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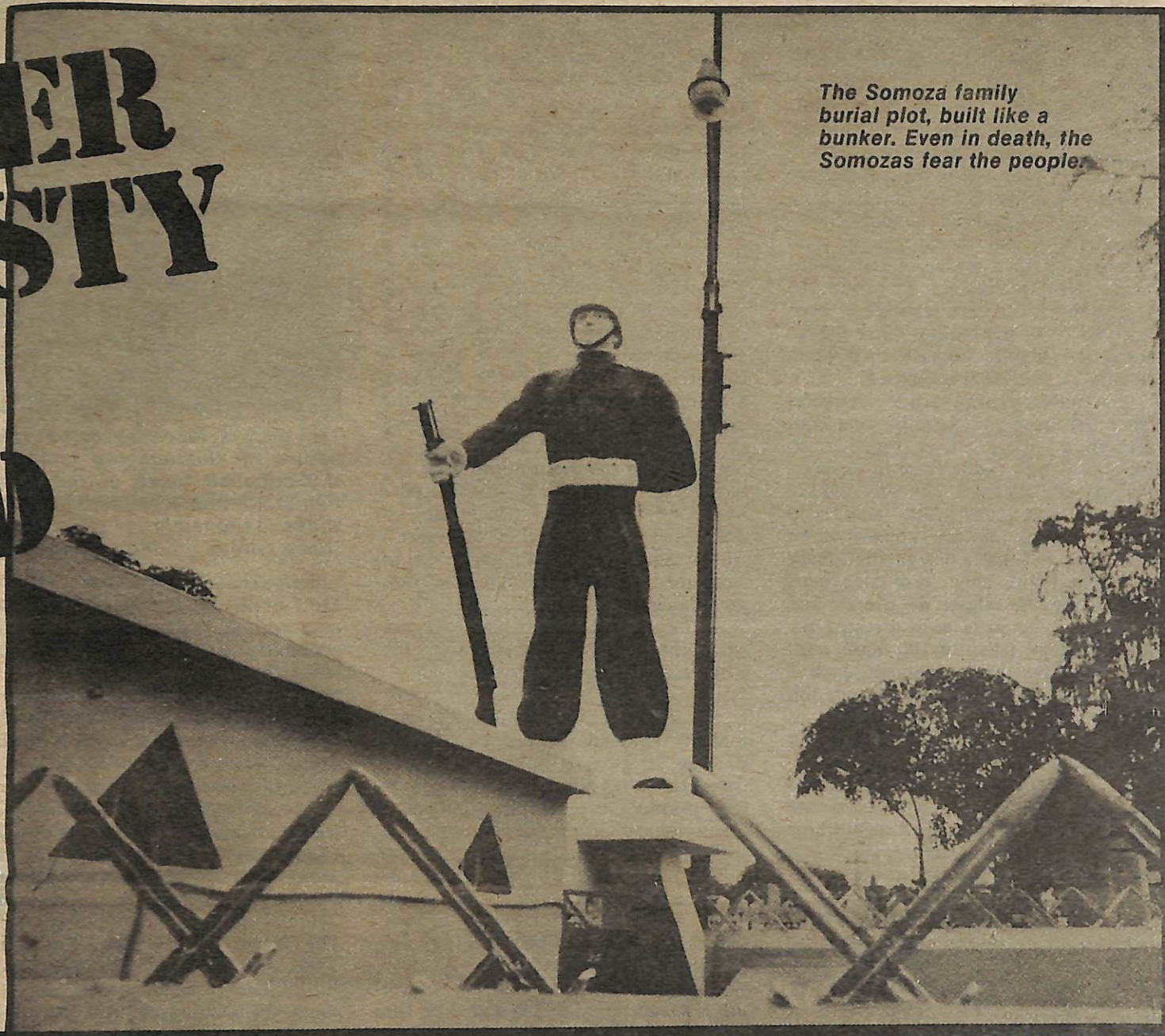
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Somoza:

BUNKER DYNASTY DIES HARD

The U.S. is telling Nicaraguan dictator Somoza to hang tight on the battlefield and hold back at all costs a rebel military victory, while U.S. diplomats are twisting arms all over Latin America in an effort to ensure that the new government following Somoza's eventual resignation is up to American "specifications."

The main conditions the United States seeks to impose on the people of Nicaragua as the price for Somoza's resignation are that the fascist national guard be preserved basically intact as an instrument for suppression of the masses—or, in the words of the *New*
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The Somoza family burial plot, built like a bunker. Even in death, the Somozas fear the people.

Rebellion Again at Walla Walla

Walla Walla, Washington—Saturday night, July 7. Three hundred and forty-three prisoners in the 8-wing of the state penitentiary ripped their cells apart, tearing out toilets and sinks and using them to smash in the walls.

When the rebellion broke out, the second in less than two months, the prison administration freaked out. They pulled the guards out of the wing, shut off all water and electricity, except emergency lighting. Units of the

Washington State Patrol, along with guards from prisons hundreds of miles away were rushed over in giant vans, red lights flashing. The head public relations man, flown in from the state capitol, nervously declared, "The residents in 8-wing are in the process of taking over that wing."

There was a very real reason for their panic. Four months ago, the "get tough" administrator, Jim Spaulding, thought he had his problem solved when he forcibly transferred nine inmates from the prison. Dubbed "troublemakers," these leaders had galvanized the inmates' righteous anger at the animal-like existence in this dungeon of capitalist justice.

Then, on May 9, three prisoners took ten hostages and seized control of one of the buildings, while 500 defiantly demonstrated their support of this bold action against their oppressive conditions. This drew international press co-

verage and put the heat on the local ruling class. The authorities decided to clamp down and prevent further exposure.

On June 19, they found their excuse. After one of their vicious guards was stabbed, a 24-hour lockdown began, which continued until last Saturday's rebellion. In the searing heat as temperatures soared to over 90 degrees, the prisoners' rage escalated. No showers. All medical care denied. Meals limited to twice daily. Prisoners treated to urine, cigarette butts and rat poison in their food.

On the first night of the lockdown, guards in the segregation unit beat on cell doors, taunting and threatening. Prisoners in the segregation unit, especially Indians and Blacks, were choked and beaten. The atrocities were so extreme that one of the guards quit in disgust.

None of this hit the capitalist press. But when one prisoner in 8-wing, demanding medical attention for a friend, threw a firecracker stuffed in a cereal box from his cell, front page stories across the state screamed about a "bomb" explosion. The day before the July 7 revolt, the press faithfully reported that 18 tons of "garbage" had been cleared out of 8-wing, implying that vast numbers of illegal weapons had been found.

These "18 tons" were *not* garbage. Personal property was stripped from every cell, including clothing, eyeglasses, important legal documents, books, letters and pictures of loved ones. All this was dumped in the middle of the tier and swept away.

Every day during the lockdown, prisoners had been protesting, banging on the bars and chanting. All this while

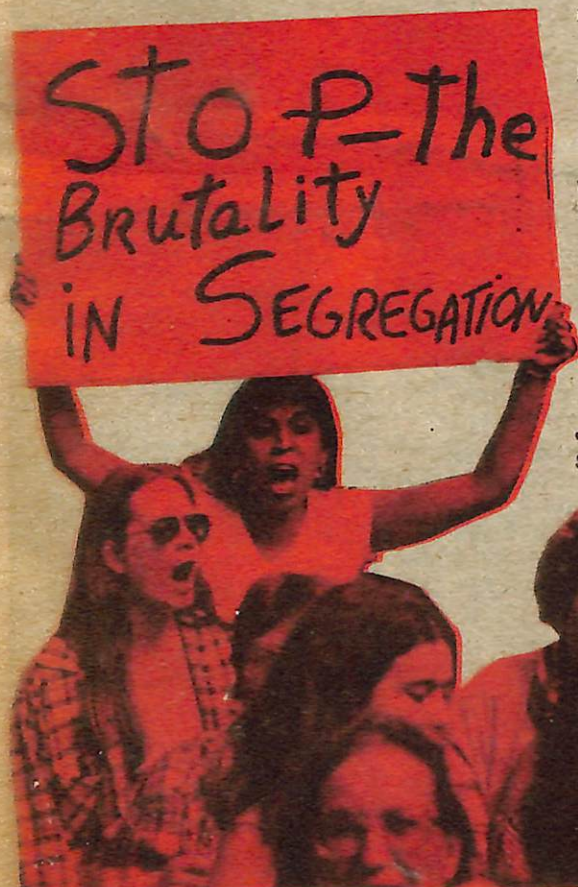
a special team from the American Corrections Association (including such notables as the warden from San Quentin) was visiting Walla Walla and issuing pious statements about distant reforms to the press who regurgitated them.

On July 7, the prison exploded in rebellion. Now the ruling class is talking about early releases to get rid of the overcrowding, conjugal visits and more "humane" training of their guards. They are terrified of prisoners' struggles because it sparks the light of rebellion from their darkest holes.

The guards who were paralyzed with fear when the rebellion broke out Saturday night were out for blood. Four inmates have filed charges against the guards for brutality. Carl Harp, one of the three prisoners who led the rebellion at Walla Walla on May 9, remains hospitalized with nightstick wounds in his rectum.

The situation at Walla Walla has caused a scandal in the Department of Corrections and 12 guards were suspended on Sunday night in an attempt to cool things out. But the prison authorities have continued to act like the animals they are. Now 230 men at Walla Walla are being forced to stay in the prison yard for 20 to 30 days while the pigs repair the damage to the prison. The prison has provided two toilets for all 230 men, blankets and an awning.

The continued uprisings of the Walla Walla prisoners is an inspiration. In the face of stepped-up torture, as leaders have been ripped off to other dungeons or face trial on heavy charges of hostage-taking, more have come forward to revolt.



July 9th: Seattle demonstration supports prisoners.

IRAN: AMNESTY FOR REACTION

On July 10, it was widely reported in the Western press that Brigadier General Saif Amir Rahimi was fired the day before because he "objected to any return of foreign military experts, mostly Americans, to maintain Iran's huge arsenal of Western weapons." Probably closer to the truth is that there is a struggle going on within the government and the military over how to bring American military expertise back to Iran. Far from being the progressive-sounding, anti-imperialist general portrayed in the press accounts, Rahimi is one of the Shah's own. He is among a group of, U.S.-trained generals who have been restored to their positions since the insurrection mainly because their reactionary careers are less exposed.

The military has been a shambles since February and there is great concern over pulling it back together, so that it can be a viable force to suppress the people's struggles. The rank and file soldiers have consistently demanded that the old military apparatus be destroyed and that a new revolutionary army be built. They have also been demanding the release of friends and comrades who have been arrested for revolutionary activities. To make matters worse for the government, even if the bourgeoisie could put the rank and file back in line, the actual armed forces have dwindled so much that they would still be a comparatively ineffective force. In addition, any program to strengthen the military will necessitate the participation of trained technicians to make the army structure which was dependent on the U.S. imperialists, fully operable again.

General Rahimi has dutifully made his own contributions to this cause by helping to reinstitute the old laws governing rank and file discipline. The text of one of his directives states in part: "If officers, non-commissioned officers or soldiers within the barracks stage strikes or rebellions, I order all personnel of the central guard to first give them a warning, and if they don't disperse to suppress them with arms." He goes on to clarify that "the army is not a place for politics and is not a place for carrying on education on social issues."

Rahimi's dismissal and subsequent reinstatement by Khomeini neatly coincided with the Ayatollah's announcement of amnesty covering "all people who committed offenses under the past regime." Apparently Khomeini has finally caved into the imperialists' demand to respect the "human rights" of all the criminals who were so faithful to the butcher Shah and were righteously

being punished by the masses of people.

In fact, the people were demanding more—to do away with the secret trials and let the full truth about the crimes of the Shah's regime be known to all. The new government never had any intentions of fully conceding to this because there were too many remnants of the old regime in their own ranks who would stand a chance of being forced out into the full light of day.

At the same time, to continue the secret trials and executions was a dangerous course from another angle. Khomeini, although he may be giving the overall political and ideological guidance to the new republic, can't escape the fact that the purse strings of the productive sector of the economy are still indisputably in the hands of the big bourgeoisie, backed by the U.S. imperialists. And there is no question that they want to see the restoration of the old order, which protects their interests. Many of the Shah's henchmen, no doubt, have a great deal of "expertise" which could be put to good use to strengthen and consolidate the new government.

As the situation in Iran has developed since the February insurrection, the Khomeini-Bazargan "revolutionary" Islamic republic has increasingly exposed its fundamental unwillingness and inability to lead the masses in completing the anti-imperialist and democratic revolution. The workers and peasants are learning that their revolutionary aspirations cannot be realized under the present government.

The major reason for the Khomeini-Bazargan government's concern to strengthen its power is their fear of conscious leadership which the revolutionaries and communists have given to the continuing mass struggles. Several months ago, they arrested one of the leaders of the Moslem Mojahadeen, Saadati. After the Shah's downfall, the Mojahadeen was using the files of the Soviet embassy to keep abreast of the U.S. activities. Upon discovering this, the government arrested Saadati, accusing him of being a Soviet spy. The Mojahadeen had been uncompromising in their demands to continue the democratic and anti-imperialist revolution through to the end, by exposing continued U.S. presence in Iran, challenging the government and Khomeini for many of their policies and by condemning the attacks on the revolutionary forces. There have been frequent demonstrations in opposition to his arrest, the most recent and most massive one held last week with over 200,000 participants. It is widely



This picture, taken December 28th of last year, shows relatives carrying the bodies of children and unborn babies killed and miscarried when the U.S.-supplied tanks of the Shah plowed into a crowd to break up a demonstration. Khomeini may be unable—or unwilling—to bring to justice those responsible for vile crimes like these, but the people will never let these crimes go unpunished.

rumored that Saadati is being tortured. Most of the revolutionary groups and organizations believe that this is the beginning of a new wave of attacks which the government hopes will lay the basis for the complete annihilation of the Left. The idea is that if the government can successfully crush a Moslem organization, it will not be so hard to finish off the communist forces.

The government is also using covert means to achieve the same ends. The supposedly anti-Moslem, guerrilla group, Forghan, has been going around assassinating various progressive figures in and around the government. The latest victim was Taghi Haj Tarkani, a prominent and presumably progressive businessman. In May, this group was denounced by the entire left revolutionary movement for assassinating Motahari who had closely followed Khomeini and had actively fought during the last year of uprisings.

He was also rumored to be the head of the Revolutionary Council established by Khomeini. By carrying out these murders in the name of the revolutionary forces, Forghan has opened up another avenue for the government to attack the Left.

There is a great deal more going on behind the U.S. press's picture of great disorder going on in Iran which neither Khomeini nor prime minister Bazargan can control. As events unfold, the picture is much more one of the government moving to consolidate its power and falling back into the lap of the big capitalists and the U.S. imperialists in order to do it. An essential part of this consolidation must be to continue to step up actions to try to exterminate the revolutionary fighters and communists, who are leading the masses in carrying through the revolution to wipe out imperialist domination in Iran.

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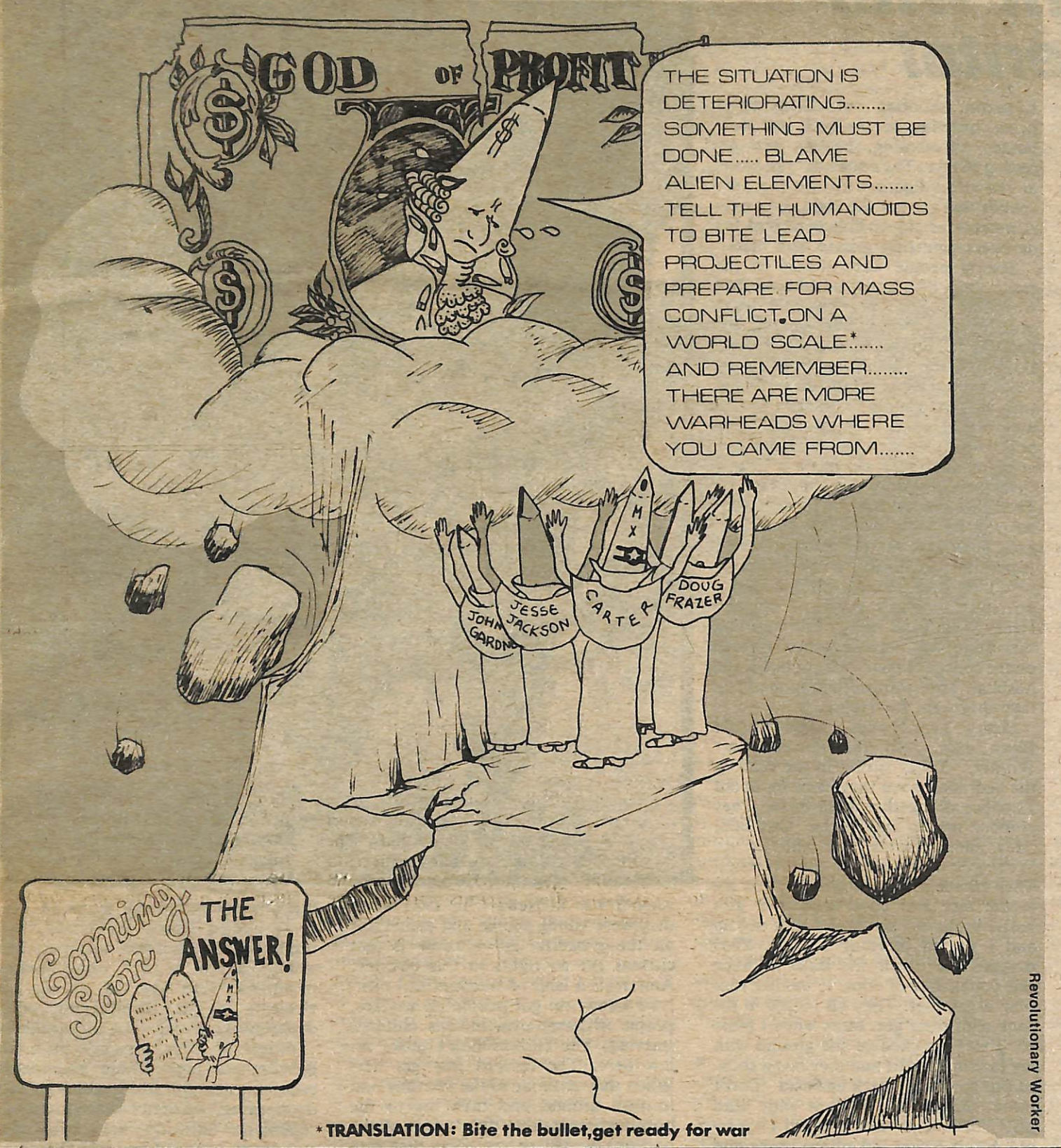
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Carter on the Summit of Crumbling Mountain



*TRANSLATION: Bite the bullet, get ready for war

Amid bellows of "Blame OPEC!," Jimmy Carter rushed home from the Tokyo Western bloc summit, scheduled a TV "talk to the nation" on the energy problem, then abruptly cancelled the talk and secluded himself at Presidential retreat Camp David to hold a "domestic summit."

Striving to create an atmosphere of great decision in the face of crisis, Carter summoned in a string of bourgeois "leaders" from all spheres of society—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders, Lane Kirkland of the AFL-CIO, Jesse Jackson of Operation PUSH, John Gardner of "Common Cause," Douglas Fraser of the United Auto Workers, Reginald Jones, board chairman of General Electric and Carter's traditional liaison with the "business community"—plus several other big capitalists, political operators, some economists, and a smattering of academics.

And those who were summoned to Camp David added their bit to make it seem a momentous event. Jesse Jackson puffed about his "candid...no-holds-barred" discussion with Carter, and House of Representatives majority leader Jim Wright declared, "I prophesy that when the President comes down off the mountain, he will have a comprehensive, effective, hard-hitting program to offer the American people." And although the energy crisis was the focus of discussion, old ruling class war horse Clark Clifford was careful to report that Carter was pondering problems "of much greater importance confronting the country today than just energy."

What's It All About?

Of course Jimmy Carter is trying to benefit himself from this great show of gravely dealing with a mighty crisis. He's hoping to reverse the downward motion of his failing career by showing himself a "real leader" in a time of "national crisis." The Eizenstat memo (see box this page) clearly lays out the tactic Carter is following—use the OPEC price rise to make a "new approach to energy," to project an air of "leadership over an apparently unsolvable problem" and "shift the cause of inflation and energy problems to OPEC."

Meanwhile the air of Presidential leadership pulling together a divided nation was punctured by divisions and infighting among his staff and advisors, with several aides proposing that Energy Secretary Schlesinger be dumped, and some old-time Democratic politicians recommending that Carter get rid of "outsiders" in the Administration who were inexperienced on the national party scene. But much more than the career of Schlesinger, Carter or any other bourgeois politician is at stake right now. Not only Carter, but the whole ruling class of this country needs to muster up a big chorus of their song for now and the period ahead:

Expect less
Like it more.
Tighten your belt,
Get ready for war.

This is what the "domestic summit" is all about—trying to deal with problems "of much greater importance... than just energy," problems of economic crisis and war on the horizon. But the bourgeoisie has no basic solutions to these problems, so the main content of these deliberations is a public relations campaign to both placate public opinion, trying to convince people that "something is being done," and mobilize public opinion against an external enemy, trying to rally people around the flag behind "the nation's leaders."

On the energy front, Carter is said to be proposing new federal agencies to

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Gov't Memo Says: Lie But Make it Good

The spectre of thousands going from waiting in gas lines to rising up in rebellion is haunting the White House. In a June 28 secret memorandum that somehow got "leaked" to the press, Presidential advisor Stuart Eizenstat told Carter (in part):

Since you left for Japan the domestic energy problem has continued to worsen:

*Sporadic violence over gasoline continues to occur. A recent incident in Pennsylvania injured 40.

*Gasoline station operators are threatening a nationwide strike unless DOE [Dept. of Energy] passes an emergency profit margin increase.

*Congress is growing more nervous by the day over the energy problem... Members are literally afraid to go home over the recess for fear of having to deal with very angry constituents...

It is perhaps sufficient to say that nothing which has occurred in the administration to date—not the Soviet agreement on the Middle East, not the Lance matter, not the Panama Canal treaties, not the defeat of several major

domestic legislative proposals, not the sparring with Kennedy and not even double-digit inflation—have added so much water to our ship. Nothing else has so frustrated, confused, angered the American people...

All this is occurring at a particularly inopportune time. Inflation is higher than ever. A recession is clearly facing us.

And what's Eizenstat's solution? The memo goes on to say:

In many respects, this would appear to be the worst of times. But I honestly believe we can change this to a time of opportunity. We have a better opportunity than ever before to assert leadership over an apparently insoluble problem, to shift the cause for inflation and energy problems to OPEC... We should seize this opportunity now and with all our skill...

Use the OPEC price increase as the occasion to mark the beginning of our new approach to energy. It must be said by you—and by us—time and again publicly to be a watershed event. We must turn the [OPEC price] increase to our advantage...

You must address the enormous credibility and management problems of DOE which equal in public perception those which State or Defense had during Vietnam... *With strong steps we can mobilize the nation around a real crisis and with a clear enemy—OPEC.*

Well, there you have it. Straight from the horse's mouth: lie, Mr. President, say the Arabs are the problem, say something that will take the heat off yourself and the system you're sworn to serve. But be slick about it ("with all our skill") or else nobody will buy the latest of the big lies. Lying by our rulers is of course nothing new—but rarely does such an open declaration find its way out to where all can see.

Interestingly, this memo has caused no big stir or cries of scandal within the ranks of the ruling class or their press. Obviously they must be pretty united around a line of "lie to the people, blame the Arabs." How else can a slave-master go about trying to convince the slaves to fight and die to defend slavery except by deception? ■

Birmingham Struggle Continues

MURDER:

"Consistent with Departmental Policy"?

Birmingham, Alabama. It took six days for the unprecedented blue-ribbon "commission" to decide that walking up behind an unarmed woman in a car and firing four shots into her back was not justified! Meanwhile Birmingham cop G.M. Sands who murdered the young Black woman, Bonita Carter, on June 22, walks the streets on a paid vacation—what the pigs cynically call, "administrative leave."

Three days of anger and outrage in the Black community of Kingston had erupted (*RW*, June 29, 1979) followed by ten days of an intense soft-shoe routine by the Birmingham city fathers, who set up their "commission" to hold public hearings into the matter. But Birmingham's Mayor Vann and Chief of Police Myers quickly showed that this committee was just an attempt to buy time. They said they would have to review the case, to figure out whether Sand's actions were "consistent with departmental policy"! That shouldn't be too hard for the Mayor and the Chief. All the evidence shows that shooting down Black people is very consistent with police department policy. And this same Mayor Vann had the nerve to show up at Bonita Carter's funeral, invited by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to make statements to the press about this "senseless tragedy."

Once again, on Thursday, July 5, the police were unleashed to terrorize the Black people of Kingston. It started in front of Jerry's Convenience Store, where a number of Black people from the community had set up a picketline. (The murder of Bonita Carter had taken place at Jerry's other store which is now closed down, after an argument erupted between a Black man and the owner of the store about whether the man was going to pay for gas in advance!) Fifty KKK and supporters showed up to "protect" the Convenience Store. The Klan shouted racist insults, waved guns around, heaved rocks at Blacks on the picketline and passersby in cars. KKK Grand Chaplain, Riccio vowed, "We will stand by these white store owners at all costs if we have to spill every last drop of blood to do it." (Translation: "We will terrorize Black people into submission if we have to spill every last drop of their blood to do it.")

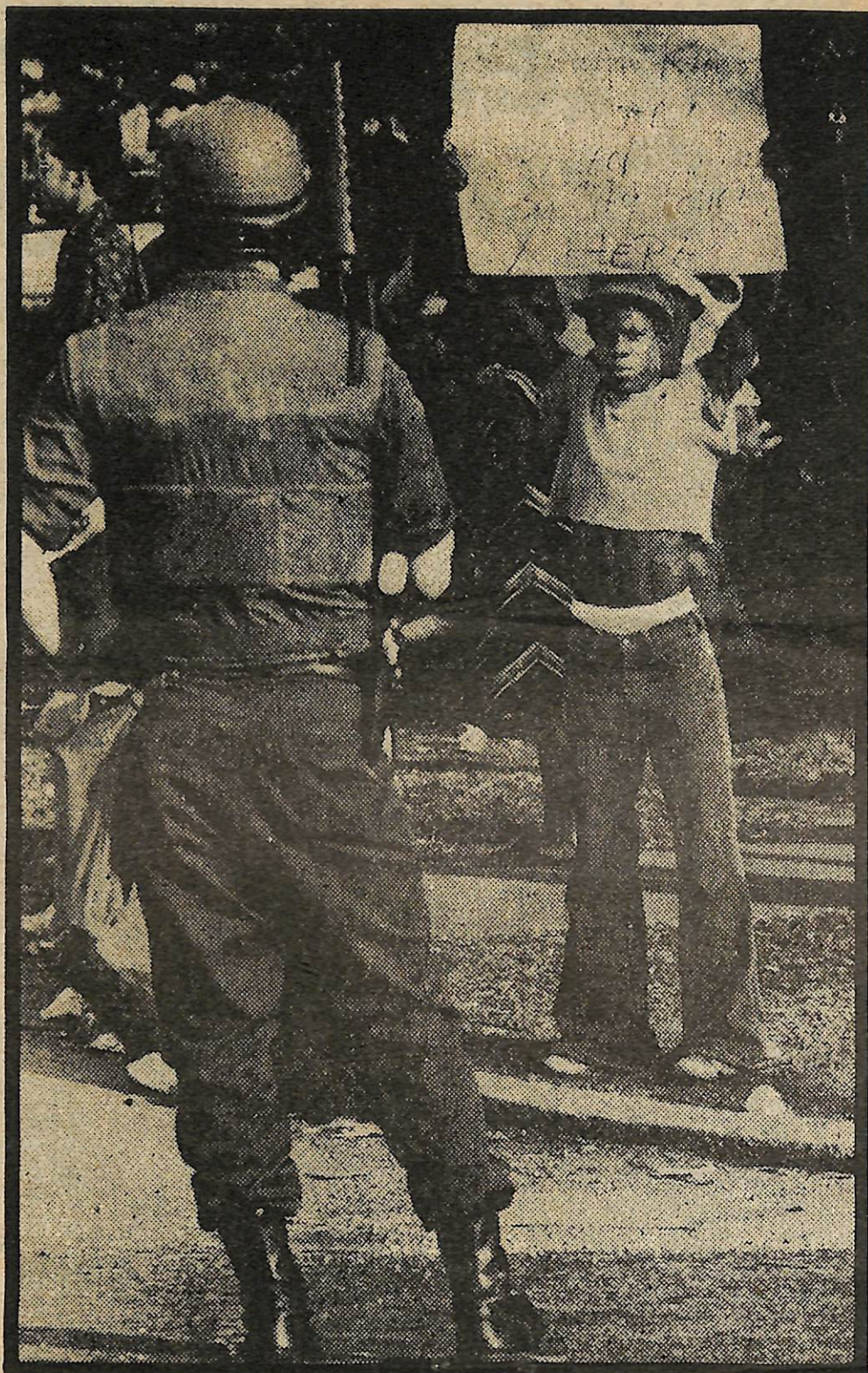
As if on cue, the Birmingham cops arrived. When the Black community began to spill onto the streets to stand up to these scum, the pigs moved into action. Squads of riot-equipped, armed police moved down the streets of

Kingston, shooting out all the street lights, ordering people back into their homes, threatening, beating and arresting Blacks. The cops' shotgun blasts at the street lights were not the only sounds that ripped the night, however. A number of sniper bullets pierced the darkness—but they missed their mark.

Several people were sitting on the front porch of a house on 10th Avenue when the cops came down the street ordering everyone inside and all the lights in the houses turned off. Jerome Love told the *Revolutionary Worker*, "We were sitting in the living room with all the lights off and the children way in the back when we heard the police voices all around. We heard this voice on the radio saying, 'Go in and clean them out, drag them out of there.' Then they started breaking all the windows in the front with their sticks and guns, banging on the door, yelling, 'Open up you nigger motherfucker or we'll blow it up.' I said, 'Go and blow it up 'cause I won't open it.' Me and Henry went back in the bedroom and they busted in. The old man was asleep on the couch. He had just got out of the hospital. They slapped him around and then they went for Henry."

Henry Lee Nettles, a 40-year-old Black man, told the *Revolutionary Worker*, "I was sitting in the chair in the bedroom when they came in, about 12 police all together in the house. They grabbed me up and hit me. One said, 'Hey, motherfucker, the game is up. We're sick of this shit on 10th Avenue.' They got me in the living room, beat me in the face and chest with their gun butts, broke my teeth and split my lip and I started bleeding buckets. They dragged me down the stairs between this double line of cops. It was like running a gauntlet. They all hit me in the back with their gun butts when I passed. I was knocked to the ground with my face in the dirt and they laid a cocked shotgun to my neck and said, 'Don't move, nigger, or I'll blow your head off.'" The cops then dragged 17-year-old Albert Polen out of the house and slammed him to the ground with his face in the dirt.

Both Polen and Nettles were hauled off to jail. The charges were public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Next morning a pig spokesman claimed they had gone into the house because shots were fired at them from it, but they said no guns were found when the house was searched. Henry Nettles said, "I know why they came in here, smashing people, throwing furniture, breaking doors and windows. I know, they want to use me as an example of what you get when people fight for Bonita Carter. It was the same thing



when I was in Newark in 1968 when they were killing people and protecting all the property. All I know is that citizens get no rights in this country. America's a land of freedom and plenty! I know, we got people on welfare, people on unemployment lines, children starving. The citizens don't make no law here. The citizens just get lies. When they took me to the jail they had to turn around and take me to the hospital because they didn't want all the brothers in jail to see what they had done to me. Just lies." Jerome Love added, "I was in Vietnam, but I won't fight in another Vietnam. They want us to fight another war in this country, Black and white against each other, but we got a different war to fight, all of us against these cops."

As part of further clamping down in Kingston the courts handed down an order last Saturday that no more than three people could gather together within half a mile of either of Jerry's stores. The area of the injunction includes the whole Kingston public housing project!

The "leaders" of Birmingham's

Black community, led by SCLC and some elected Black politicians, have responded to these fresh outrages with a whining appeal to the "white business community" to get rid of the bad elements in the Birmingham police department, to clear out the remaining "vestiges of mistreatment" by a few Birmingham pigs. These whimpering preachers and political hacks with their do-nothing, support-the-whitewash-commission attitudes have been more and more exposed among the Black people of Kingston.

Shortly before the raid on Henry Nettles' house Thursday, 28-year-old Donald Woods was one of several more people arrested. In Wood's case, for the crime of walking down the street. As Woods said, "I've been going around this whole time saying, 'We just need non-violence. Don't get violent or throw anything at the police. Just protest, but remain peaceful.' But you see they won't let you be non-violent. All this violence from the police. How can you tell people to be non-violent in the face of that? They don't give you a choice."

Impressions on a Visit to El Salvador

"You Cannot Be Neutral"

Jaime, a reader and supporter of the *Revolutionary Worker*, visited his homeland, El Salvador, this month. His visit took him into a cauldron of change—the El Salvadorian people are rising up against U.S. imperialist domination of the country.

It was so different from when he left in 1975, coming to the U.S. in search of a job. Then his head was full of U.S. imperialist propaganda, sold to the people of El Salvador through the TV, radio, and newspapers—visions of *Star Wars*-type cities, conveyor-belt sidewalks, and vitamins in the water that make you big and strong. "They said you would never find any garbage in the street. And the first thing I see is dog shit on the sidewalk." It was the

best of what U.S. imperialism had to offer.

But Jaime has changed and so has the situation in his country. The following are some of his impressions about the scene in El Salvador, the changes since 1975, and what's throwing thousands of people, including his friends, into motion against the U.S.-backed Romero dictatorship:

"Before I went down I didn't expect it to be as tense as it was. There's always been a lot of struggle between the rich and the poor. But the first thing this relative told me when we met at the airport was, 'Hey, be careful, because now the crime is being a young person and because of that you can end up dead.'

"There are a lot of new things I found that wasn't like four years ago. There's big unemployment. The number of poor people has grown by maybe four times. People are out on the streets to see what they can find to feed their families. I saw these people who made a house on the sidewalk. There was this big wall and they just stuck a piece of plastic to it and attached it to the sidewalk. It was like a tent. It was in the middle of the city, downtown. There was a family living there—two children and their parents. In every city, no matter how small or big, there are thousands and thousands of people sleeping in houses made out of cardboard boxes. I don't know where they get food to feed the children and

themselves.

"Four years ago you would never hear of people using heroin. Now it's among the young people... cocaine and marijuana... all that stuff is coming from the police. They publicized that one of the young Kennedys is smoking dope, and so the young kids say, 'Well, if one of the big guys can do it, why can't I?' They are trying to keep the young people high so they won't resist.

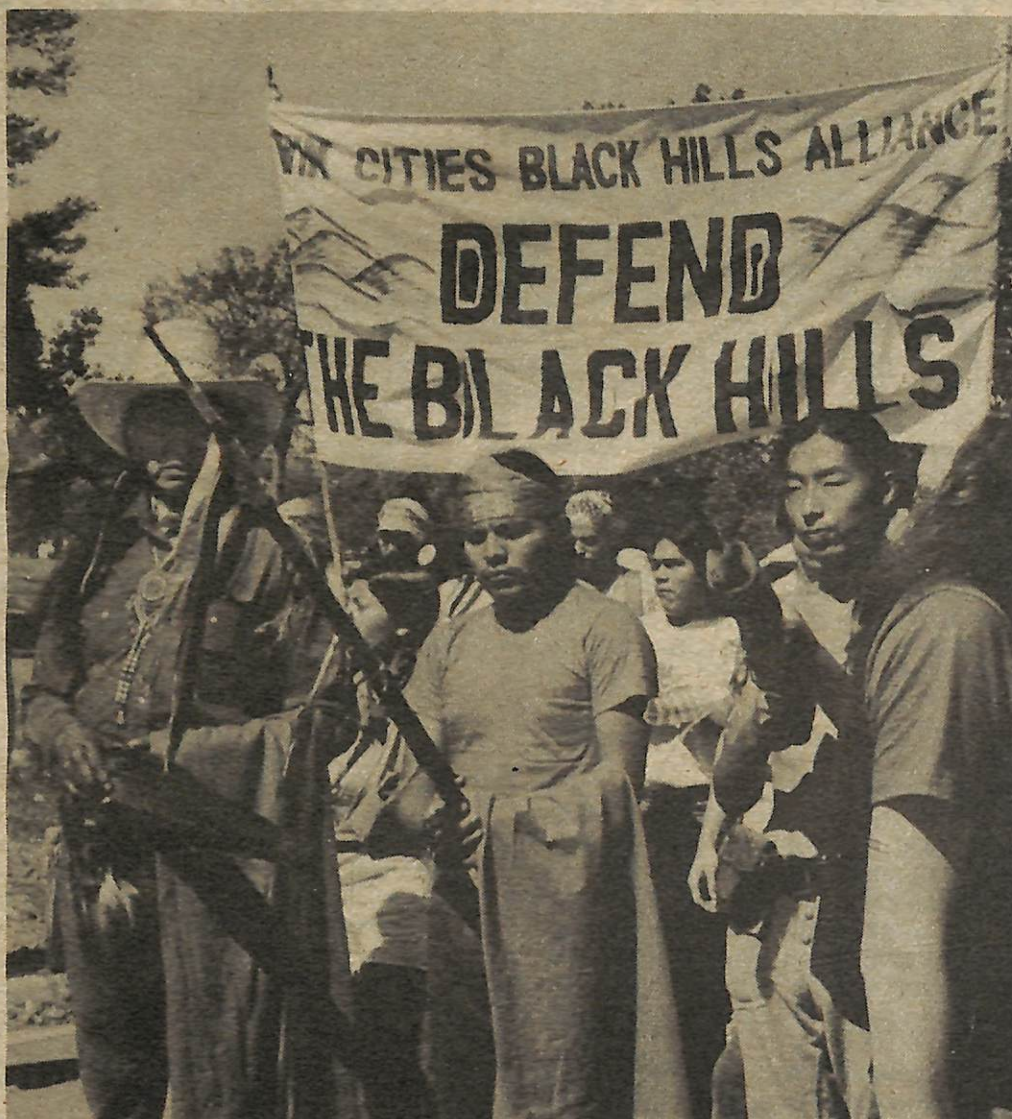
"Any station you tune into, you will never hear any Spanish songs. All you hear is the Rolling Stones, the Bee Gees, and what's happening with Mic Jagger and Bianca. And the movies are mostly X-rated. They're in almost every theatre. You can go to see Walt Disney, and they'll show an X-rated with it.

"I have this nephew and he told me that crime is now very high. There's more crime among the young than before and most of the massacres by the government have been among 14,

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Uranium Threat to Black Hills Indians

4,000 on 20 Mile March



Revolutionary Worker

Nemo Canyon, South Dakota July 7- A relentless July sun beat down on the gravel road that winds through this Black Hills ranchland. Through the blowing dust, 4000 marchers neared the Ox Yoke Ranch and poured through the gate, sweat gleaming and clenched fists held high. They celebrated the completion of a 20-mile hike and the growing solidarity in opposition to plans by the government and the mining companies to turn the Black Hills area into a giant uranium mine. The night before, 6500 people in a rally at Rushmore Mall Civic Center in Rapid City cheered and hooted as speaker after speaker blasted the profit-mad corporations and their intentions to turn southwest South Dakota into a glowing lunar landscape.

The three-day event sponsored by the Black Hills Alliance to discuss strategies for opposing the mining plans brought together forces who had never marched together before: many Lakota (Sioux) Indians from the nearby Pine Ridge Reservation and Indians from tribes across the midwest, activists in such anti-nuclear groups across the country as the Prairie Alliance of Illinois, the Northern Sun Alliance of Minnesota, the Clamshell Alliance in Seabrook N.H., Land Rights, a Chicano organization in Colorado, and a small number of ranchers from the area. Feelings of anger and outrage ran deep among the participants and there was a strong sentiment among them that there was more at stake than simply preserving the Black Hills. People eagerly debated the questions about who was behind all this seeming nuclear madness and just what could be done to stop them.

From the speakers' platforms throughout the weekend there was a strong sense that the corporations and the government were to blame, that they were screwing the people, and many expressed militant sentiments that the people would not and could not stand for this. But the underlying message coming from the stage was that somehow the people could make the godfathers of state and industry change their ways and act right. This was most boldly expressed by Dr. Judith Johnsrud of Three Mile Island fame who said, "All the legitimate processes are open to you. They work only if you really make them work."

It was ironic that this view was being expressed here in the Black Hills where the whole history of the area is a tale drenched in blood by the U.S. government ripping off of Indian lands. And the present situation is a vivid example of how the imperialist leopards are not going to change their spots. Today, every county in the Black Hills is under extensive exploration for uranium. More than two dozen corporations representing some of the most powerful oil and energy monopolies are preparing for a major assault on uranium and other resources in the Black Hills area. Kerr-McGee, Gulf Oil, United Nuclear-Homestake, and Conoco control 67% of the uranium reserves nationally. Bled as these present-day Robber Barons are, they continue their search for the radioactive Holy Grail. For example, TVA (the so-called "people's utility"—the world's largest supplier of electricity and the biggest utility in the U.S.) has already leased 103,000 acres in the vicinity of Edgemont, S.D. in the Black Hills. Though TVA had agreed to clean up the 3½ million tons of radioactive mill tailings left on the site by a former milling operation, they haven't done this. The windblown poison has been found recently in homes, schools and on nearby crops. The cancer rate in that county is the highest in South Dakota. In addition, the tailings, heaped on the banks of the Cheyenne River, have infiltrated the local water supply, creating a threat to many of the area's ranchers and the nearby Pine Ridge Reservation.

The fact that government at all levels has done nothing to stop this is more than mere coincidence. It is, in fact, a valuable lesson in the way the capitalists themselves have carefully created a state apparatus whose sole purpose is protecting their own interests. In the early 1950s, for example, they established the Atomic Energy Commission

(AEC) which then subsidized the exploration and purchased all the uranium produced. With the emergence of the nuclear power industry in the 1960s the AEC was abolished and purchase of uranium deregulated, dovetailing nicely with the needs of the capitalists at that time. Moreover, today in South Dakota 70 key members of the Environmental Protection Agency sit on the board of directors of several of these huge energy monopolies.

Almost 80% of the known reserves of uranium are on reservation land or treaty land which is supposed to belong to the Indians. In their drive to grab up the

uranium—which is key to the development of nuclear power and weapons and thus key to their war machine, the capitalists have run up against an obstacle—one that has haunted them for more than two hundred years—the Indian people and their struggle against oppression.

Imperialist Invasion of the Black Hills

The Black Hills, known as Paha Sapa to the Indians, served as a traditional spiritual meeting ground for various Indian tribes who gathered there from all parts every summer. As the capitalists pursued their westward expansion in

the middle of the last century, they found the Lakota (Sioux) Indians particularly relentless in their defense of the Black Hills where the tribe lived. This fierce resistance coupled with the government's assumption that the land was worthless resulted in the conclusion of the 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaty (which included all of the present state of South Dakota west of the Missouri River). The treaty was to ensure "the absolute and undisturbed use and occupation of the Sioux" and that no one except "authorized federal personnel shall ever be permitted to pass over, settle upon or reside" on that land. That agreement lasted about as long as ice cream on the 4th of July.

An 1874 expedition led by Gen. George Custer confirmed the rumors of gold in the Black Hills. True to form, the U.S. government embarked on a new offensive to gain ownership of these lands that they had said belonged to the Lakota.

The feds delegated the Allison Commission to the Black Hills in the summer of 1875. The Commission smuggly offered to lease the land for \$400,000 a year or to pay \$6 million outright. They were refused. Feeling a little anxious, the U.S. government, that champion of freedom and democracy, decided by December of that year that any Indians found off the treaty territory were "hostile" and would be shot on sight, knowing full well that many Indians could not return in time from their winter hunting grounds in the south. After Gen. Custer was sent to his final resting place while on a search mission for "hostile" Sioux, the government made its infamous "sell or starve" offer to the Indians, threatening to withhold supplies and rations if the sale was not agreed to. (Coincidentally at this time a prospecting claim was purchased in the Hills for \$70,000 by none other than George Hearst, granddaddy of the Hearst newspaper chain. Within ten years, the Hearst claim was worth \$6 million. Hearst then added a processing operation, and the Homestake Gold Mining Co. was born. More on Homestake to come...)

When the "sell or starve" offer was refused, the U.S. Congress passed the Black Hills Act of 1877, calling off the Treaty and transferring ownership of the Black Hills to themselves.

"The Black Hills Are Not for Sale"

More than one hundred years since
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Nuclear Massacre of Native Americans

Genocide has always been the most popular capitalist policy in dealing with the American Indians. Today this bloody tradition, formerly known as The "winning of the West", is being carried out in a new form—uranium radiation poisoning.

In 1948, the Kerr-McGee Co. (the same company that murdered Karen Silkwood) was the first to mine and mill uranium on Indian land. They set up operation in the Shiprock area on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico. The lease, granted by the BIA, was for as long "as the ore is producing in payable quantities."

Life was good on the reservation... for the company. There were no taxes at the time, no health, safety or pollution regulations, and few other jobs for the Navajos returning after World War 2. Labor was cheap and profits high. The Indians dug the ore that started the U.S. stockpile of nuclear weapons. They went into the tunnels with wheelbarrows, loading up the radioactive ore and coughing up the black dust that ate away their lungs. They were exposed to radiation 100 to 1000 times the level now considered safe. Slowly but surely they began to die of lung cancer.

The government and the company were well aware of the danger at the time, but as far as they were concerned, the Indians were expendable. The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) was warned in 1948 by one of their doctors that high concentrations of radioactive gas existed in uranium mines and that

this would cause many to die of lung cancer. He recommended ventilation requirements and other safety standards, but the AEC, at the time the only purchaser of uranium ore, decided to let the miners die rather than reduce the profitability of uranium mining for nuclear weapons.

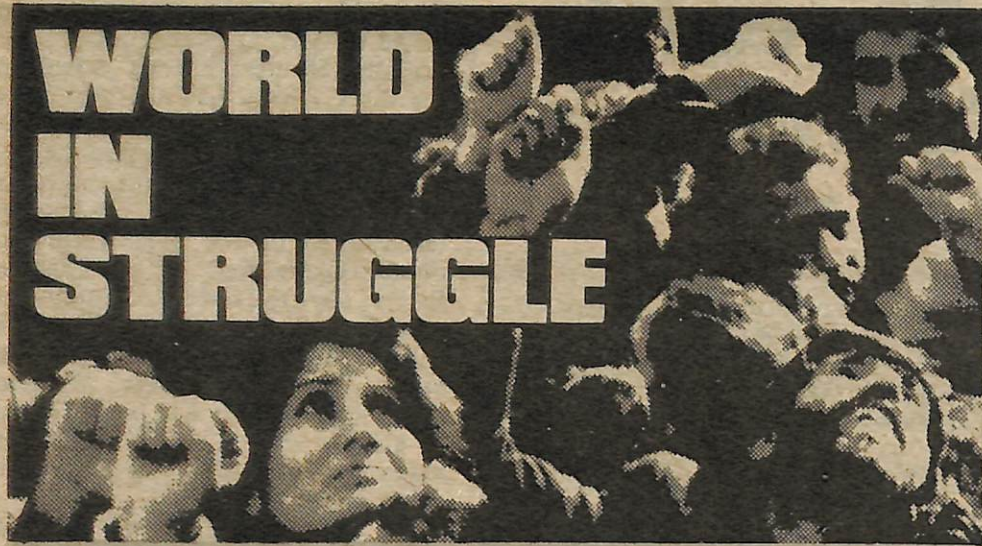
By the early '70s, Kerr-McGee had squeezed all the uranium out of the Shiprock mines that was profitable to mine and mill. They closed down, leaving behind, to date, 25 Navajo miners dead and 20 more with radiation-induced lung cancer. They also left behind 71 acres of radioactive waste piles, doubling the risk of cancer for people living within a half mile of them. The waste piles were left 60 feet from the San Juan River, the only major water source in the most populous area of Shiprock.

Uranium mining continues in other parts of the reservation, but even with the safety regulations that were finally adopted in 1971, uranium miners have a rate of lung cancer that is four times that of the general public. 20% of them will die within 20 years. Consequently, the uranium companies are facing a manpower shortage. To help them out, the Labor Department has financed a \$2 million program to train Navajos as uranium miners. According to a recent issue of *Business Week*, "Labor Dept. sponsors hope that the program will help alleviate the tribe's chronic unemployment, which is estimated at 40%." What better way to eliminate

unemployment than a job program guaranteed to eliminate the people!

The Navajo reservation is being turned into a radioactive waste land. There are over 26 million tons of radioactive waste and piles that have been abandoned. The total waste from both active and abandoned mills covers 250 acres. The water has been contaminated—Navajo children break out in sores after wading in it. Last year almost 100 babies were born with birth defects attributed to radiation. Even the "safety" regulations in the mines are used against the people; ventilator shafts in many of the mines emerge near homes, grazing areas, water, even a children's playground—spewing out radioactive gas into the air. Proving there's no limit to the ravaging of the lives of whole peoples, the Secretary of the Interior recently gave Exxon a lease on 400,000 acres of Navajo land to use as a dump for radioactive waste!

The Navajos are only one of many tribes whose lives are being destroyed and lands stolen. Over a million acres of Indian land in New Mexico, Colorado, Washington and Wyoming is under lease to these murderers of uranium exploration and development. The brutality and wanton destruction of Native Americans of all tribes is a hallmark of the rule of capital. For their nuclear needs, our rulers are willing to complete a task they started generations ago—extermination of Indian peoples. ■



WORLD IN STRUGGLE

Rhodesian Racists Seek New Paradise

Bishop Muzorewa, new puppet for the racist settler regime in Rhodesia, has showed up in Washington, D.C. to display his black skin to try to help build support for the so-called "internal settlement" in Zimbabwe. The U.S. and British governments are getting ready to officially bless Muzorewa's government and declare that justice and self-rule has finally been achieved in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia).

Meanwhile the real situation has been further highlighted by recent reports that Rhodesian whites, far from being confident that the Muzorewa regime will fool the people into abandoning their fight for liberation, are busily looking for a new area of the world where they can virtually enslave people and live off their labor. Apparently they are looking at the Beni province of Bolivia because, according to a Rhodesian business executive involved in land purchases, "It is the poorest country in Latin America. . . Here (are) all the conditions for a settlement of white Rhodesians, with their know-how and their modern equipment, to create a modern and prosperous society. Naturally, we will utilize Indians as cheap labor; they too will enjoy, to a certain degree, the prosperity which we create." The reason for trying to purchase this Shangri-La is, as the executive put it, for "when we lose power in Rhodesia." Note he says *when*, showing that he, like everybody else familiar with the subject, knows full well that the Muzorewa government has in no way changed who really has power in Zimbabwe.

The whole thing gets even more sordid when we learn that the project was inspired by the West German government which apparently offered a meeting of several Latin American countries \$150 million to any country willing to take 30,000 German families from southern Africa! But before the Rhodesian colonizers start mixing their gin 'n tonics on their Bolivian plantations they should ponder one question: they might well be exporting the very conditions which are leading to their downfall in Rhodesia—the revolutionary struggle of the oppressed.

Musicians Attacked by Cops in Britain

The English music weekly *Melody Maker* reported that in a recent anti-racist demonstration against the right wing National Front that progressive musicians were among those particularly singled out for attack by the cops. In Southall, the scene of one action, four thousand nine hundred and twenty three cops showed up to protect the fascists from a united community of working class whites, Pakistani, Indian and West Indian people. A center of the Southall community organizing efforts, The People United Creative Arts and Educative Center, which includes the musicians' co-op was literally destroyed by the cops in their frantic efforts to wreck the unity that has been created.

Worcester

18 Face Charges

Worcester, Mass., residents describe the Great Brook Housing Project "like a concentration camp." A little more than a year ago the Housing Authority built a pig station right in the middle of the projects, and put Housing Authority pigs on 24-hour duty. Four months ago those pigs broke a man's arm during a "routine" arrest, and threw his pregnant wife up against the wall of their apartment when she came to his aid.

Last month the project police beat and arrested two Puerto Rican youths, one for standing on the corner 100 yards from his home, and the other for coming to help him when he heard the screams. That night 200 youths gathered and battled the cops with trash can barricades and a molotov cocktail thrown in the back door of the pig station.

Then on June 20, Mulato was murdered—shot with his hands cuffed behind his back, the blood soaking the rear seat of the pig car which read on the fender, "To protect and serve." The next night, the people rebelled again, saying, "This is in your memory, Mulato." The project pig station was demolished. And almost every window was smashed in the paddy wagons, which fled before they could be filled with pigs.

The authorities officially regretted this "horrible tragedy," Mulato's murder, committed by a "crazy man" in a cop's uniform. But 18 people were arrested the night of the rebellion as the

cops swarmed in with a dragnet, picking up people off the street and breaking into the houses of those known to be leaders in the project. As he was being dragged off the sidewalk in front of his house, one of those arrested asked what he was being charged with. The pig said, "You better shut your mouth. You know what happened to that other guy? Well, the same thing's going to happen to you if you don't shut up." Officially they promised that the Housing Authority cops would go, but now they're back cruising the streets again.

The 18 people arrested face heavy charges from "inciting a riot" to "assault with intent to kill a police officer." At least two have been sent eviction notices even before their trial because anyone who assaults a housing police officer is not "a fit member of the community."

But the people are not backing down. Defense has started forming for the 18 who face charges; and the ones who got the eviction notices are not moving. "Let them try. This nigger's gonna fight," said one woman.

Twice the cops have tried to arrest people selling the *Revolutionary Worker* in the projects. But each time a crowd quickly gathered, and the pigs were forced to back off. They still cruise, and they cruise around wondering *what are those people saying, what are they planning?*

Great Brook is like a time bomb to them. They're afraid to touch it, but they're doing everything they can to

This included all the equipment belonging to several reggae and punk bands active in Rock Against Racism.

In this particular battle, three demonstrators were critically injured and 350 arrested. 36 cops were also hospitalized due to the fierce resistance they met. Support for the Southall demonstrators has come from all over including well-known punk groups like the Clash and Stiff Little Fingers. The battle versus the National Front, whose head is currently having a "secret" tour in the U.S., talking to reactionary groups like the Nazis, continues to build throughout the U.K.

Puerto Rico—A War Zone for VIII Pan American Games

As teams from all over Latin America and North America were taking part in the VIII Pan American Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the U.S. government "generously" allowed the Puerto Rican flag to be flown next to the American flag so that everybody could see how free Puerto Rico is. At the same time the games have been the occasion for stepped-up repression against the people of Puerto Rico and the independence movement.

In the weeks before the games, the colonial government of Puerto Rico moved to clean up a little of San Juan for the show. Hundreds of pushcart vendors held street demonstrations against the police whose "clean-up" consisted of sweeping away the vendors, and arresting them if they resisted, lest they make it seem as though there were poor people in Puerto Rico. A campaign was launched against political posters. Then, when the games opened, it was to the accompaniment of a massive military show of force. The police announced that they had 3,400 arrest orders prepared for "fugitives from justice" who were to be apprehended by "anti-crime" police sweeps. Thousands of National Guard troops—under U.S. command—were mobilized, and National Guard MPs in a training program at the Roosevelt Roads Navy base in Puerto Rico were put on alert.

Why? What is the government of Puerto Rico afraid of, or rather, what is the U.S. government afraid of that it had its forces in Puerto Rico put on a war footing? Certainly it wasn't fear of unruly athletes or overexcited fans. In fact, the only enemy in sight was the people of Puerto Rico, who maybe weren't considered enthusiastic enough about taking part in this showcase of colonialism. In fact, this very show of force itself shows how colonialism operates in Puerto Rico—with a little bit of sweet talk and a whole lot of guns.

16 Revolutionaries Convicted in South Africa

Recently, 16 accused members of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) were convicted of violating the infamous "Terrorism Act" of the South African racist *apartheid* regime. They were each sentenced to between 5 and 17 years in prison.

The 16 were first arrested following the uprising in the Black township of Soweto in 1976. According to the prosecution these revolutionaries "incited, instigated, commanded, aided, advised, encouraged, or procured" others to leave the country for military training.

The trial was, as one might imagine, a farce. It was held in the tiny town of Bethal, for the authorities refused to allow it to take place in one of the major cities, where more support could have been built for it, and where it would have attracted more world attention. Lawyers for the defense were not even allowed to meet their clients until the first court appearance!

Despite these obstacles, PAC had undertaken a vigorous defense of the Bethal 16. This, together with the South African regime's desire to avoid further exposure of their bloody regime, accounts for the fact that the revolutionaries were not given the death sentence.



People's anger hits housing authority pig station.

defuse it. Things certainly didn't work out for the Housing Authority like they had planned some years ago.

Back in the late '60s and early '70s, Worcester was the scene of some pretty heavy revolutionary activity, particularly among Blacks and Puerto Ricans. The Young Lords were there and so were the Black Panthers. Many went from Worcester to the anti-war demonstrations in Washington, D.C. One fierce object of people's struggle was the Housing Authority, which at that time was trying to push through urban renewal in the form of a model cities program. The city council was jammed again and again for better housing.

So Worcester was a time bomb back then, too. And did they defuse it? Here was their plan—send the Blacks and Puerto Ricans out to Great Brook. The project is isolated, about three miles

from town, far enough away from the rest of the trouble so they could keep a lid on it.

Blacks, Puerto Ricans and poor whites were consciously directed to apply at Great Brook. As one man put it, "The high mucky mucks talked me into moving here, the bastards. I didn't know any better at the time." Another man told how Puerto Ricans who knew little English were told there was no other place for them to live in Worcester—unless they wanted to pay twice the rent.

But their little plan blew up in their face.

Their isolated little concentration camp, where they hoped to keep a lid on the struggle, has turned out to be a Pandora's box of the people's resistance. And as one man said, "This isn't the end. This is just the beginning." ■

A major part of physics today is concerned with the study of the structure of the atom. Among bourgeois nuclear physicists a central theme of this research has been the search for the basic particle—the ultimate building block of everything in the universe. Every so often we hear in the news about a new particle being discovered. And there's the ongoing contest to see which scientists from which country can build the biggest atom-smashing particle accelerator to bust up the atom into its basic components and discover the basic indivisible particle.

But beneath all their jargon and billions of dollars of elaborate and sophisticated technology sit scientists groping about half blind to reality—trapped by the backward and reactionary philosophy of the capitalist class. This science has been reduced to endless competition to see who can build the biggest electromagnetic sledgehammer. Their search continually offers up evidence of the absurdity of their original intentions. Never once do they question their basic assumption that the basic particle must exist.

But it is precisely assumptions like this belief in a basic particle that prevent these bourgeois scientists from understanding the real nature of matter and keep them on a course of trying to put a limit on how far knowledge of the world can go. For all their pretensions of being scientific they are actually pushing idealist and religious thinking.

Marxists have always opposed such "metaphysical" views that see things as rigid and motionless without internal contradictions, by using the revolutionary outlook of "dialectical materialism". Dialectics holds that everything develops primarily because of internal contradictions. This holds for society as well as for nature. Without internal contradictions things would cease to exist. And Marxists have always ridiculed such absurd ideas as "the ultimate particle".

As Mao Tsetung said, "As yet the electron has not been split, but some day they will certainly be able to split it. *Chuang-tzu* said 'a length of one foot, which is divided in half each day will never be reduced to zero.' This is the truth. If you don't believe it, just consider. If it could be reduced to zero, there then would be no such thing as science. The myriad things develop continuously and limitlessly, and they are infinite."

Where scientists once thought the atom to be the basic building block of matter, today most bourgeois nuclear physicists hold two families of particles to be, as one put it, "so small as to virtually have no dimensions and have no internal structure"—quarks and leptons. Quarks are commonly assumed to exist but have never been actually observed, while leptons have been observed for years. Electrons and neutrinos, for example, are leptons.

But even their own scientific experiments have provided increasing evidence that dialectics is correct and their views are childish and silly. They used to think the atom was indivisible, but now it has been shown to be made up of at least 200 smaller particles of different types (including anti-particles), and the number grows longer with bigger and bigger atom smashers being built. Now it is believed that the particles in the nucleus of the atom are made up of quarks. They say that the electron is indivisible, yet when it meets up with its anti-particle, called a positron, they both are annihilated and two gamma rays are released. And the process can be reversed. Even the concept of matter has been divided into two parts—mass and energy.

While obviously all this is complicated and the details of it are beyond the scope of this article, these are just a few of the discoveries that show the view that everything can be divided is correct. Yet the bourgeois scientists stubbornly hold on to their dogmatic quest to find the indivisible particle.

This same outlook reaches far beyond the laboratories of the scientists. This is because it reflects the philosophical outlook of the capitalist class. All the in's and out's of the latest scientific theories seldom reach the masses of people, but often the wrong views of these scientists are spread

around and used to give a phony "scientific" backing to some basic ideas pushed by the ruling capitalist class. As exploiters riding high on the backs of the people, these capitalists promote a world outlook that seeks to put a halt to contradictions and establish permanence and order—with them on top of society. This is especially true in times of crisis, like today. The whole idea of the "final, basic particle" is another expression of the capitalist search for order.

Historical Ideas About the Nature of Matter

From early on people have always questioned and searched for answers about the nature of matter. This question has always been bound up with questions of basic philosophical outlook—in the struggle between "materialism" and "idealism"—between the view that matter exists independent of the mind and the upside down view that it is an extension of the mind or the "supernatural mind"—a god.

In 430 B.C. Democritus of Abdera

was aming and describing things, trying to separate things out and study them statically under their microscopes and other instruments. Physicists studied mechanically—if this ball hits another ball at this angle then that will happen, etc.

Historically a period of this kind (separating and classifying) was understandable coming off a long period of history where such science was considered heresy. But fundamentally the mechanical view was not thoroughly materialist and ended up accepting idealism. If things do not have internal contradictions (are structureless) and their behavior can only be explained by external forces, then what mysterious force put everything into motion? It must have been some outside spiritual force—some god.

It was only with the advent of "dialectical materialism", the outlook of the proletariat systematized by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, that a truly scientific world view came onto the scene. Dialectical materialism belongs to the proletariat because it is a propertyless class, rooted in large-scale

were violated, including the whole conception that the atom was the smallest, most basic particle of matter. There was a great crisis in the physics of the mechanical materialists.

The scientists who were busily working in their laboratories, quite confident in their ability to explain reality on the basis of their primitive experience, were stunned by these new discoveries. Their nice neat logical world was shattered. Instead of recognizing that these new discoveries opened doors to understanding whole new levels of matter with a whole new set of laws governing it and welcoming them, they flipped out and rejected materialism altogether. They adopted a form of open idealism called "positivism" which rejected all but the most narrow, immediate perceptions. Suddenly no experiments could be trusted to provide even an approximate picture of reality. All that could be done was to carry out experiments and formulate models and pictures of a reality that could never really be known. As long as such models were useful and could be verified by experiment or seemed logical they could be accepted as truth. It didn't really matter, they theorized, since objects themselves didn't exist outside of our minds, they were just "complexes of sensations".

As a leading proponent of this view, the scientist Ernst Mach, put it, "Sensations are not 'symbols of things'. The 'thing' is rather a mental symbol for a complex of sensations of relative stability. Not the things (bodies) but colors, sounds, pressures, spaces, times (what we usually call sensations) are the real *elements* of the world." This absurd babbling by Mach puts him squarely in the world of spirits and gods and yet he, his colleagues and thousands of scientists right up to this day claim that this is the only really "scientific" view. Politically and philosophically, the ruling classes of the time promoted views like these to give phony "scientific" backing to religion and other ideas that the world could not be understood and that nothing—revolution in particular—was certain.

Marxists, being thoroughgoing dialectical materialists, welcomed these new discoveries in physics and in fact upheld them as verifications in nature of the revolutionary science of dialectical materialism. However, the discovery of radioactivity threw those who clung stubbornly to the outdated theories into a tizzy. Lenin referred to radium (the first element discovered to be radioactive) as "the great revolutionary". This is the fearless view of the working class, the most revolutionary class in history. Tearing apart old fossilized ideas and traditions is fine.

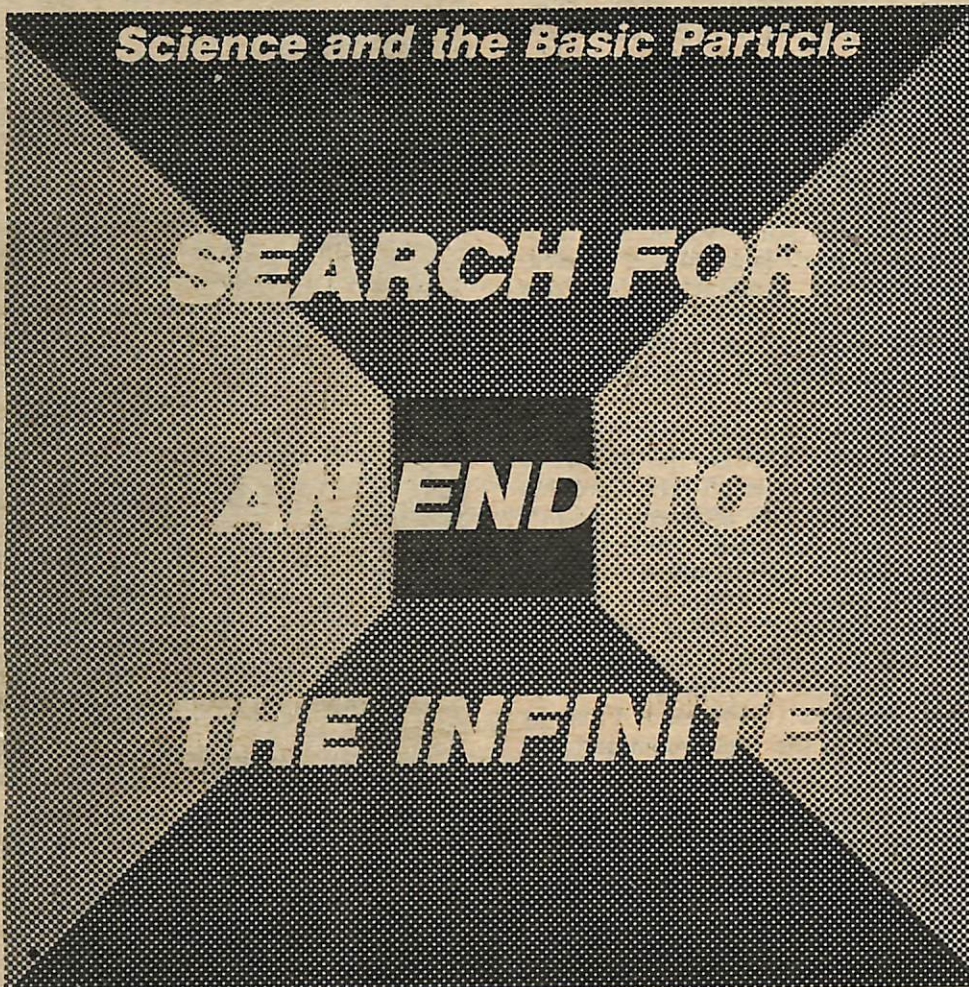
The fact that such new discoveries may be startling is only because they challenge old incomplete knowledge of matter with new truths about matter, understood more deeply. Reality is not called into question but our understanding of reality is being deepened. This process will never end, and revolutionaries never wish things to be any different. Lenin wrote in 1908 to the "positivists": "The 'essence' of things, or 'substance', is also relative; it expresses only the degree of profundity of man's knowledge of objects; and while yesterday the profundity of this knowledge did not go beyond the atom, and today does not go beyond the electron and ether, dialectical materialism insists on the temporary, relative, approximate character of all these *milestones* in the knowledge of nature gained by the progressing science of man. The electron is as *inexhaustible* as the atom, nature is infinite, but it infinitely *exists*."

Later it was shown that "ether", referred to by Lenin, did not exist. This, however, did not cause a crisis, a fundamental shaking of Marxism. This is because Marxism is not a dogma, but a living science, which welcomes and takes up particular new discoveries and advances in all fields of human knowledge.

The Crisis in Physics Has Never Ended

It might be said that the crisis in physics in the days of Ernst Mach never ended for bourgeois physicists, who are constantly being jolted and freaked out

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theorized that the world was made up of ultimate particles called "atomos", a Greek word meaning "indivisible". Democritus and later Epicurus and Lucretius raised this concept in direct opposition to the idea of interference of the gods in the affairs of the world and in general against religious superstition. But this early and primitive materialist idea was not widely accepted and could not be proven. It remained, as Engels put it, a "brilliant intuition".

However, the idea that matter was divisible into atoms was not demonstrated until the mid-1600s and not widely held until the early 1800s. At this point the atom was assumed to be the basic particle of matter and indivisible. The scientists of this time could not envision anything smaller than could be determined by their chemical experiments, which was how atoms and molecules were found to exist (atoms were not actually "seen" until photographed by a field-ion microscope in the 1950s). The scientists were trapped by their mechanical materialist outlook that saw everything as dead, frozen, and motionless elements with no internal contradictions; they attempted to explain all phenomena by means of mechanical laws of motion. That is, all motion was believed to be caused by outside forces acting on a body. Atoms were pictured as motionless hard balls packed together to make up elements.

This reflected the level of science at that time and the philosophical view of the capitalists that were the rising class at this time. This outlook was adopted by the scientists of this time who were furiously working in their laboratories trying to describe and gather data on things that had never been studied before. They were concerned with ex-

socialized industry and having no stake in stopping revolution, stopping progress. The proletariat has every interest in the most thorough, critical and scientific approach to the world. Marx and Engels' view saw things not as static and immutable but as they really are—constantly in motion and always changing. Marxism holds that it is internal contradictions that are the basis for the motion of things, rather than external forces.

It was only with this revolutionary scientific view of the internal struggle of opposites that the infinite divisibility of matter could be understood. As Engels wrote in the 1870s: "The new atomistics is distinguished from all previous to it by the fact that it does not maintain (idiots excepted) that matter is *merely* discrete, but that the discrete parts at various stages (ether atoms, chemical atoms, masses, heavenly bodies) are various *nodal points* which determine the various *qualitative* modes of existence of matter in general..."

What Engels is saying here is that matter is not just infinitely divisible into smaller and smaller chunks, but that matter has various levels and stages, each having its own laws of motion. Stars and planets, or atoms and molecules, for example, are different levels (nodal points) each having their own laws of motion and made up of smaller levels of matter having different laws of motion and so on, infinitely.

The Crisis in Physics

In the late 1800s and the early 1900s new discoveries, mainly the discoveries of electrons and radioactivity and of the fact that the speed of light could not be affected by mechanical processes, tore physics asunder. Many "truths" that were held to be absolute and inviolable

DISCO DEMOLITION

Chicago. It was baseball's first rock riot. Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox, has had its beer brawls and fist fights. But there has never been a night like July 12, the night that the White Sox hosted the Disco Demolition, and more than 50,000 gathered outside. Sox owner Bill Veeck was grinning like a fox as he eyed his normally deserted bleachers. Veeck and local FM rock station WLUP had set up the night's adventure. Tickets were available for the doubleheader between the Sox and the Detroit Tigers for 98¢ and a disco record. The 40,000 records were to be taken to centerfield and blown up by a WLUP D.J. in an anti-disco protest.

The youth poured in, decked out in T-shirts with "Death to Disco" and "Kill the BeeGees," some wearing Conehead hats. Thousands rocked the bleachers with roaring chants of "Disco Sucks." The stadium filled up. A crowd was in the streets. The radio announcers nervously began telling people to stay away. More came.

Out front hundreds began to sneak into the stadium, many brazenly flaunting the cops as they scaled up 30-foot stadium walls on steel cables. The cops swept the area, beating people down and busting anyone who stood their ground—37 in all. Suddenly some of the disco records which the youth out-

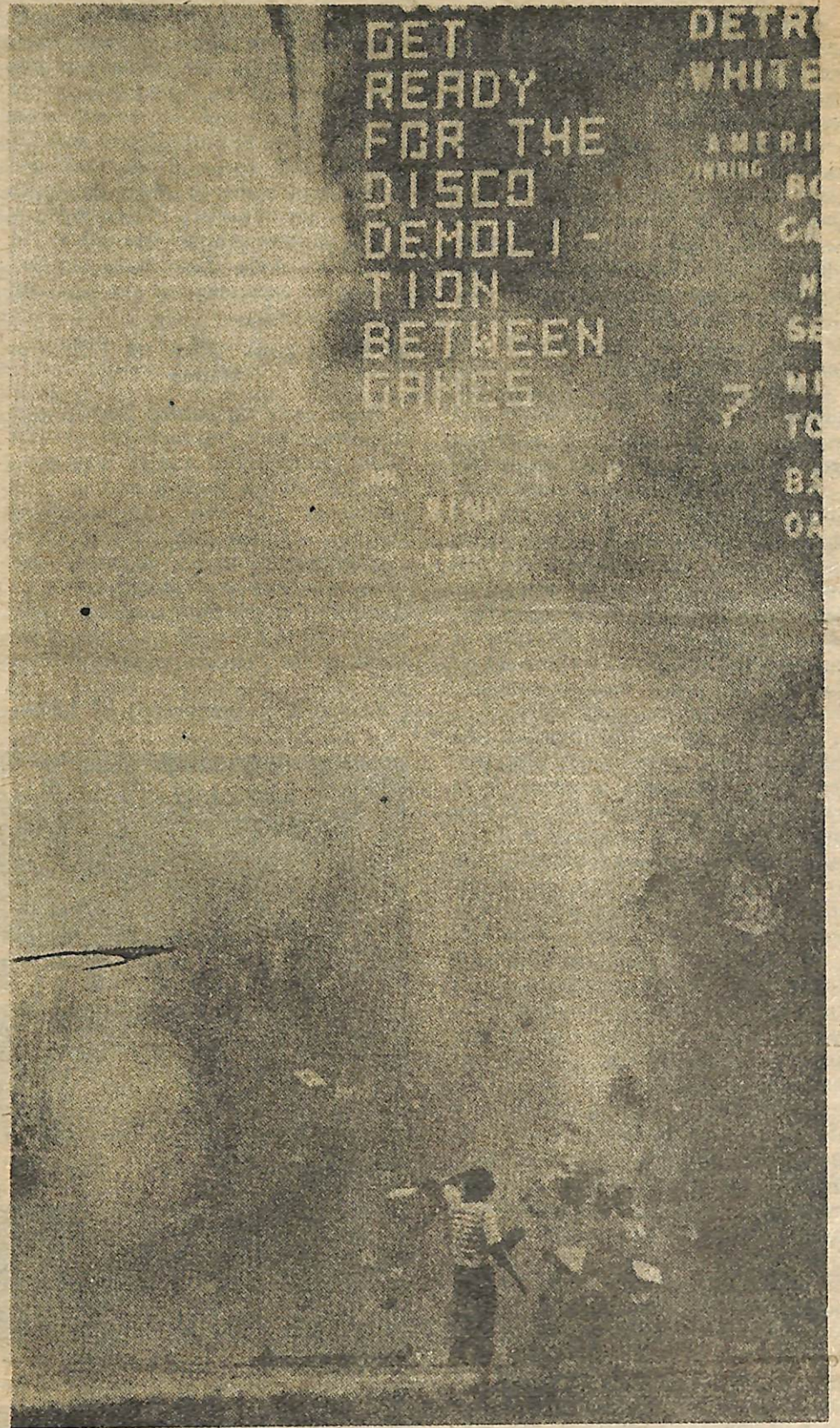
side had been hurling against the stadium walls began to find better targets.

Inside the stadium the first game ended, and the 40,000 disco records were blown sky-high. People leaped to their feet. Dozens ran onto the field. Hundreds. Then thousands more. Fragments from the blown-up records were gathered and set ablaze in centerfield.

For over an hour the announcer and Bill Veeck pleaded and begged the youth to come back into the stands. Then a frustrated Veeck contemptuously proclaimed that "these people" were obviously not your typical Sox fans. "Those people" laughed and cheered. Finally Veeck brought in Chicago's Swinest to clear the field, but it had already been wrecked pretty good. The umps freaked out and called the second game off.

Sportswriters and the press in general went wild. True, twice the damage is regularly done after any championship game. But this was different—youth!! Only "acts of God," not rock-'n-rolling youth, are permitted to cancel baseball games. "A horror...an unmitigated horror." "The most disgraceful night in the long history of major league baseball in Chicago." "They were vulgarians...ruffians...I told my wife to go to the press room and stay

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Visit to El Salvador

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15-year-olds—teenagers.

"There's a war going on now. There are hundreds, even thousands, who hate the way they have to live, the years and years of U.S. domination.

"And the bourgeoisie is afraid they can't control the situation. The National Guard patrols the streets in armored tanks. They don't walk the streets like they used to. They go down the streets in armored cars with machine guns pointing at the people on the sidewalk. I was scared when I first saw the tanks...it was daylight...you don't look at them. You really walk tight, and try to look normal, but you know you're not looking normal, you feel like you don't know if they're going to shoot you right there. The people say to you, 'Hey, you, come in here.' Even

though they have never seen you, they will open their door to you so you can get off the street. The Guard will follow a group of three or more.

"The people are expecting that open war is going to break out and will put a relief on all the repression that's happening. Many people are willing to take up the rifle and go kill the National Guard.

Old Friends Now Guerrillas

"The resistance is growing. I went to visit this old friend of mine. He's 21 or 22, he's married and has two kids. He's a worker, but since last October he hasn't had a job. They don't have an unemployment system. We started talking about politics—the international situation. He wanted to know what I thought of Cuba, the Soviet Union. I told him I thought the Soviet Union was imperialist. He said he was very open to political ideas. After a while he went to the closet and came back with a

machine gun. He said, 'You know what, I'm a guerrilla member.' I was really surprised. When I left the country he wasn't involved. But it's the situation. They've been starving, and he didn't feel like getting a knife and getting the first man on the street, but he had a real hatred for how he lived and being unemployed only deepened that hatred. He feels like he has nothing to lose and everything to fight for. Most people own nothing but their lives.

"In San Salvador you cannot find a wall free of slogans. Slogans are everywhere—including 'Viva Mao!' This is how the revolutionaries put out their line. Newspapers and leaflets cannot just be handed out in the street. The people passing them out, maybe they have just one newspaper. They look at you and make an evaluation. Then they walk by and say, 'Here, pass it.' And before you can realize it, there's nobody there and you have a paper in your hand. I folded it very quickly and put it in my pocket. They have to do it this way, because half the people on the street are cops, but when you meet a cop you really feel it. I don't know why, maybe by the way they cut their hair, the way they walk—you know they're cops. And they are the only ones who can walk freely with the gun...

"The teachers went on strike one week after I got there demanding better conditions. It is a general strike among elementary and secondary teachers. There's a state of siege and it is illegal to strike. The first day, the government killed 29 teachers. They were union activists throughout the country. One of them was a friend of mine. The National Guard came at midnight to his house, took him to the patio, and killed him in front of his wife and children...

"You can feel the tension. All the people talk about is the situation in Central America. There is a hatred among people for U.S. imperialism. They don't hate the American people, they hate U.S. imperialism.

"Anywhere you go people are talking about Somoza's downfall...they say,

'When Tacho falls things are going to explode here.' It's known since the 1930s that Somoza's family has helped to manage the whole political scene in Central America. One of the fourteen ruling families of El Salvador is in my hometown. His name is Juan Wright. His father was an American guy... He has the biggest hacienda in El Salvador. He has his own airport and seaport. He has everything. Somoza is a very close friend of his. My brother and I used to work at the hacienda. When Somoza was there, he would always call Nicaragua, 'my hacienda.' He never called it Nicaragua. People in El Salvador have gone to Nicaragua to help fight to bring Somoza down. The whole area—Guatemala, Honduras, Panama—is a timebomb...

"From 1975 to now things have changed so much. I saw so many people on the streets, out of work, doing nothing, and trying to get something. So many teenagers who can't go to school. There's no way to go to school, because even if you have the means to go, the government is closing down the schools. You see things like that happening, you feel like something is wrong and if you can do something you will.

"You feel like going downtown and screaming your feelings, you know, like your hatred...like, 'Hey, let's go out together and fight.' The way things are now, you have to take either side or become a hermit and go hide somewhere where you can't hear what's going on...but it's impossible because you take a side that way, too—the ruling class's side. People are aware that very soon they will have to decide what side they're going to take... you cannot be neutral."

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China's New "Open Door" to Imperialism

The Pingzhou toy factory is, according to a July 5 dispatch in the *Wall Street Journal*, a "single-story whitewashed brick building nestled among the rice paddies and vegetable fields of the Pingzhou commune 12 miles southwest of Canton." It sounds placid and innocent enough until we learn there is something quite unusual about this factory—you see, it's turning out superman costumes.

Superman costumes? That's right. Can it be that in their mad rush to scrape before the U.S. imperialists and grab hold of everything reactionary, from Bob Hope to the art of capitalist factory management, the Chinese revisionists have imported the red, white and blue hero of U.S. imperialism? Well, not quite... or at least, not yet. This factory is strictly filling orders for its new partner—Mego International Inc., based in New York.

Set-ups like this are a far cry from the revolutionary years of China under Mao Tsetung. Those were the times when the Chinese people had risen up and thrown the foreign capitalist exploiters of China out on their butts—exploiters who had carved up China like a piece of pie, with cities like Shanghai divided into various foreign-run quarters. It was a revolution that had not only ripped down the signs that said "No dogs or Chinese allowed," but had liberated the Chinese people to build up their country independently through their own efforts—creating wonders that no foreign investment could ever approach.

The Mego-Pingzhou type arrangement (called "compensation trade") is only one of many such arrangements gaining ground in China in which foreign capitalists supply technology and managerial training to Chinese factories in exchange for the textiles, clothes or electronic equipment produced in them. In this case, Mego provided the sewing machines. It sends the pre-cut fabric to pay the fee for each completed costume. Mego is being paid

back for the sewing machines with low-cost goods from the Chinese factory.

This is what is termed a joint venture or co-production arrangement. They're being set up (some 400,000 are now being negotiated) in specific zones where export industry will be emphasized and favorably subsidized by the state budget. Export corporations in China's provinces will be able to contract independently with foreigners and work out the terms of design and quantity of output as part of the pay-back deals. (Just recently one of these corporations borrowed directly from an American bank.)

The factories under their direction will mainly process raw materials or assemble components for Hong Kong, Japanese and American-based firms.

These factories are Chinese-owned and managed. Yet their form of management, in which workers are subject to grinding speed-up and to a competitive piece rate and bonus system, and the political line which gave birth to them—a line which puts China's resources and manpower at the mercy of the ravages of the international market—says something about which class in China, the capitalist class, actually runs these factories.

Slide into Imperialists' Clutches

The Chinese revisionist rulers, propelled by the logic of hitching their wagon onto one or another imperialist power, have rapidly gone further and further down the road of selling China to the imperialists. In 1975, before these revisionists seized state power in China, Teng Hsiao-ping proposed that China set up deals exchanging coal and oil to Western companies for coal and oil-mining and drilling equipment. Since Mao and the revolutionaries were still around, this line was bitterly criticized and rejected. But after their coup in 1976, these revisionists began their work again. First they sought foreign bank loans. Next they invited big capitalists in to help build hotels

and set up the now famous Coke plants in order to help generate tourist dollars to pay for all the foreign goodies these revisionists were drooling over. Next they set up the "compensation trade" arrangements described above.

At each step on this road to hell, these revisionists and their apologists denied that the next step would ever be taken. As late as last December a Hong Kong newspaper regarded as a Peking pipeline wrote that earlier steps could "easily mislead people into thinking that foreign investment is permitted in China. All this is a misunderstanding."

This "misunderstanding" was cleared up a few weeks later—the revisionists made clear that it was allowed and welcome! This was signaled in a highly publicized visit to Hong Kong by China's Minister of Foreign Trade. He declared that foreign equity participation (which basically means owning some of the property, equipment and buildings as well as the right to dispose of profits) is now perfectly acceptable.

This policy has now been confirmed by the second session of the National People's Congress held in late June. Hua Kuo-feng, in his keynote address, stated that China would "adopt various reasonable practices now being used internationally to absorb foreign funds." This was a clear reference to the practice of these joint equity ventures. China does not have the cash to pay for its ambitious import program, nor are foreign capitalists willing to stake everything on the compensation trade agreements. They want more management control and they want to be able to directly share in and re-invest the profits from Chinese enterprises. Ever the complying compradors, the Chinese revisionists have been drafting an investment code for several months which will probably be ready sometime in 1980.

One of the thorny and embarrassing problems with all this is that the Chinese constitution bars foreign ownership. What better way to resolve this dilemma than by calling in a legal expert—from the West. Jerome Cohen of the Harvard Law School has been advising the Chinese on these and other matters. Cohen, appropriately enough, chaired a conference in mid-June on "how to do business with China."

Hua did not spell out the terms of the "reasonable practices" adopted. How long foreign ownership may go on in any particular enterprise, what portion of profits or losses will be shared, whether stock will be issued—all this is obviously a matter of negotiation, struggle and revisionist rationalization. Nevertheless, the standard practice that

seems to be shaping up is one in which foreigners will be entitled to 49% ownership and a kind of "two boards of directors" management system.

How Low Can You Go?

Even 100% foreign ownership is now on the agenda. Lawyer Cohen seems to have carried out his legal fancy work quite well. On returning to the U.S. he said Chinese officials had told him that such 100% foreign-owned businesses might be allowed in special areas in China. At the same time, a Japanese official told newsmen that the word had come from the horse's mouth itself: Teng Hsiao-ping had said, "We'll offer land. You can build buildings. Japan can make money. It's fine as long as China can also have profits. I know Japan is capitalist. We do what we think we should do." (quoted in *New York Times*, (AP), June 22) With statements like these, it's certain that if there were such a thing as over 100% ownership, Teng would be offering it to foreigners.

Most of the joint equity deals have involved overseas Chinese so far and, according to the Hong Kong press, capital invested will be returned in 5, 8 or 12-year periods at specific dividend rates. One deal of note has been struck with the Japanese. The Toho Denki Company will be producing tape recorders in Shanghai. The company will own 49% of the Chinese plant—its share mainly in the form of equipment, know-how and materials. However, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, the company has also "won the right to remit profits to Japan and to have its own people help manage the plant"—which evidently includes the right to hire and fire.

Where this intrusion of foreign capital will lead is becoming apparent—a loss of sovereignty over resources and increasing hardship for the Chinese people. With the world economy in such a fragile and chaotic state, foreign investors will demand fixed rates of return, since costs and potential markets are so unpredictable. Guarantees, either financial or legal rights to output, will be demanded for loans extended. If China is to receive loans from the World Bank, it must submit its budget to review by international lending bodies and set its exchange rates in respect to other currencies within certain bounds.

This, by the way, is the significance of the detailed economic data released by the Chinese government at the recent National People's Congress—the "new openness" in China is really the old "open door" to foreign capital. Disputes between China and foreign investors must be submitted to international arbitration. Patents must be paid for. The list goes on and the Chinese have even discussed tax breaks and tax holidays for foreign investors.

China is being drawn into a network of financial entanglements, and it is the imperialists and not the Chinese who are calling the shots. This even extends down into the enterprise level where, as mentioned earlier, foreign capital is demanding and being rewarded with management prerogatives. In fact many of the compensation trade plants are more ruthlessly run, and the toy factory referred to has experienced a high rate of absenteeism—despite bonuses. The same *Wall Street Journal* article put it this typically capitalist way: "they (the workers) don't want to go to a compensation-trade factory where often they will have to work harder for the same pay."

"Cheap Labor"

When China was a socialist country it was true that it was poor and wages were low. But at that time relatively low wages had less and less to do with the actual living conditions of the workers. It was Chinese policy to keep prices on all essentials low, along with wages, and many things—from education to health care, etc. were increasingly developed outside the system of money payment. Beyond this, wages did not represent a wage slave's terms of sale of his labor power to some exploiter, for the workers were the masters of society. The expansion of production was carried out on the basis of mass initiative

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Nicaragua

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York Times, to "curb political radicalism"—and that the revolutionary Government of National Reconstruction be stacked with pro-U.S. businessmen, leaders of the Catholic church, and other so-called "moderate" elements.

Crucial to the U.S. strategy, of course, is maintaining the myth that the Nicaraguan people need the U.S.' o.k. before they finally get rid of Somoza. But the sweeping Sandinista military victories of recent weeks clearly show that this so-called "hole card" for the U.S. is nothing but a bluff. Nevertheless, Somoza continues to deny all reports that he has agreed to resign, and vowed on July 11 to "continue fighting the unjust aggression of international communism," in a last-ditch attempt to give the U.S. more time to impose its own settlement in Nicaragua.

Beyond claiming that they will not "allow" Somoza to resign unless their demands are met, the United States is also waving what they perhaps consider their biggest weapon—the carrot of U.S. "aid" to rebuild the country after the civil war, and the threat that no "radical" popular government will get such aid. This has been echoed by significant sections of the bourgeois opposition to Somoza within Nicaragua itself, and, there appears to be considerable struggle within the various forces in the anti-Somoza united front on whether or not some of the U.S. demands should be met in order to receive post-war economic aid. The U.S. has even once again dropped hints of the threat of military intervention in Nicaragua.

In addition, many Latin American nations who have supported the top-

pling of Somoza and have been more or less friendly to the Sandinistas, but whose regimes also retain close ties to the United States, have been, according to the Times "persuaded... of the need to broaden the junta to include several people more to its [the U.S.'s] liking." These nations, too, are putting pressure on the rebel revolutionary government to comply with U.S. demands.

Some of the rebel junta itself has denounced the U.S. demands and threats as "an attempt to blackmail the Nicaraguan people into submission." Of course, even on the junta itself, a wide spectrum of political and class forces are represented, as the opposition to Somoza is so broad that it includes even the entire Nicaraguan ruling class outside of Somoza and his immediate clique.

Even the Times was forced to admit that giving in to the U.S. demands would mean that the junta "will appear to have capitulated to the United States and will lose face with their supporters."

Members of the rebel junta met with United States special envoy William Bowdler on July 11 for the first time in more than a week. Manuel Espinoza, a spokesman for the junta, made clear that the talks, while necessary, were not and should not be considered as "negotiations."

In their scramble to minimize the severity of their historic defeat in Nicaragua, and to guard against the spread of the flames of revolution to the rest of Latin America, the U.S. imperialists are trying to pose as swaggering lords whose approval must be granted before its vassal may be removed, or anything at all may happen. This is a ridiculous sight to behold, coming from those who have already been dealt a gaping wound by the people of Nicaragua. ■

Revolutionary Doctor Fired Hospital Practices Deportations, Not Medicine

El Paso, Texas—"Path of the North", once part of Mexico, now the fourth lowest per capita income city in the U.S. Most people earn minimum wage or less. Undocumented workers earn as low as \$20 a week as maids.

The ruling class in El Paso is raising a hue and cry about the "illegals" who are "stealing" medical care. But who is stealing from whom? Is it pregnant women who wait in lines in emergency parking lots until their water breaks and then rush to get care—only to face deportation.

Who are these "thieves" they catch red-handed? A Mexican worker after eight years working on a ranch was injured by farm machinery. He came to Thomason General Hospital and was threatened with deportation and no medical care by the administration, but some doctors got together and forced the administration to admit him.

A pregnant woman living and working in El Paso went to Thomason General County Hospital for vaginal bleeding. She was having a miscarriage. Instead of medical care she got interrogation and the threat of deportation when she could not produce legal papers for being in the United States. The chief resident wanted to transfer her to Juarez General which is across the border. This often means a trip through bumper to bumper traffic to a deplorably understaffed hospital.

The family was fighting mad, and the assistant professor of the emergency room, Dr. Bernstein, a supporter of the Revolutionary Communist Party, united with them to demand that she be given care, damning their policy of "your papers and \$695, or your life." The chief resident and the Red Cross (Cruz Roja) from Juarez who do the transfers rolled the ambulance bed in. The chief resident said, "She's going out." The family and Dr. Bernstein

said, "Hell no, she's not." Back and forth went the bed. The nerves in the emergency entrance were tight. Not this time! Finally the administration backed down, and one administrator admitted, "The only reason she was admitted is that we were afraid of a rebellion."

The hospital administration is spreading fear among the staff that if they don't carry out the hospital policy of not admitting non-residents (meaning Mexicans), the hospital will be flooded with "illegals" and be forced to close down. But in fact, Thomason Hospital, a subsidiary of the \$25 billion corporation Insurance Company of North America, is not only doing this to make money, but to do their part in assisting the Migra's stepped-up deportation campaign and to line up health professionals and others to support these crimes.

Part of their plan to eliminate all resistance to their deportation program is to launch an anti-communist attack on Dr. Bernstein. As well as opposing the deportation of patients, Dr. Bernstein has actively promoted political activity, such as building support for the Moody Park 3. He actively sells the *Revolutionary Worker* as well and distributes revolutionary leaflets. In March Dr. Bernstein was notified of his termination this August 31. He was told by an administration supporter, "You weren't hired to fight against the oppression of Chicano and Mexican people. You were hired to care for the ill. Keep your politics out of medicine."

The administration officials' reason for the termination was: "Dr. Bernstein doesn't fit into our plans." A typical example of a doctor who does fit into their plans is the one who said, "If Mexico doesn't give us the oil, we won't give them the medical care." Now this is good law-abiding, apolitical "caring for the ill"!

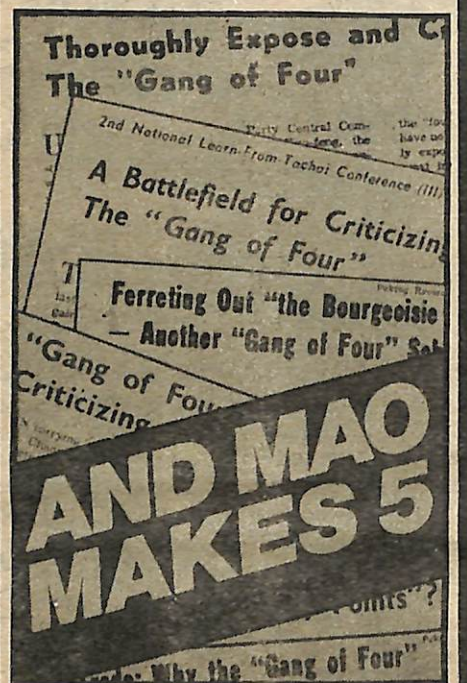


Nicaraguan farmers.

The Loss in China and The Revolutionary Legacy Of Mao Tsetung



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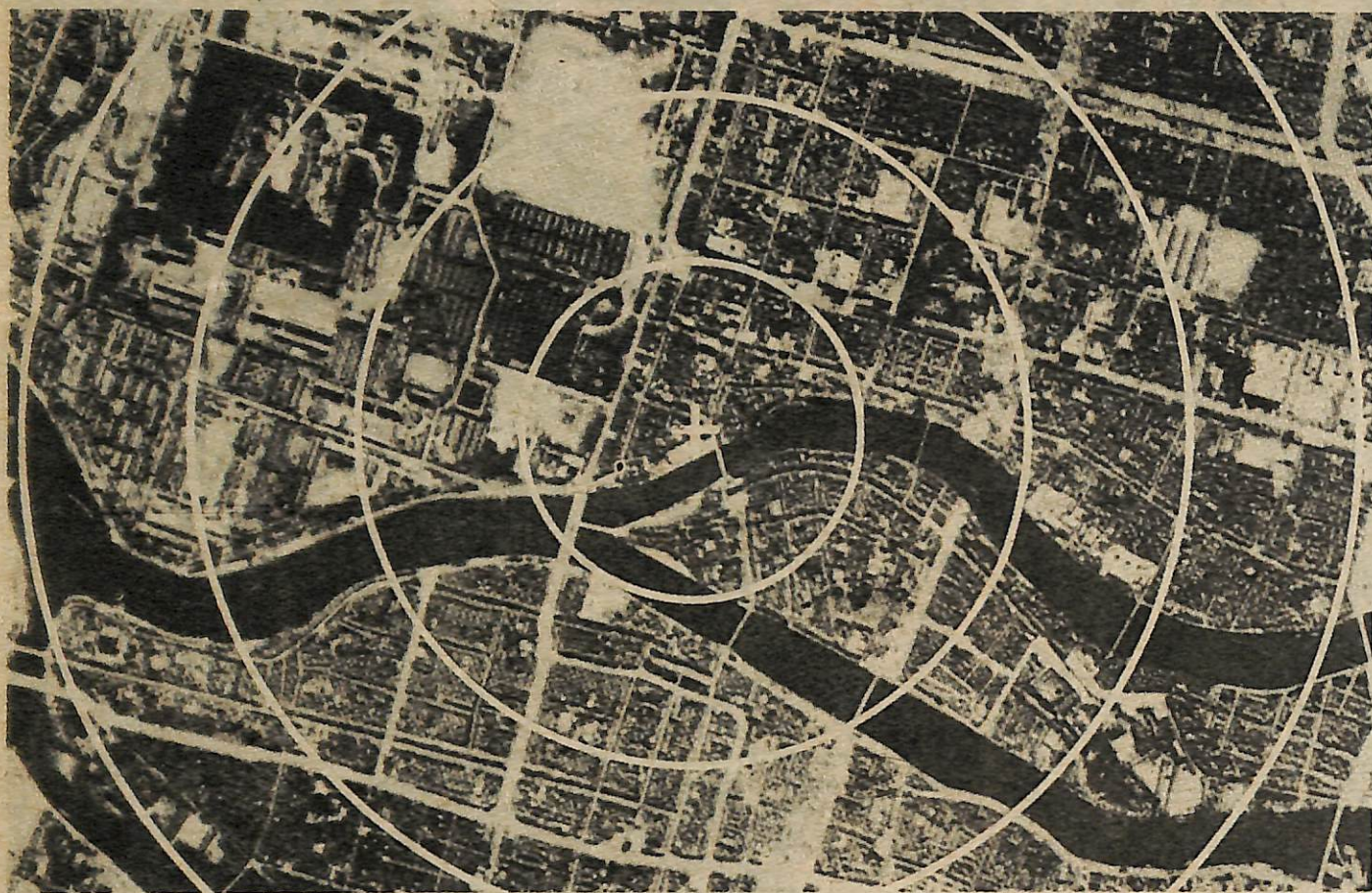
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NUCLEAR WAR: RULERS' REAL WORRY — THE SURVIVORS



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Since the advent of the nuclear era, Pentagon military planners and the corps of "Dr. Strangeloves" who are paid to serve them have been faced with two contradictory tasks: on one hand, they churn out a constant stream of propaganda claiming that nuclear war is "absolutely unthinkable," that it would mean the end of life on earth or at the very least the complete destruction of civilization and a return to the stone age; on the other hand, they continue to cold-bloodedly plot and plan for every variety of war, and place nuclear weapons at the very center of their strategy for the coming war with the Soviet Union.

As that war draws closer, the debate on the best means of defeating the Soviet Union is heating up among the scientists and analysts who serve the U.S. military. More and more, while they continue to cover their ass with pious phrases and pretended concern about the tremendous suffering the masses would face in a nuclear war, they are calculating how to win such a war and come out of it with their system intact. It is useful to study these debates within the enemy camp. Not only do we gain fresh insights into the bloodthirsty nature of imperialism which throbs just below the surface of their pseudo "pacifist" propaganda, but even more significantly, we can observe how, even while they tell us we will all be destroyed if a nuclear war should break out, they live in fear of the vengeance the masses will inflict on them for their hideous crimes.

A case in point is the recent lead article in *Scientific American* entitled "The Prompt and Delayed Effects of Nuclear War." Written by a consultant to the Rand Corporation, a major strategic "think-tank" for the U.S. ruling class, the article on the surface appears to be directed against the "hawks" who are demanding stepped-up and more open war preparations against the "growing Soviet menace." These forces claim, among other things, that the Soviets are pursuing an all-out civil defense program in preparation for a nuclear war and also are dispersing and "hardening" their industrial sites to protect them from attack. The "hawks" say that because of these moves, the Soviets will actually be able to sustain a major U.S. nuclear attack

and will survive and rebuild, whereas the United States is increasingly vulnerable to a similar attack from the Soviets.

It should be pointed out that while the Soviet Union is the other main imperialist power contending for world domination, the U.S. certainly is also preparing for war. The main significance of the "hawks'" contention does not lie in whether what they say about the Soviets' plans is true or false. It is the assumption behind their charges—that it is possible to develop a successful strategy to win a nuclear war and defend against nuclear attacks—that is significant. Their claims about what "the Russians are doing" are merely a tactic for advocating what they would rather not say openly: 1) Yes, a nuclear war is "winnable"; 2) Let's fight it and win it! (This tactic of saying things against the Soviet Union which are mainly meant to apply

to the United States will be encountered later on in an even more revealing form.)

The position of the author of the *Scientific American* article, Kevin M. Lewis, is that such an analysis is invalid because it only takes into account the "prompt" effects of a nuclear war—the immediate casualties and damage—and discounts a wide variety of what he terms "delayed effects." Lewis says that when the "delayed effects" are taken into account, "it is clear that nuclear war remains an unmitigated mutual disaster and that no conceivable civil-defense preparation could materially change the prospect."

Fear of Survivors

But what "delayed effects" is Lewis really pointing to and what is the real "disaster" that he's concerned about? Much of Lewis' article is devoted to a re-hash of the already well-known

general characteristics of nuclear explosions, including many of the physical after effects such as fall-out. But it becomes increasingly clear that he does not uphold the view that human life would be completely destroyed, or even mainly destroyed, even in the event of an all-out war. He even admits that the generally accepted imperialist estimates, which maintain that in an all-out war 25% of the population and 50% of the industry will be destroyed, will not be reached under realistic conditions. *In fact, it is precisely the survivors of the war that have Lewis worried.* Because the "disaster" Lewis has on his mind is not the disaster the masses of people will face in the war the imperialists are planning to unleash. Lewis looks at disaster in class terms, just as the proletariat and the masses must, and he is warning about a potential disaster for his class and the blood-soaked system he serves.

Check out the scenario Lewis paints (note that he speaks only of the Soviet Union, while carefully making sure that the inevitable comparisons to the U.S. are drawn):

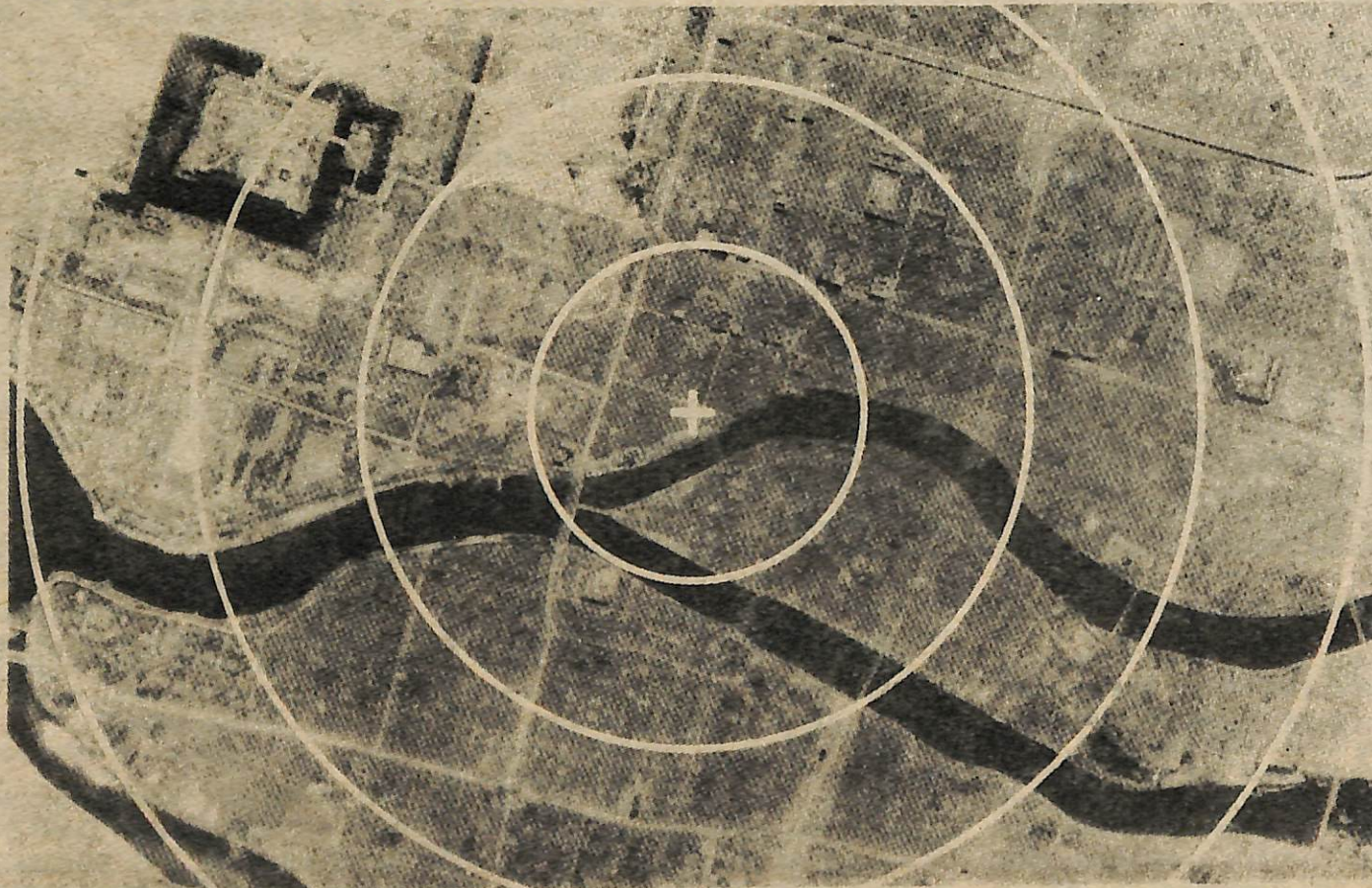
"Even if the Russian evacuation plans were successful," (and Lewis has already admitted that it is very likely that large evacuations will sharply limit the death toll both to the Soviet Union and the United States) "they would only defer, not prevent, the impact of the war on civilians. A nation's fixed medical, technical, and educational base would... be destroyed... there would be neither the administrative structure to allocate the goods nor the transport to ship them where they were needed. The destruction of refineries and electric-power stations could interdict resupply, and shortages could develop quickly... The devastation of housing would make summer life difficult and winter existence intolerable... In short, civil defense might protect some people, but it could not prevent the widespread destruction of property essential to the support of life..."

What is Lewis describing here? A radioactive graveyard, or a few scattered survivors tossed back into the stoneage? Not at all. He is describing the situation of social chaos and tremendous upheaval, with millions and millions of people, some stunned and

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After:

4.4 square miles of Hiroshima were reduced to rubble in a few seconds. But around the world, people reacted with revulsion and hatred at this criminal act of the U.S. rulers, and sentiment spread among millions against imperialist war and these new weapons of mass destruction.





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Lawyers see people screwed every day, every way in the "courts of justice." Doctors see people suffer and die needlessly as it becomes clearer that it's the profit system that stands in the way of providing decent medical care to the masses of people. In the cultural sphere mind-numbing garbage and reaction are lavishly sponsored, while anything relevant or progressive fights an uphill battle every inch of the way. Even many "stars" are reduced to high-priced commodities.

A significant number of people from these strata have historically taken progressive, even revolutionary, stands in support of the masses of people and against this system, and even more will do so as deepening crisis and the growing danger of world war become every day more of a reality. In the '60s many became strong allies in support of the struggle of Black people and other minority nationalities. Many gave their support to the movement against the Vietnam war.

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our lifetimes?

Many say revolution is impossible, especially in this country. But is it? If the destruction of much of the world as we know it through nuclear holocaust is "thinkable," then why is revolution to put an end to the whole system which dictates it, why is that also not thinkable? In fact, it is not only thinkable, it is necessary, and more than that, it is possible—indeed historically inevitable.

Why? Because, while capitalism once made some contribution to society and the development of humanity, it has long since passed the time when it can do so any longer and will therefore continually force people to rise up against it until they finally overthrow and abolish it altogether.

Some would dispute this, even among those who sincerely want to change the world for the benefit of the people. "Peaceful change, reforming the system," they argue, "is the most sensible and really the only practical road." But what has life itself proved, over and over—if not that reform cannot eliminate the cause of the towering evils rooted in the very system itself, and peaceful change means no real and lasting change at all?...what do the cold-blooded murders of Fred Hampton and other leaders and members of the Black Panther Party by police, FBI and other government agencies tell us, along with the daily police terror, especially in the ghettos and barrios? What lesson should we learn from Allende in Chile who tried to carry out piecemeal reforms through constitutional means only to have the imperialists in Washington unleash a bloody coup, the massacre of thousands and naked terror over millions. What is the lesson of the massive destruction of lives in wars like Korea and Indochina—to say nothing of world war—what does all this show, except that those who under this system

monopolize the wealth and power and the very means to life, will never relinquish them to those who have created them, will never allow a new world to be born, without bloodshed.

No, the stubborn fact is that reform is incapable of making any basic change and advancing society; "the peaceful road" is not only impractical but is a hopeless—and dangerous!—illusion. Revolution is the only practical solution to the demand of the people for an end to oppression and the demand of history for a higher form of society. And revolution is the most urgent requirement in the face of the situation before us.

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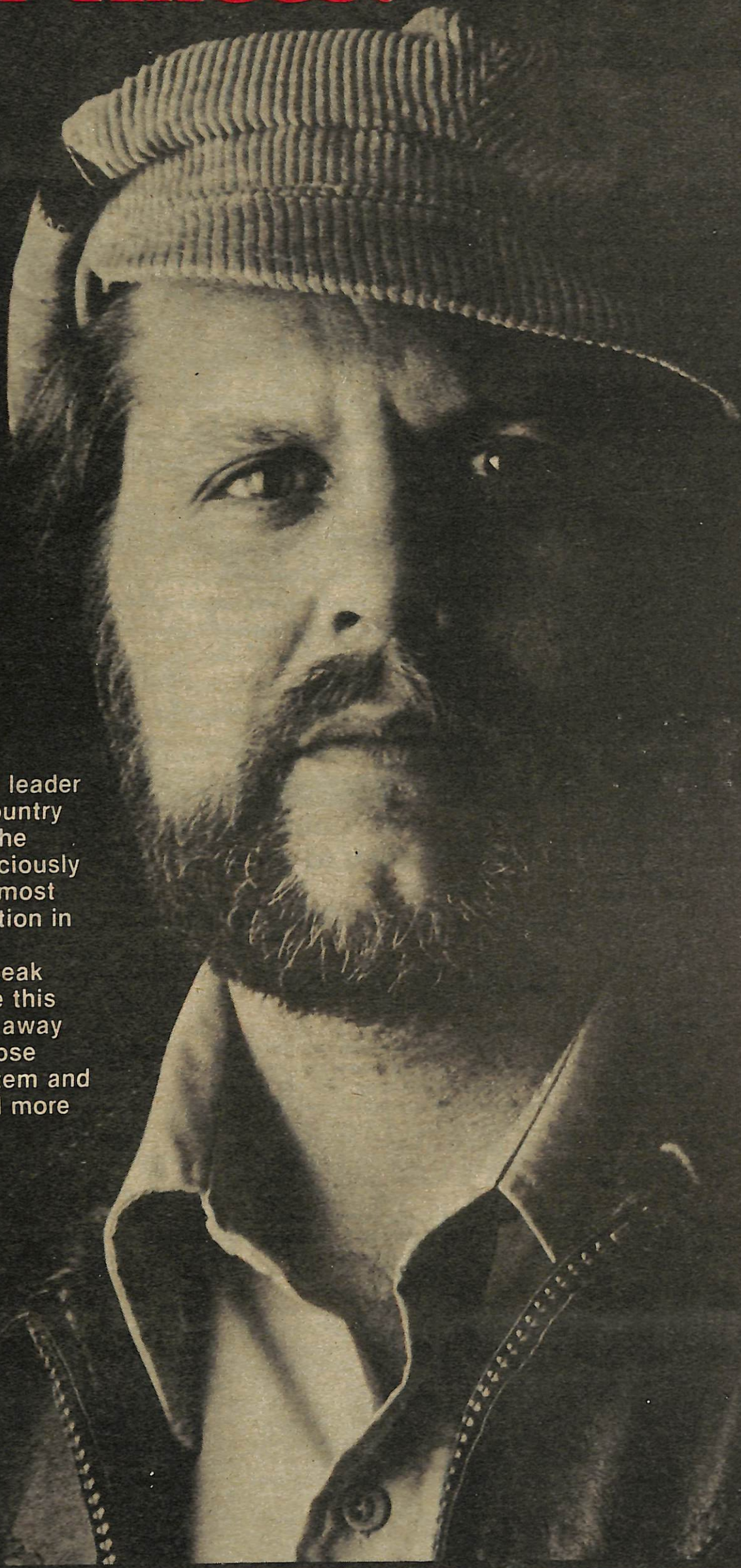
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broken by the calamity of the war, but millions of others gripped by a boundless rage at this most hideous and criminal of acts, unable—and not only unable, but *unwilling*—to live another day under the rule of the class of butchers and monsters, the class of capitalists. This situation is one of the key elements of a revolutionary situation which Lenin specified. And what does Lewis say in the very next paragraph?

“And nations’ administrative and social structure would also be disrupted by nuclear attack to the point that a political system might be shattered beyond reconstitution. Although special bunkers are being constructed to protect the bureaucratic and internal-security apparatus of the Soviet government in the event of nuclear war, the U.S. does not lack the means to attack those shelters.”

Lewis’ concern for the political system of the USSR is touching, but Lewis, after all, is not being paid by the Kremlin for his predictions. It is the political system of his own ruling class, the U.S. imperialists, that Lewis fears may be “shattered beyond reconstitution.” He fears the ruling class will no longer be able to govern, precisely at the moment of maximum social ferment, precisely at the moment when the masses are calling for the blood of those who huddle in their special bunkers while millions have suffered and died because of a war to fatten the pockets and extend the world domination of these parasites. “The ruling class unable to rule in the old way”—precisely the second key element of a revolutionary situation Lenin pointed to.

“In sum,” Lewis concludes, “the cumulative effects of an all-out nuclear war would be so catastrophic that they render any notion of ‘victory’ meaningless...when the delayed effects of all-out war are taken into consideration, it should become clear that no counter-measure would significantly lessen the degree of devastation that would surely occur. Even if a highly efficient program for the evacuation of cities could substantially reduce prompt fatalities, it could not prevent the delayed social consequences of industrial and economic devastation...”

This revealing glimpse into the working of the mind of one of those who is paid to protect the interests of our rulers—and one of those who poses as a “rational,” “peace loving” man who considers nuclear war “unthinkable”—illustrates once again that the only concern that the imperialists have about the coming war is whether or not they can win it and whether or not they can survive the revolutionary storm they know that war will unleash in their own country. Lewis doesn’t give a damn about the masses—he lives in fear of them, of what they might do to him and his class, of the revolutionary situation that may develop in the midst of a war. Or, as he would put it, as a “delayed effect” of the war.

The proletariat and the masses of the people do not need prostitutes and flunkies like Lewis to tell us about the horrors of war. It is we who are always butchered and slaughtered in their wars—we always have been and always will be until the imperialists themselves and their system which breeds war is stomped off the face of the earth. The coming world war, like the previous two world wars, will be a horror of carnage on a world scale, and if indeed nuclear weapons are used, we may see a horror unprecedented in world history.

But this will not prevent the masses from rising up in revolution. On the contrary, it only makes more compelling and urgent the task of preparing our own ranks and the ranks of the masses for the revolutionary task of overthrowing them at the earliest possible moment—and if we are unable to do so before they unleash a new world war, then that will only deepen our determination to bury their system, and the sooner the better. ■

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Black Hills

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the Lakota refused to accept the “sell or starve” offer of the government, the cry, “The Black Hills are not for sale” echos through the streets of Rapid City, South Dakota as Indians and whites march together. In unity they declare their intention not to let the Black Hills be sold to the highest bidder. One of those bidders is none other than Hearst’s ugly offspring, now known as United Nuclear-Homestake Partners, the third largest holder of uranium reserves in the country. In 1971 Homestake obtained a license to mine uranium on over 1000 acres of state land in Custer and Fall River Counties in the Black Hills. Along with other leeches like Kerr-McGee, Mobil, Exxon, ad nauseum, they eye the Black Hills uranium deposits hungrily, waiting for their chance. But the same determination that beat in the hearts of Indians 100 years ago, beats even more fiercely today in the hearts of the Lakota people.

Indian lands today comprise less than 1% of their original land base. 90% of all Indians living on reservations suffer from malnutrition. Their life expectancy is 47 years compared to 70 for the general population. The unemployment rate is more than 50% and per capita income is one fourth the national average. Diseases once totally absent from the Indians now run rampant. The energy capitalists, in their benevolence, declare their intention to let the Indians work in their uranium mines where, as in Kerr-McGee’s New Mexico mines, 65 out of a hundred can expect to get lung cancer. Most will die.

All this has not gone unanswered. Large numbers of people were awakened to that fact in 1973 with the uprising of the Oglala Sioux at Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Since then the U.S. Government has intensified its attacks on Indian activists through their Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the FBI. One instance of this harassment stands out starkly and testifies to the link between suppression of the Indians and the robbery of their land.

On June 26, 1975 FBI agents attacked a spiritual gathering on Pine Ridge Reservation. In the ensuing shootout one Indian activist was murdered and two FBI agents bit the dust. On that same day, the bogus tribal council, flunkies of the BIA, transferred one-eighth of the reservation (containing a massive deposit of uranium) from the tribe to the U.S. Government. In the past two weeks alone, 3 incidents of FBI harassment have taken place on Pine Ridge. Clearly, the government will stop at nothing to deny the Indians the recovery of their lands.

Local business interests and the press hype the benefits that uranium mining will bring to the South Dakota area. Dreaming of increased profits for themselves, they loudly proclaim that the mines will provide more jobs for the people of the area. But the Indians of the Black Hills are well aware of the kind of employment that is in store for them in the mines—a promise of an early grave! On Sunday afternoon, a young white miner from New Mexico told about working in the uranium mines in New Mexico. “I felt the life being sapped out of me,” said this miner, who had quit working in the mines and was taken in by the Navajo people in the area when he couldn’t find

any other work. (See box, page 5.)

It is clear that the situation in the Black Hills is shaping up to further conflict. The energy capitalists and the government are not going to give up their plans for uranium mining in the area because they need this uranium to fuel their war machine. For their part, the Indians are determined not to give up their land or submit to a living death in the mines and they have now been joined in struggle by many people whose growing concern over nuclear power and weapons, and the oppression of the Native American people has propelled them into motion against the imperialist system. ■



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In the wake of the rebellion at Walla Walla prison on July 7, baton-wielding prison guards force prisoners of "8-wing" out of their cells. Prison officials have ordered that the prisoners must spend both their days and nights for the entire next month in the prison yard totally exposed to the sun, rain, and cold. (See Article on Page 1)

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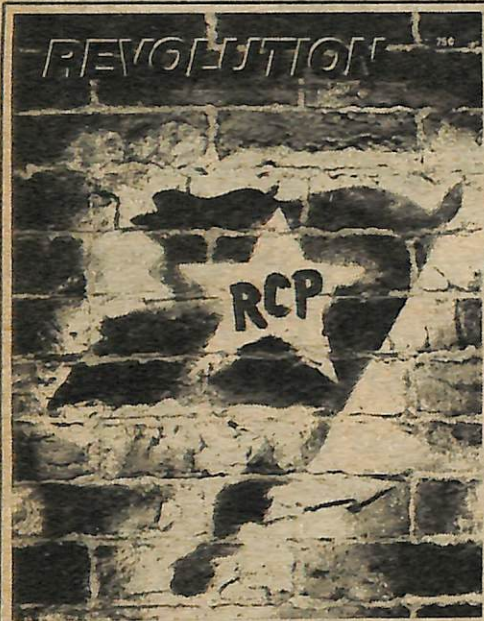
by new discoveries they stumble on that throw the laws they have declared to be inviolable into question. When this happens, instead of adopting the scientific stand of advancing to new levels of understanding, such people retreat instead. They have carried out many experiments and made many important discoveries, collecting tremendous amounts of data about what does on inside the atom, much of which confirms dialectics. But their philosophy prevents them from being anything more than blind men groping around in the dark, building bigger and bigger atom smashers, collecting more and more data, and each one developing his own models and pictures that seem to fit the data.

They vacillate between the mechanical materialism of the 18th and 19th century and the positivism of Mach. They go between regarding the

smallest particles yet observed as structureless primary elements of matter, and "treating elementary particles as no more than concepts constructed for the convenience of the description of physical phenomena...believing the goal of physics to be the establishment of correspondences between experimental data," as the dialectical physicist Sh. Sakata put it.

They cling to their abstract models and mathematical formulas based on entirely inadequate outdated concepts, formulating ridiculous theories about particles with "no dimensions". Their method is as absurd as trying to describe a baseball game with the rules of checkers. While they are always experimenting, they cringe in fear at new discoveries. They pursue the reactionary course of trying to find the "basic" particle and close the book on penetrating deeper into the essence of matter. Such is the pitiful state of science under capitalism, especially in its imperialist stage that we are in today.

There are whole new levels of matter within the particles now called basic. Quarks when they are found will be divided, leptons can be divided, even the photon will be divided. New levels of matter will be subject to laws of motion quite different from those governing the elementary particles in the atom. The basic particle? A ridiculous idea! Just like the idea of the permanence of capitalism and the bourgeoisie. ■



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REPORT FROM MARION

Last March, Alvin Gilchrist was one of three inmates who was transferred out of Washington by the administration of the Walla Walla prison. The transfers were a desperate attempt to quell the growing resistance of prisoners at the penitentiary.

Not only did the transfers fail to step up the resistance of prisoners at Walla Walla, but they also did not silence the inmates transferred. Gilchrist was one of a number of inmates who confronted guards at the federal prison at Marion, Illinois preventing the guards from beating inmates who attempted to escape the Marion prison. (For more on this incident see the letter printed in the June 29 issue of the *Revolutionary Worker*.)

In retaliation the Marion prison officials transferred Al again, this time to the Metropolitan Corrections Center in Chicago. The *Revolutionary Worker* has now received word that while in the Chicago prison, Gilchrist was attacked by five guards and beaten. He received six stitches under one eye and may have been blinded in that eye. Apparently three other prisoners on the eleventh floor of the prison were also beaten. Since the attack, nobody—including lawyers—has been able to get in to see Gilchrist.

The prison officials in Chicago, like those in Walla Walla, will soon learn that their terror tactics cannot silence the prisoners' struggle and their attempts to hide the truth will not succeed.

DISCO

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there." "Hundreds of them came out there to do what they do best—destroy." "If they ever grow up, they may feel a sense of shame. They brought horror to baseball in Chicago."

Well, Chicago baseball is fairly horrible this year anyway, but these youth did bring something out of the ordinary. All the reactionary ranting aside, "authoritative pundits" did sense something. Youth in this country are in fact social dynamite. Many did come for a chance to get it on and rip it up. There's enough "lack of respect" (as the gentlemen in authority would say)—often going over to downright hatred of this stinking system—that many youth are looking for a chance to show it. This rebelliousness can be taken in different directions. Chicago's authorities sponsor the Nazis, for example, to offer a direction of their own. But overall this anger is potentially a very powerful force indeed against the system.

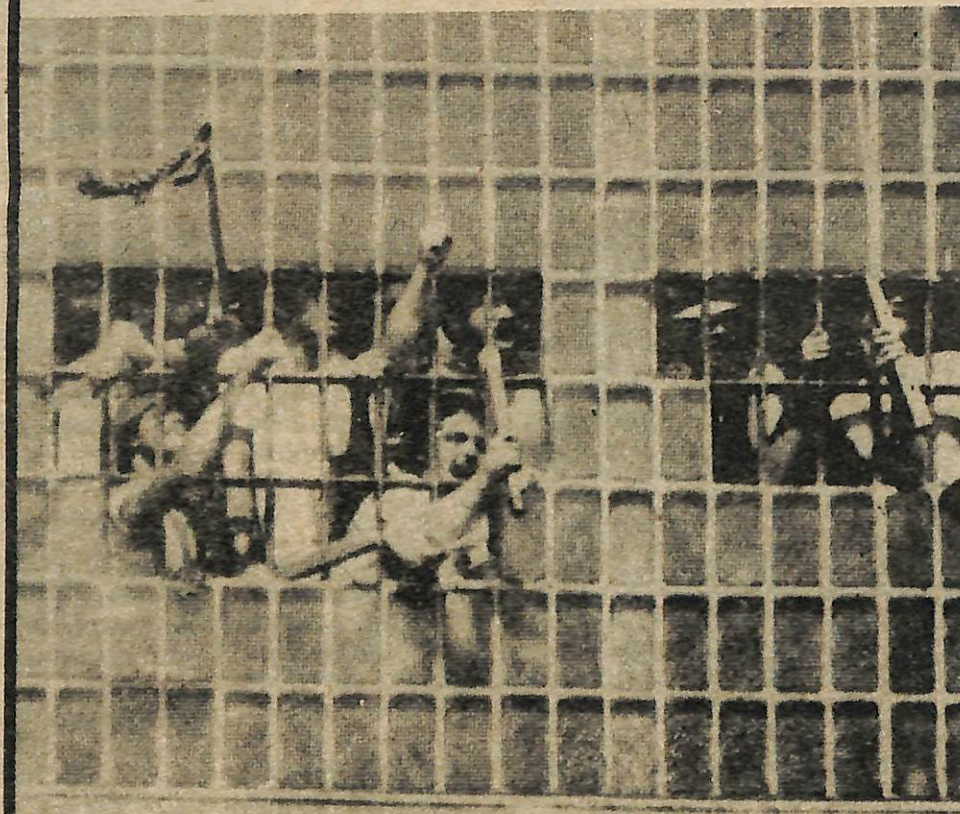
The fact that the event was advertised as "rock and roll vs. disco" also left the door open to contradictory trends of thought in the crowd. One form of music is not *inherently* better than another. There is nothing inherently vapid, insipid or decadent in a four/four beat. But for the most part the youth chanting "Disco Sucks" were rebelling against the content of disco music and the whole disco scene. They're disgusted and fed up with all the plastic, escapist, "you can pretend

you're making it, you're John Travolta in a 3-piece suit," the manufactured hollowness with which the music industry has stuffed the disco scene.

But there was also another trend at the anti-disco event—a minority who were into a straight-up twisted and reactionary bag, denouncing disco as "nigger music." Stuff like this is something the ruling class would love to pick up on and promote to get white and Black youth at each other's throats. In fact, on one FM radio station in Detroit the anti-disco trend took on an openly racist character, with references to forming an "anti-disco Klan" and calls for people to wear sheets to an anti-disco opening at a local rock club.

Especially since the '60s the capitalists have paid a lot of attention to messing with the popular culture offered to the youth—working overtime to promote escapism and numb the minds of many who would rebel. They've concentrated special attention on Black youth who are forced to live under conditions *anyone* would seek to escape or rebel against. Many youth have resisted this sanitized brainwash culture, and flipping it the bird as the youth in Chicago did is a fine thing. What the Comiskey Park events and the contradictory trends show is that youth today are seething with rebellion which can and must be aimed squarely against the system and not against one section of the people or another. Further it shows that culture and the struggle in the cultural arena—in this instance around music—is a powerful force which is influenced by politics and in turn exerts influence on the struggle of the working class and masses of people to change the world. ■

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China

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and with continuing revolution guiding it. All this meant a gradually rising standard of living for the majority of the people, and a solid foundation was being laid for future advance.

Today, under different political conditions, China's backwardness and low wages have become a boon to the imperialists. In the *Wall Street Journal* article cited, it was summed up that "once their Chinese workers had been trained (the use of the word 'their' is most fitting—*RW*), companies expect high profits from low-cost goods." Everything turns into its opposite. Even a wage increase such as the one granted in 1977 is misleading, as inflation has taken its toll. China's *People's Daily* newspaper reported a 100% rise in the price of some vegetables in Peking late last year. Now there are even reports that China will hire out and ship out workers to foreign countries—new coolie laborers to earn currency for the faltering modernization schemes of the Chinese revisionists.

The attempt to import modernization has gone hand in hand with putting profit in command, with going in for what will earn the most foreign exchange the quickest. So various rural chemical and fertilizer plants are shut, unemployment grows, rural health care is pared down, and land is converted from grain to cotton cultivation to maximize textile exports. The result is a growing disorder in the economy and increasing misery for the masses.

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Carter

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develop new energy sources in the U.S. and regulations to cut consumption. Making it profitable for capitalists to develop new sources and forcing cut-backs—even rationing—on the masses of people is what this is all about, in the name of "independence from OPEC and foreign oil."

But while Carter and the capitalists do want to make the U.S. more self-sufficient in energy, they are even more concerned with protecting existing supplies. The U.S. imperialists have no intention of abandoning their profitable and strategic domination of the OPEC countries or of turning away from their oil. Even if less of it goes to the U.S. in the future, it is vital to Europe and Japan, the lesser powers of the U.S.

war bloc—and thus vital to U.S. imperialism. In light of this it is not surprising to learn that the other side of "self-sufficiency" is a special quick-strike military force, 110,000-man strong, which the U.S. has recently set up "to respond to crises in the Gulf or other hot spots outside of NATO." And the name of this special strike force? Appropriately, "the Unilateral Corps"!

Economic Crisis

The energy crisis is what the ruling class has been touting, but actually it is only part of a more general crisis in the world capitalist economy. Carter at his "summit" is already admitting a "mild" recession is in the cards—which he could hardly help but do, with the Congressional Budget Office saying that a recession has already begun, one that will last into 1980.

Actually, the imperialists are afraid that even worse economic trouble is in store for their system. After seven months of relative stability, the dollar is again plunging internationally. At the same time, there are signs of over-production in the U.S. economy, which means increasing unemployment as workers are laid off because "too much" is being produced (too much, that is, for the capitalists to profitably sell). In the auto industry, for instance, car inventories are increasing and the result is certain to be lay-offs.

Our rulers know that people will not sit still as they are thrown out of work, as the recession deepens and inflation heightens at the same time, and they are very afraid of where this anger will go—as shown for instance by the reference in the Eizenstat memo to the riot and rebellion in Levittown ("a recent incident in Pennsylvania"). But on the other hand, efforts by the state to reduce unemployment and stave off recession will result in higher inflation and the continued weakening of the dollar in relation to other currencies. And this, in turn, could have extremely serious consequences for the Western imperialist bloc. As the *New York Times* (7/1/79) put it in a rather frank

article on the U.S. imperialists' economic outlook, the fact that a restrictive monetary policy is needed to keep the dollar from going over the edge poses the dilemma of having "...to choose between aggravating the economy's current slump with higher interest rates or allowing a declining dollar to drag the international monetary system down with it." This imperialist dilemma is real. The best our rulers can do is try to mobilize people to "tighten belts," try to direct the just anger of the masses at an external foe, and hope the recession does not become too severe. And this is Carter's "summit" program in a nutshell. It is tied to energy in that too many dollars are going out to pay for oil helping to keep the U.S. balance of trade off center and thus weakening the dollar internationally.

But whatever the bourgeoisie manages to do, it can only offer a very temporary stabilization. For it is not a matter of simply an isolated recession. The U.S. economy has, in the 1970s, entered into a major crisis, a downward spiral, and this in turn has deep reverberations throughout the U.S.-led imperialist bloc. The recession which has begun or will soon begin is simply the latest episode, and whether this slump is relatively mild or deep, the underlying economic crisis will not go away. In fact it is driving them to war—world war—for a new division of the world.

Such is the context for the Camp David summit. The crisis is real and is reflected in the ridiculous—not to mention criminal—behavior of the country's leaders. Here it is: the summit—the "noble, majestic and powerful" heights of decision making. And on these heights, these "great men of vision" claw at each other and make pompous, self-serving statements ("I prophesy..."). The whole scene is truly a fitting testament to the bankruptcy of capitalism and its spokesmen—evidence that whatever they come up with it can only mean more attacks on the people, more crisis ahead.

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