last critical defense motion—the motion to throw out the police identifications of the defendants because they were based on illegal, dragnet arrests. This identification motion hits at the illegal methods the government has used

10:30 A.M., Oct. 17. Status hearing in the case of the Mao Tsetung Defendants. Present: all attorneys for the defense including Bob Avakian, representing himself, and U.S. attorney Mary Ellen Abrecht and her assistant Chris Gikas.

Gikas turns to Abrecht, "Is that Bob Avakian?" "Yeah," Abrecht replies. Gikas turns toward the defense table, "Are you Counselor Avakian?"

"I'm Bob Avakian."

Gikas thrusts out his hand for a shake. A brief silence while the hand hangs in the air, empty. "You won't shake hands?" jabs Gikas.

"I might consider shaking your hand if you dismissed the charges, apologized and paid us damages," Bob replies, "but I would like to have a copy of Mary

Ellen's book." [The Making of a Woman Cop—ed.]

Abrecht looks up from shuffling papers, "You can get it by writing the publisher."

Avakian: "Well, I'll trade you books."

Abrecht: "Oh, did you write one, too?"

Avakian: "Yes, and you'd be getting a good deal—our book is definitely worth a lot more than yours."

Gikas: "Ahah! You're talking like a capitalist, about how much your book costs."

Avakian: "You misunderstood me. Her book probably costs more than ours, but ours is worth something."

The Judge enters to find a couple of sheep-faced prosecutors and a courtroom full of laughing spectators awaiting him.

to carry out their political attack. Because of this, both motions should be heard together in November. This defense position proved to be the finger on Abrecht's panic button.

She protested that the defense counsel wanted to put her case on trial in November in spite of the judge's ruling that the trial should begin in February. She argued that it was unfair. "They want us to prove our case against these defendants before we even go to trial," she wailed.

In his first statement before the court, Bob Avakian who is serving as his own attorney in this case, stood up to answer Abrecht's protest. "The prosecution is wrong. We don't want to hold this trial in November. We don't want to hold this trial at all!" Avakian went on to point out that it is the stand of the defendants that the government has no case—except a *political* case which should never be allowed to go to trial. And this is exactly the critical point which the two defense motions (to dismiss the indictments and suppress the identifications) can and will show as they are heard in full in November.

With Abrecht's protest hanging in the air like the squealing of a stuck pig, the judge skirted the issue of the timing for taking up this motion on identifica-

tion and indicated that he will make a decision on this question at a later date.

The whole day proved to be more than a little unsettling to Mary Ellen Abrecht. She walked into the status hearing expecting to see the terms set at every point to serve her interests and those of the powers sitting in higher places. At every point the defense lawyers made it clear that every "routine legal procedure" in this case will be the field of political struggle. While this hearing represented a relatively minor skirmish in the context of the legal battle that lies ahead, the message of the defense was broadcast loud and clear: there is no way this political attack is going to be allowed to go down as a routine criminal trial.

Now the lines have been drawn even sharper. Other important legal issues will be taken up and decided on in the weeks preceding the pretrial hearing on November 19. By that date the political movement in the streets and communities of Washington DC and cities around the country must be at a much higher level. Only in this way can this government railroad be met head on, on that important date—and the battle waged to free Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants. ■

IN WASHINGTON D.C. ON THE EVE OF BATTLE

A Major Rally and other
Important Support Activity
On the Weekend of
November 17-18

A Demonstration as Court
Convenes on Monday, Nov. 19

Action is being Planned for the
Same Time on the West Coast

Contact the Committee to
Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants
(202) 387-8863

Or the Revolutionary Worker in your area (see page 2)

TURN D.C. UPSIDE-DOWN!



They've Thrown Down the Gauntlet— A Deadly Serious Challenge, and a Truly Great Opportunity . . .

. . . to go straight up against this system and rock this country at its very foundation. This is a call for volunteers to join the front lines of the battle in Washington, D.C.

The Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party is issuing a call, throughout this land, to Party members and all others who are willing and determined to make the necessary sacrifices to take their stand with the Party—to volunteer to go to Washington, D.C., beginning a few weeks before the trial starts, and continuing to its conclusion; to join the front lines of the battle to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants and Stop the Railroad of Bob Avakian; to gather their combined force where the trial is to be held, in the very political capital of our imperialist rulers, and through their united efforts to take the issue of this trial, and the crucial political questions it concentrates, out to hundreds of thousands of people in the Washington, D.C. area, so that by the time the trial starts, and even more so through the course of it, this will become the major political question in that area and indeed throughout the country, known of and talked about on a daily basis by masses of people.

We aim at nothing less than turning that area into a major political battleground, and in so doing and through the support built in every major area, to rock this whole country to its foundation. . . Two hundred "picked troops" will be selected and sent, political organizers who will fan out across D.C. on a daily basis, educating and activating many times their number.

To volunteer to be selected by the Party to serve on this battlefield, contact the address nearest you listed on page 2.

CASTRO

Continued from page 3

engender a world conflagration." On the other hand, if "those who possess the most wealth and material abundance" made the investments he calls for, "with development, the vast world now submerged in backwardness, with no purchasing power, with extremely limited consumer capacity, will incorporate a flood of hundreds of millions of new consumers and producers in the international economy—which is the only way that it and the economies of the developed countries which are even now engendering and suffering from the economic crisis may be put back on their feet. . . This is a project which will benefit all nations, not just the developing countries."

This is nothing but utopian bullshit, no less pie-in-the-sky than the words of the Pope—in fact the similarity was so startling that several newspaper columnists felt compelled to comment. It also sounds a bit like the "good business sense" of a Rockefeller. The whole reason that the world is divided into "developed" and "underdeveloped" countries in the first place is not because "some possess abundant lands in which to produce abundant food-stuffs; others don't" and so on, as Castro "explains" it, but rather because the countries which capitalism developed into imperialism first enslaved the other countries. Otherwise why is a huge country with

enormous natural resources like Brazil "underdeveloped," while a small country with few resources like Japan "developed"?

Everything these imperialist countries have ever done has been with "strings attached." It is the investments and loans, phony foreign "aid" (which is usually disguised investment) and so on which have enabled the imperialist countries to ruin the economic development of and subjugate whole countries. By presenting imperialism as no more than the result of the fact that some countries have favorable conditions and others less favorable, by hiding the actual financial relationship, the relationship of the vampire to the victim, that has enabled the "rich" countries to get rich, Castro is certainly hiding the brutal nature of imperialism—and the fact that the only way for the people of these countries to escape dependency and poverty is by revolution. In preaching "economic development" (with imperialist "aid") and "trade" (with imperialist countries) as the solution to the peoples of the subjugated countries, Castro is simply recommending more than false hopes—he's prescribing more poison. Castro has no right whatsoever to claim to speak for those with "emaciated arms" around the world, when those arms are reaching out for guns—guns with which to "convulse the world" and win liberation.

Voice of Imperialism—Soviet-Style

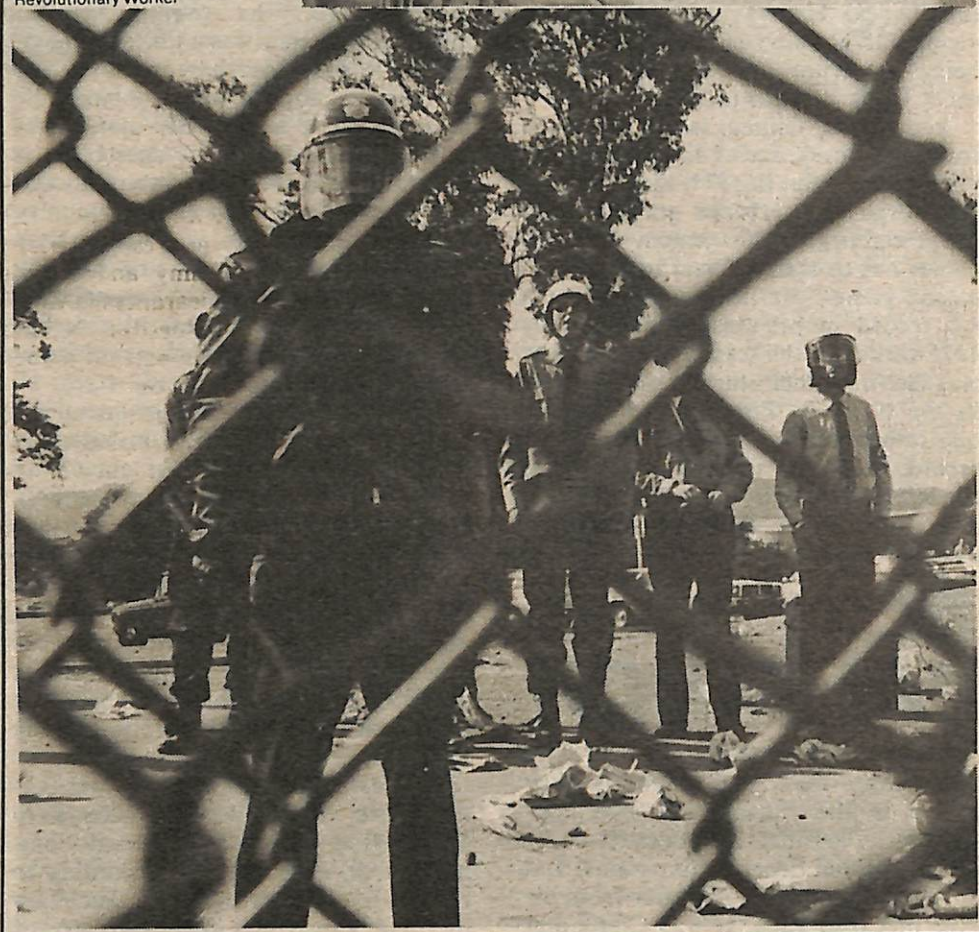
The reason that Castro presents imperialism this way is that he himself is a

Walnut Creek, California. October 13, 1979. Riot police from all over Contra Costa County serve and protect 8 of their lookalikes at a Nazi rally. As the cops looked on approvingly, the Nazis shouted to those they were being protected from, "You must support the police and army and your congressmen. But you're lawless. The rule of the billyclub is all you understand." On the other side of the chainlink fence, members of the National United Workers Organization and other demonstrators give their response, throwing an effigy of Uncle Sam to the ground and putting it to the torch.

Revolutionary Worker



Revolutionary Worker



puppet of imperialism—Soviet social-imperialism. The revolution Fidel Castro led—which won him such strong support from people all around the world, including within the U.S.—was betrayed exactly because the country's economic and social relationships did not change. Instead of rebuilding its economy and society based on the efforts of the masses of people themselves, Cuba has the same relationship with the USSR as it once had with the U.S. Cuba's present role as provider of cannon fodder for the Soviet Union, as Cuban troops carry out Soviet imperialist aggression in Ethiopia, Angola, Afghanistan and elsewhere, is itself harsh testimony to the results of 20 years of "disinterested aid" with "no strings attached."

But although Castro's speech was anything but a revolutionary denunciation of the imperialist system, that was not its purpose. By presenting the source of "world conflagration"—world war—as the struggle between the "developed" and the "underdeveloped nations," he helped lay a smokescreen in front of what's really happening—a headlong rush towards war between the two superpowers. Such a war would not be a war of the just versus the unjust, as both Castro and the Pope put it from

different sides, but rather a war between rival imperialist thieves in which the peoples of the world would have no interest but to make war on the ruling classes of the countries. Castro tries to play it like the Soviets are the "natural ally" of the oppressed, instead of imperialists just like the U.S.

Castro's plan was nothing more than pure demagoguery, designed to create public opinion for an all-out assault on the U.S.—just as the Pope tried to do with the Soviets. In this sense, Castro's "defense" of Puerto Rican independence, Palestine, those "without even bread to eat," etc., was no more real than the Pope's much vaunted concern for "the poor" and the Polish people's "human rights."

Read
REVOLUTIONARY WORKER
Voice of the Revolutionary Communist Party, U.S.A.
Subscribe

Pigskin

Continued from page 9

of the blatant racist set-up in professional sports in the U.S. The roles that Blacks and other minority nationalities play on the field have no small effect on how people look at the roles people are supposed to play throughout society. The rulers of this country have paid close attention to this fact.

The last several years have seen several good Black quarterbacks run out of the league. Some have been changed to other positions, such as running backs or defensive backs. Others have been forced to accept being second or third string on a team with starting quarterbacks of inferior ability while those that show any signs of being "up-pity" and not accepting their "lot" are run out of the league. For while the ruling class is quite willing to promote the image of a Black as a good athlete with "natural abilities," it is still another thing for them to be in positions where the image is "team leadership" and "ability to analyze and think."

Joe Gilliam had a lot of illusions coming out of Tennessee State University and into the NFL. At Tennessee State he quarterbacked his team to a 20-1 record over two years. He thought that if he had ability he would make it in the NFL. "I don't expect out and out prejudice... I think if I'm really good enough I'll make it," he said after coming out of college. But within five years he was through, playing for a semi-pro team and forced to work full-time for the Royal Oil Corporation, which owns the Eagles. He was the victim of a vicious, if not very subtle, hatchet job being done not only on him but on other Black athletes today.

In the NFL, Gilliam sat on the bench for a few years, seeing limited, if any, playing time. But in 1974, the other two Pittsburgh quarterbacks got hurt and the Pittsburgh management had no choice but to start Gilliam in their pre-season games. He led the Steelers to a 6-0 record in pre-season, passing for 1175 yards. As the season opened up he was the first Black starting quarterback in the National Football League. He quarterbacked the Steelers to a 4-1-1 record, then was suddenly replaced in the seventh game by Terry Bradshaw.

Actually, even during his time as

starting quarterback, he was being set up to take a fall. Pittsburgh's coach Chuck Noll sent in the plays, limiting much of Gilliam's quarterbacking to simply handing the ball to a runner. While this kind of "run to the left, run to the right, run up the middle, punt" strategy might still get over to some extent in the fossilized Big 10 in college football, it was bound to lead to oblivion in pro football today. When Gilliam questioned this approach he was labeled a "complainer and troublemaker" and made to seem like he was making excuses for himself. And if it was bad enough having a Black athlete think and analyze, it was too much to have one that questioned and challenged the decisions of the coaching staff. Gilliam was through—it was just a question of how best to get rid of him without leaving the taint of racism on the management.

They unleashed their "yes men" in the press—those that owe their "scoops" to being in good graces with the management. Writers like the one who wrote: "It's all Joe's fault because he could not obey the rules. Pittsburgh's management bent over backwards to help." After laying sufficient groundwork, one paper, the *Pittsburgh Courier*, ran a popularity poll—"let the fans decide" was their hypocritical call. A popularity poll between Gilliam, who had been slandered in the press, and Terry Bradshaw, the "All American boy" who could take charge to see who the "people" wanted.

Needless to say, Bradshaw won and regained his position as starting quarterback. Gilliam was demoted to second string, and when that didn't "humble" him enough, third string and within a couple of years he was out of the league and blacklisted. The "contest" between him and Bradshaw was a joke. Throughout the league, Bradshaw is known as a born-again dope, who, though he possesses some ability, has more space between his ears than he does between the front teeth that have been knocked out. He is known by those that play with and against him as a quarterback who has problems analyzing his way out of his driveway, let alone analyzing NFL defensive alignments. But he has some skills, and he is white—and therefore fits into the NFL mold.

Joe Gilliam's story may be one of the best examples of the conscious attempts to keep Black quarterbacks out of the game, but he is by no means the only example. Many more have traveled that

same path in and out of professional football. James Harris played for the L.A. Rams from '74 through '76. Through it all there was a lot of controversy over who should be starting quarterback—him, Ron Jaworski or Pat Haden. It didn't matter that Harris-quarterbacked teams won 20 out of the 26 games played. It didn't matter that he was the National Football Conference's leading passer in 1976, or that in a game against Miami he had passed for 429 yards, the second best performance by a quarterback in Ram history. The management went after Harris, using their poison-pen henchmen in the press. Whenever the Rams lost, it was Harris's fault. Even in victory Harris wouldn't win. As *L.A. Times* writer Doug Kridarian put it for the Rams and NFL brass, "In most of Harris's victories, it was the plays by the defense that won the games... you and I probably could have started at quarterback for the Rams and emerged a winner." At the same time this sniping was going on, the press consistently handled white quarterback Pat Haden differently. When the Rams lost while he was quarterbacking, it was because of "bad breaks," "bad officials," etc. This verbal war went on in 1976 until Rams owner Rosenbloom put out the order to bench James Harris. While most of the players themselves wanted Harris to play, Rosenbloom figured that Haden was more "marketable."

After Harris's benching the controversy raged on, with writers from the daily papers, along with Howard Cosell himself, jumping on the "get rid of Harris" bandwagon. Most, like Doug Krikorian, denied that the benching had the least little bit to do with racism, charging that if anyone thought so "... their brains had not yet reached their head." Other, more progressive and objective sportscasters saw otherwise.

Today, out of the 28 professional teams in the National Football League, 26 have white starting quarterbacks. The two exceptions at the present time are Vince Evans of the Chicago Bears and Doug Williams of Tampa Bay. And Evans is starting only after every shamefaced excuse possible not to start him had failed, and the fans in Chicago had booed every other so-called Bear quarterback off the field.

Last year Evans rode the bench, behind quarterbacks Bob Avellini and Mike Phipps, whose quarterbacking was limited to 51 different varieties of handing the ball to Walter Payton.

Evans received a lot of subtle criticism last year because, summing up how Black quarterbacks had been used, his contract stipulated that he didn't have to play any other position for the Bears except quarterback. As with all NFL teams, the Bears' management wanted to make him a running back. They tried to label him a "prima donna" for sticking to his contract. During pre-season, when Phipps got hurt, Evans came on to have one of the highest ratings in the league for quarterbacks during the exhibition games. Still, when the first regular season game approached, Mike Phipps was given the start. After a couple of games events forced the Bears to start Evans. Evans threw touchdown passes and scored more points playing than the Bears had scored in almost a year.

It is apparent that, contrary to their dog-eat-dog, win-win-win-at-all-costs creed, there are even more important considerations for the managers and owners of professional football and professional sports in general than winning games. One of these major considerations is keeping players who are Black and other minorities at the bottom of the pile. This is not only another example of the overall systematic oppression of minority nationalities in this country, but is also an important way that the rulers of this country propagate ideas and images that help to maintain and reinforce national oppression. Some may forget, but it wasn't that long ago that Blacks were even allowed to play professional sports, and it was only the struggle of the masses of people that forced this concession.

Football—the all-American game—is one of the most popular sports in this country. The masses of people watch it from very early on in their lives. The bourgeoisie uses professional football to promote its ideology. They have pumped it full of patriotism, looking out for Number One, the American Way, and the American Dream, along with a huge load of racist garbage. It is not hard to see that the role Black people play on the field can have a big effect on how people view the role of Black people in society as a whole. Blacks are not supposed to be good at using their brains—they are supposed to be good only at using their hands and slaving away at the hardest and worst jobs. They are not supposed to be quarterbacks. These are the unwritten rules behind the "unmarketability" of Black quarterbacks. ■

EL SALVADOR

Continued from page 1

of the coup was to call up another key person in the "democratic opening" strategy, Christian Democratic Party leader Colonel Ernesto Claremont, and invite him back to El Salvador from his exile in Costa Rica. It was Claremont that Romero had narrowly defeated in the 1977 elections, and it is the Christian Democratic Party that the state department strategists of the "democratic opening" are heavily relying on for the election they hope to hold soon.

In spite of initial statements from the U.S. State Department that "we don't know exactly what is going on," it's clear that the U.S. government is calling the shots. U.S. negotiators had carried on intense negotiations with Romero, various opposition leaders and businessmen every day during the two weeks prior to the coup, trying to work out a way to move the presidential elections up from 1982 to 1980—hoping as Assistant Secretary of State Viron Vaky put it, to "avoid insurrectionary violence." The U.S. embassy official had emerged from what turned out to be the last of those meetings on Friday, October 12 and complained, "The chances of an election look doubtful."

Rumors had spread through El Salvador for a month the U.S. might stage a coup to get rid of Romero. Sources in that country have told the *RW* that El Salvador military officers and businessmen met with U.S. government representatives in Guatemala City on Sunday, October 13, along with military officers from Guatemala and

Honduras to plan the coup. It seems that there was some mix-up as to the exact time that this takeover was to occur however. The BBC, refusing to name its sources, reported a coup in El Salvador on Sunday, the day before it actually took place.

At the very minute the coup was taking place, there was a meeting in Washington of the Presidential Commission on El Salvador. According to reports in the Mexican press, Secretary of State Vance met with Secretary of Defense Brown and National Security Advisor Brzezinski to discuss military aid to El Salvador. Two days earlier, Senator Richard Stone of Florida, member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, spoke to State Department officials and called for a resumption of direct military aid to El Salvador to "defend the democratic process."

After all of this it is not at all surprising that the State Department "cautiously welcomed" the new junta of "young moderates" who deposed Romero and said it was "encouraged" by the new leadership's "call for moderation and free elections." The greeting could easily have been written well in advance of the coup.

The colonels who led the coup wasted no time in demonstrating some of the features of what they call their new "moderate and eminently democratic government." Their first official acts have included: declaring martial law, banning public meetings of three or more people, clamping down a curfew, sealing off all roads into and out of San Salvador, and banning the dissemination of news that "tends to cause problems for the Salvadorean people." As we go to press, the government has launched military actions against striking workers, who have been occupying

four factories for the past month. They have moved troops into the University of El Salvador, long a center of student revolutionary activity, and have moved against guerrillas and students who took over some buildings and neighborhoods in three suburbs of San Salvador. Eight people have been killed and forty wounded. Clearly, all that's been changed by this coup are the names and faces of those carrying out the bloody behests of U.S. imperialism. ■

Mural

Continued from page 8

Tell him it's his fault he's a junkie. Blame his family, preach at people and above all keep things cool and under control.

And if a painter comes along who does a mural that shows people strong and proud, a mural that shows workers beginning to take things into their own hands, a mural that makes people think, that says capitalism is the monkey on the junkies' back, a mural that says people should check out the Red Book and Mao Tsetung, well, just take that mural and throw it in the alley. And sometime later, the day after their hypocritical unveiling party for the mural (where they managed to place the panels so the Red Book was behind a radiator pipe) some staff members threatened to do just that unless the artist retrieved it from an old garage, where it had now been hidden.

But it will not be so easy for the director and the staff to throw away what the people at the clinic have been learning as easy as they threw away that mural. And even though they threw it away pretty fast, it was rescued just as fast and the battle surely will rage on. ■

Palacios

Continued from page 4

free, to get out from under the imperialism in which all Latin America lives. I'm going to buy his book right away" (referring to *Chile: An Attempt at Historic Compromise—The Real Story of the Allende Years*).

By conquering countries the world over, U.S. imperialism has also concentrated within its borders people linked to the struggle against this domination worldwide. By drawing on this strength, as well as on the experiences, and activism of people born and raised in this country, Comrade Palacios' tour is helping to stimulate, and make more conscious the struggle against this same enemy, this same ruling class, right here in the imperialist heartland.

This week Palacios will speak in the San Francisco Bay Area. The week after, he will conclude his tour with programs in Chicago, Detroit and several major Midwestern universities. ■

REVOLUTIONARY WORKER
Voice of the Revolutionary Communist Party, U.S.A.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

ONE YEAR—\$12
TEN WEEKS trial
subscription—\$2.50