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PEOPLE'S DELEGATION RETURNS FROM IRAN

Three members of the *Send the Shah Back, Hands Off Iran* delegation of Americans, Carol Downer, Fred Hanks and Clark Kissinger have just returned from Iran. This was a mission of solidarity with the struggle of the Iranian people. While President Carter was readying his call for a day of national unity, the arrival of this politically diverse delegation back to the United States gives powerful expression to the growing number of Americans who not only refuse to be sucked into the anti-Iranian, pro-U.S. hysteria, but who stand shoulder to shoulder with the struggle of the Iranian people to be free of the domination of the U.S. and its puppet, the Shah.

On December 15 the three members of the delegation were greeted at Kennedy International Airport by 40-50 people chanting "Send back the Shah, Hands off Iran", organized by the Ad Hoc Committee to Support the Delegation. Around the country organizations and individuals such as Rutgers University Professor James D. Cockcroft, civil rights lawyer William Kunstler, the Detroit Chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned, and Conrad Lynn, have come forward to join and to build these committees in many cities.

The visit of this delegation to Iran is an

event of major political significance. For exactly that reason the government is very unhappy about news coverage of the delegation. Getting press has been a constant battle. Almost all the New York media—including the national TV networks—showed up for the three delegates' press conference on their return. But almost none of them, and none on the national level, carried the story.

The experience of the delegation in Iran as told by these members to the press in meetings held to-date reveals in vivid terms the bloody rule of the

U.S. and the Shah over the Iranian people. Contrary to the U.S.'s attempt to play up the seizure of the embassy and hostages as a wild and fanatic action, the delegation learned first-hand of the ongoing activities of the U.S. agents inside Iran to wreck the revolution. The U.S. was actively plotting within the embassy walls and through communication with Washington, D.C. to topple the Khomeini government and to bring back the Shah, or someone just like him.

The delegation also told why the Iranian people want the Shah back. They stated that it is not simply a question of making him pay for his crimes or to repay the Iranian people the billions of dollars stolen from them. As long as the



People's delegates arrive in New York on Dec. 15

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Imperialist Settlement

Keeping Zimbabwe in Chains

The London negotiations on Black majority rule for Zimbabwe were brought to a close last week when the leaders of the Patriotic Front agreed to the British proposal for a ceasefire. Under the terms of the settlement, the Muzorewa-Smith regime has handed over its executive offices to a British colonial governor, Lord Soames (son-in-law of Winston Churchill), and "Zimbabwe Rhodesia" has become once again "Southern Rhodesia," formally a colony of Britain until new British supervised elections can be held and power "turned over" to the newly elected government. If nothing else, this little formality provides a tip-off as to the exact nature of the settlement negotiated in London.

Two months after the agreed-upon ceasefire takes effect, country-wide elections are to be held. With guaran-

teed representation for the white minority in parliament and their continued control of the domestic economy, effective political control, including the army, will remain in the hands of the settlers and the imperialists.

The constitution, drawn up by Britain, is nothing but a neo-colonial bill of goods with entrenched racist privileges for Rhodesia's white minority. It guarantees 20 out of 100 seats in parliament for whites, to be voted on by whites. It promises reimbursement to white landowners for any land reclaimed by the government and even requires the government to pay pensions to all the employees of Ian Smith's settler regime. Automatic citizenship is granted to all whites who moved to Rhodesia during Smith's rule.

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Shah remains free he is able to marshal forces both within and outside the country to topple the current government and put U.S. interests back in power.

The delegation went to the U.S. embassy in Tehran, but not to see the hostages. They went to see the students and express their solidarity. The delegation left a banner of support outside the embassy wall adding to the scores of banners from Iran and other countries supporting the students' actions.

At the embassy the delegation was received by students who provided them with twenty-five pages of secret U.S. government documents unearthed inside the embassy. Documents revealed communications between embassy officials and the State Department. The top embassy official, Laingen, fed the U.S. government with vital information. He reported back to Washington exactly what they needed to know—that the bringing of the Shah to the U.S. would bring about wide reaction inside Iran, a reaction that the U.S. thought they could use to topple Khomeini. Other documents reported back to Washington what the reaction of the Iranian people would be if Khomeini should "suddenly die." Meetings were held between U.S. agents, some who were provided with businessmen's cover, and pro-U.S. elements still inside Iran. They would discuss how and when they could step out into the open.

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Island Vacation for Shah

Extradition for Palestinian Fighter



Chicago, December 18. Before a hushed courtroom of family and supporters of Ziyad Abu Eain, a Palestinian freedom fighter, Judge Olga Jureo banged her gavel and delivered the government's decision—"From a review of the testimony and all evidence received...the finding is made that there is evidence furnishing probable cause to believe that...the crimes of murder and causing bodily harm were committed" by Ziyad. She ordered him extradited on December 28 (an appeal was filed immediately, postponing this action). If the Israeli Zionists get their hands on Ziyad he will certainly be jailed, tortured and maybe killed.

The same week that the U.S. so eagerly delivered Ziyad up to the jaws of the Israeli government, the State Department was vehemently protesting against extraditing the torturer and murderer of tens of thousands, the

Shah, back to Iran. While the U.S. has spared no effort to shelter this arch-criminal and U.S. puppet using the full weight of the police, FBI, CIA and the U.S. military to protect him, Ziyad has been held prisoner in a concrete cell in the Metropolitan Correctional Center, jailed and denied bail ever since he was seized by the FBI three months ago.

Who is this dangerous "criminal" that the Judge and the vultures from the State Department and Israeli Consulate are so anxious to extradite? Ziyad is a 19-year-old Palestinian who has been accused by the Israeli government of supposedly planting a bomb in the marketplace in Tiberias, Israel on May 14, 1979. But during the course of his kangaroo court trial (see *RW*, No.22) it became abundantly clear that the U.S. government was thirsting for his conviction because Ziyad is a living example of the Palestinian people's uncompromising resistance to the forcible oc-

cupation of their homeland by the Israeli Zionists.

The judge suppressed any kind of evidence that would exonerate Ziyad, including a crucial statement from another Palestinian who admitted he had only "confessed" to Ziyad's implication in the bombing while he was under torture in an Israeli prison. The court refused to allow testimony that would expose the Zionists' occupation of Palestine and their systematic terroristic oppression of the Palestinian people. They even blocked the mayor of Hebron (a city on the West Bank) from giving such testimony. But what do the U.S. imperialists say about extraditing the Shah of Iran, who even they admit is a mass murderer? "Deport the Shah? That would be a violation of international law," they cry in mock horror to the millions of Iranians and others around the world righteously demanding that this butcher be made to face those he viciously slaughtered for so many years. Since the Shah's crimes were committed in the service of U.S. imperialism, protecting their vital interests in the oil-rich Persian Gulf area, the government is only too happy to lavish their tender concern over this "poor, sick man."

To the U.S. the crime of Ziyad and the Palestinian people is unforgivable, for they have dared to wage a relentless struggle to reclaim their homeland which was stolen from them. Ziyad himself grew up in a refugee camp near Ramallah on the West Bank, which is part of the territory seized by Israel during the 1967 war. There Palestinians are forced to live like concentration camp prisoners in their own land, under the brutal heel of Israeli military occupa-

tion. Many of those who weren't forced into exile in 1967 have been herded into crowded, miserable refugee tent camps, and it is here that the heart of Palestinian resistance throbs. The Palestinians have been stripped of any political rights, including that of citizenship—legally they are classified as "permanent residents" with severe travel restrictions—and Israeli rule is enforced through naked terror. Torture is widespread and systematic, with different torture centers throughout the occupied territories specializing in "refined techniques" such as electric shock and sexual assault.

With the decision to extradite Ziyad, the U.S. is making clear its continued and firm support and cooperation with Israel, one of the main protectors of U.S. interests in the Middle East. And both the U.S. and Israel are issuing a warning to the Palestinian people: "Don't even think about resisting. If we don't get you in Israel, we are prepared to come and pluck you from wherever you go." Outside the courtroom the U.S. Attorney crowed, "This will show that this country will not be a haven for terrorists." But earlier in the courtroom Ziyad and his family and supporters had given their response to the verdict. Ziyad shot his fist in the air as his sister exploded with rage denouncing the court and leading room-shaking shouts of: "Long live Palestine! Down with Imperialism! Down with Zionism!"



If you want to understand what's going on in Iran, to rip through the barrage of lies appearing daily on TV, in the capitalist newspapers and the White House Press Room; if you want to know what's going on in the world—from the politics involved in the Pope's travels to what's behind the Ku Klux Klan to our rulers' plans for World War 3—and you want to change it—then join with thousands of others, Black, white, Latino in the revolutionary movement.

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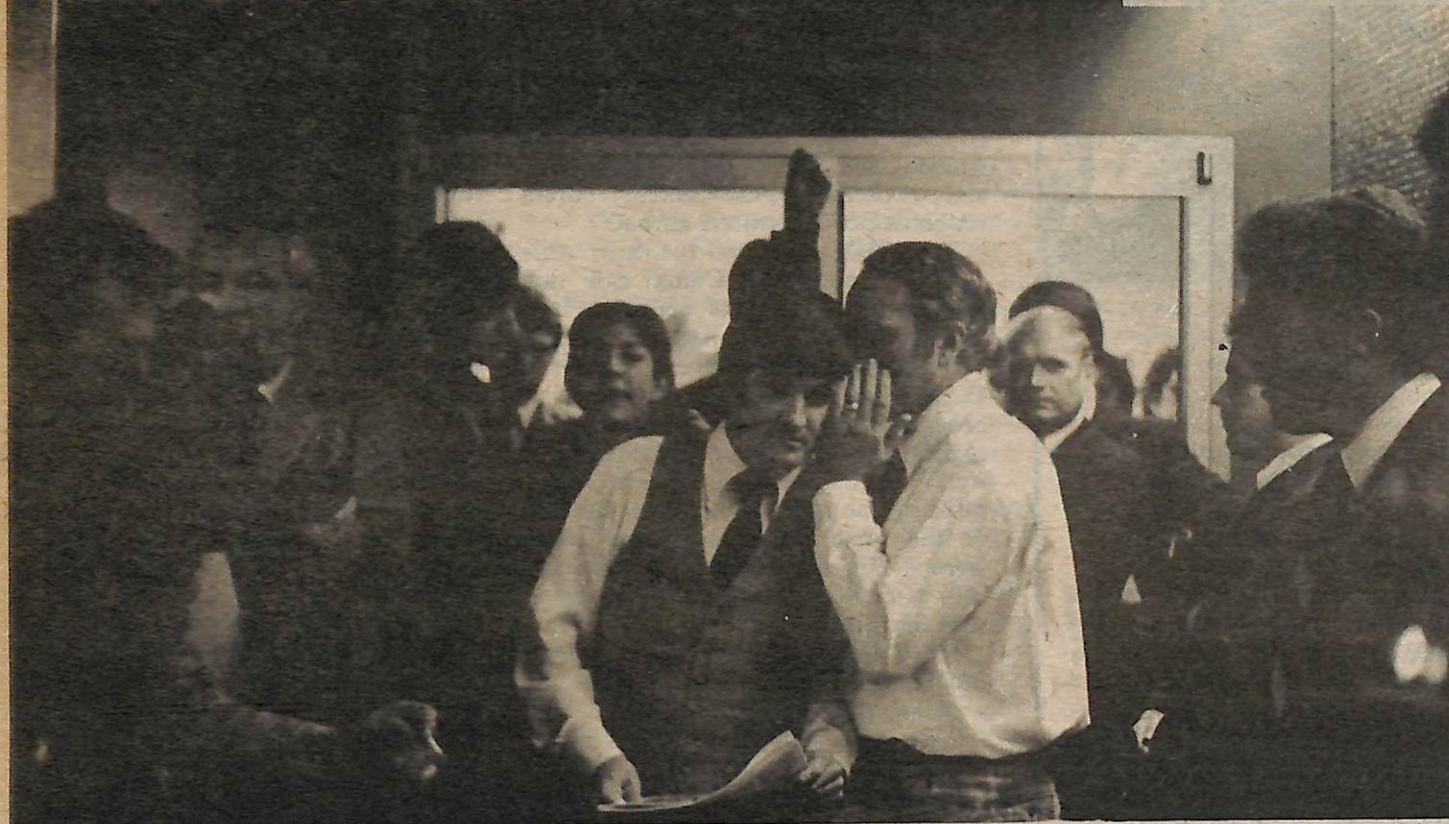
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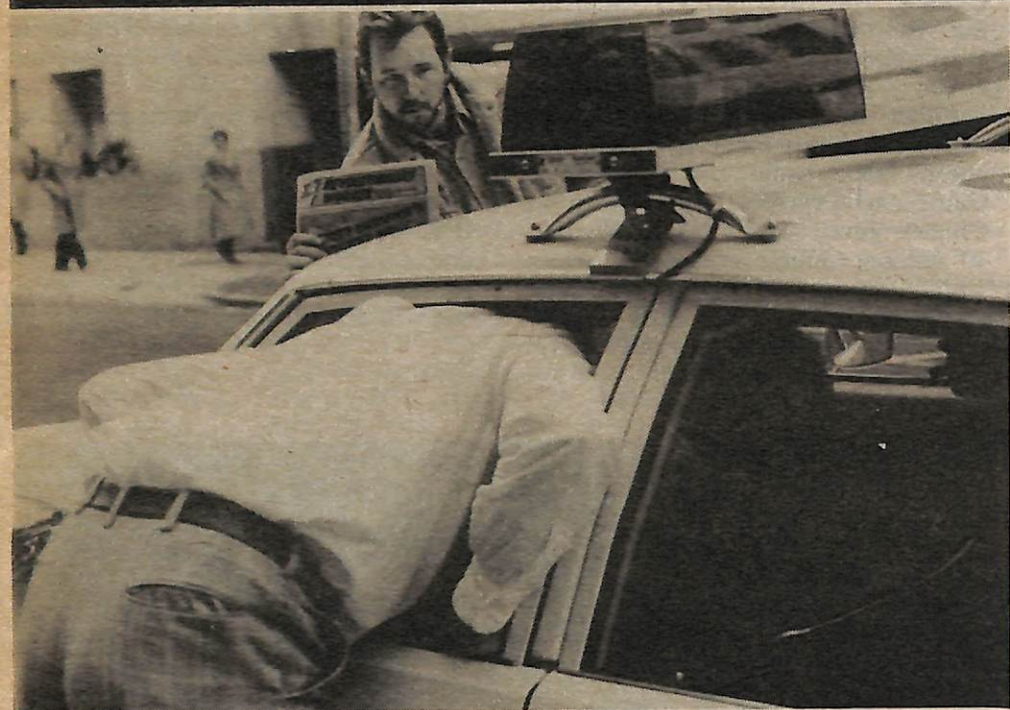
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Actions Hit Secret Service



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Secret Service agents at Washington D.C. headquarters react to a visit paid them by 25 demonstrators. As the covers are pulled off of their Secret War against Bob Avakian, they respond like cockroaches at the crack of a light in a dark room. See story.

Shortly before publication last week, a news flash was added to the *Revolutionary Worker* which reported on attempts by the attorneys of Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, to obtain a Temporary Restraining Order from a U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. The purpose of this T.R.O. was to legally block the use by any government agency of a totally fabricated statement appearing in the *Los Angeles Times* in which Comrade Avakian supposedly threatened the life of Jimmy Carter. The judge's response at the ten minute hearing—"the T.R.O. is denied and *don't file it again*"—was itself an open admission of what has been clear for weeks: the authorities are dead serious about this latest round, in fact *escalation*, of the offensive against Bob Avakian and the Revolutionary Communist Party.

Central to their maneuvering has been a secret war waged against Comrade Avakian by the Secret Service. As

this agency continues its "investigation" of Bob Avakian based on the concocted—and even partly retracted—*L.A. Times* quote, a web of lies and slander, as well as harassment and straight out threats, has been woven from coast to coast. The success of this present campaign of the Secret Service depends greatly on how secret it remains. Increasing numbers of people are now mobilized to beat back the latest government attack, to drag every move of the enemy out of the closet.

In this light, important actions were held around the country this week, particularly in Washington, D.C. On Friday, December 14, two hours after the judge in Los Angeles denied the T.R.O., the fence surrounding the White House was posted with the notice to Jimmy Carter, the political supervisor of this whole campaign—as well as the entire ruling class—"Keep your Bloody Hands Off Bob Avakian." As people on the street began to stop and listen to agitators, the police moved in.

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For months now there has been an orchestrated effort to set up Bob Avakian for the kill as a "terrorist"—an effort which has now taken a leap with the latest Secret Service attack. The August 19 *L.A. Times* article on Bob, with its fabricated "quotation" about supposedly "killing Mr. Carter" was not alone. There was a "mysterious" common theme in some reporters' questions of Bob right after the appearance of the *Times* article. The theme: aren't you a crazy assassin out to kill the President and other leaders of the country? Below is an example. It was a talk show in St. Louis on September 4, approximately two weeks after the *Times* article. It took place on a major news radio station in St. Louis, KSD.

DJ: What's your Party's position on Gus Hall, who's been kind of the old war horse of the U.S. Communist Party which has been basically considered to be the Moscow controlled version of communism in America? What about Gus Hall? How do you feel about him?
B.A.: He's a snivelling boot licker to capitalism and a posturing lackey who's trying to...
DJ: Wow...
B.A.: ... simply trying to get himself into a position where he can have some kind of privileged set up, where he can get in on the ripping off of people in this country. But he's got a tough problem and so does the Communist Party he leads: How to serve two murdering dog masters at the same time. How to serve two groups of exploiters at the same time. The...

Radio Railroad of Bob Avakian The Talk-Show Trap

DJ: What do they think of you?
B.A.: They hate us and they fear us because they know that we represent the future of revolution in this country and that we don't compromise and we don't do what they do which is try to get people to beg for a few pitiful reforms and accept this system and use the people's anger as pressure to bargain our way into privileged positions, which is what they want to do. Like I said, just to finish this off, they got a problem though. They're trying to serve two masters at the same time—the Soviet capitalists and the U.S. capitalists—at a time when those two masters are preparing to go to war with each other, much as they talk about peace. This is causing a lot of friction within their so-called communist party.
DJ: What about the Symbionese Liberation Army and that whole business of Cinque and the shoot outs and all that stuff. What is the Party's position on that group?
B.A.: Well, you see we sympathize with and agree with the hatred that those people have for this system and the way it crushes and spits out people every day. And on the other hand, we don't agree with their whole strategic orientation and have to educate people that that is *not* the way to make revolution. We're not trying to make revolution and we can't make revolution with a handful of heroes. Even if they're genuinely heroic. It takes a mass uprising

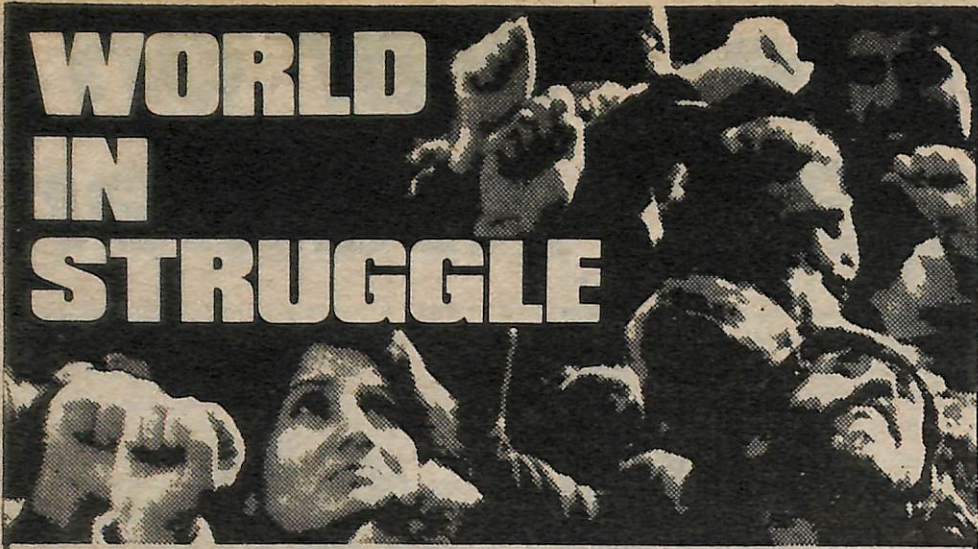
of millions of people with the working class of people united—Black, white Puerto Rican, whatever men and women, united at the forefront, rallying millions of the oppressed. That's what makes up a revolution. Millions of people consciously fighting to change the world and take the destiny of society and the future into their hands. Not a handful of people, no matter how well intentioned or, as I said, even genuinely heroic.
DJ: Bob, if President Carter was walking down outside here, walking down the street, and you had a gun, would you shoot him?
B.A.: No. And, you know, a lot of times reporters try to get us into that, whether with good or bad intentions, they try to get us to say that that's what we advocate: the assassination of the President, what have you. Even a reporter from the *L.A. Times* made up a quote and attributed it to me to that effect... But I'll make it clear. We do not advocate assassination of the President or other officials like that. And the reason we do not is that's not our strategy for how to make revolution.
 The way to make revolution is to educate the people politically, to lead them in struggling against this system, to fight from being crushed, but most of all, to educate them that everything that's rotten in this society whether it's the conditions in east St. Louis or a DC-10 crash or the impending world

war stems from the nature of this dog-eat-dog capitalist system and the only solution to it is to get to the cause of it, the capitalist system, and for millions of people to rise up and we're talking about an armed revolution, but we're talking about defeating the armed forces of the capitalist government, we're not talking about individual assassination...

DJ: Which is certainly part of a revolution when it happens, you know.
B.A.: Well, the people die in a revolution, the simple fact is that the people who run this country are not going to give up what they got. Look at it. For every person who's living in the north side of this town, or in east St. Louis, or even the working class people in the south side who are living in misery and working their lives away with nothing, for every million of them, there's a handful of people sitting up in tall buildings, issuing orders and benefiting from it all.
 And they think it's the best of all worlds. And they believe that people out here are rabble and filth and everything else and only good to work for them when they can work 'em and rot away when they can't. Or put them in a uniform and have them come back maimed or back in a body bag. That's the way they look at us and they never will get off it at all.
 And they will never step out of the way peacefully and say, "Oh, we're sorry. We didn't realize we committed all those crimes. We didn't realize our capitalist system was holding back the development of society. We didn't know that over one out of ten of the people in this country, even according

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WORLD IN STRUGGLE



10,000 Battle Police in Taiwan

In the biggest mass rebellion yet seen against the reactionary Taiwan regime, thousands of protestors clashed with government forces in the southern port city of Kaoshiung. Over 186 military and regular police were injured, including the Lt. General of the military police, slashed by axe-wielding demonstrators. The clash, which lasted 8 hours, took place after a rally of over 10,000 people on December 10th, UN human rights day and opening day of the plenary session of the ruling Kuomintang Party (KMT). When the police refused to permit a march and a rally and instead threw tear gas into the crowd, the demonstrators stormed police lines armed with 4-foot wooden sticks, torches, bricks and axes.

Within a few days, the government arrested 18 opposition leaders involved in organizing the rally. Based on police photos taken during the clash, over 170 others were also arrested and more repression is expected. The broadly based forces used the human rights day to oppose the regime of President Chiang Ching-Kuo, head of the KMT and son of the notorious Chiang Kai-Shek, and demanded greater freedom and democratic rights.

People in Taiwan have a deep-rooted hatred for the ruling Chiang family dynasty backed by U.S. imperialism which set up this fascist police state after being driven from mainland China by the communists led by Mao. Suffering under 30 years of martial law, the Taiwan people are denied freedom of speech, press, or assembly. Even private letters are openly censored. Those who pose a threat to the government are incarcerated on Huo Shiao (Fire Burnt Island), an Alcatraz type prison for political prisoners, or they simply "disappear." The repression serves the interest of foreign investors (mainly American and Japanese) who poured billions to set up factories where workers slave for a few dollars a day under brutal conditions. While unions and strikes are illegal, pornography and prostitution are allowed to run rampant as an attraction for foreign tourists and U.S. troops stationed in Asia. Taiwan's brothels, one of Taiwan's "economic miracles," are sarcastically referred to as "factories without chimneys."

The Kaoshiung rebellion is an indication of the growing difficulties faced by the Chiang regime. The economy is being shaken by galloping inflation and stiff competition from Southeast Asian countries. Unrest among the people is on the rise. Just two years ago, another large scale rebellion ignited by charges of election fraud exploded in Chungli, a city only a few miles from the capital Taipei. Meanwhile, U.S. imperialism, to the Chiang regime's dismay, has found a new and bigger lackey in the revisionists now controlling mainland China. The Hua-Teng clique wants to "learn" from "modern Taiwan". According to unofficial reports, China even offered Chiang lifetime governorship and the No. 2 spot in the People's Congress in return for Taiwan to join China. This is a disgusting, 180 degree reversal of Mao, who advocated liberation of Taiwan from U.S. imperialism and the overthrow of the Chiang dynasty. The Kaoshiung rebellion hits exactly at the kind of imperialist exploitation and oppression in Taiwan that the Hua-Teng clique is imposing on the one billion Chinese people.

Support against the latest Chiang repression is also growing among overseas Chinese in the U.S., as demonstrations are planned for San Francisco, Chicago, Washington, D.C. and other cities.

El Salvador

Hundreds of government troops in El Salvador killed thirty-five members of the organization, LP-28, wounding over 13 and arresting 31, on December 18. The group and workers had been occupying two coffee plantations at San Jose and El Rufudio, a slaughter house and Telediario T.V. station in San Salvador, demanding a 100% wage increase and economic and social changes. The troops cordoned off the occupied buildings, threw tear gas and fired from the ground and from helicopters. Seven government troops were also killed. The day after the killing, an automobile showroom in downtown San Salvador was burned down in retaliation for the killings. The ruling five man civilian-military junta, which was installed with U.S. backing on October 15, claimed it was the "democracy" the Salvadoran people needed. This "democratic government" has since murdered several hundred people for opposing it. At press time rumors are being circulated in the Western press that the junta would be reshuffled or replaced as it has been increasingly unable to keep a lid on the growing struggle of the masses of people. It has not been able to consolidate its rule as the U.S. had hoped. In fact, the "democratic opening" strategy has been a dismal failure.

Bolivian Peasants Blockade La Paz

By the thousands, with their families and children, Bolivian peasants blockaded all roads leading to major cities, especially La Paz, the capital. For 2 weeks until December 13, no food reached market. Urban workers in 4 northern cities in La Paz struck in sup-

Chinese Revisionists Sell Coolie Labor

Workers in China, who under the leadership of Mao and the Four, were masters of society are now being traded as commodities on the world market. The Chinese government is advertising that it has plenty of cheap labor available and it will ship Chinese workers by the tens of thousands overseas to the highest bidders. Already French and Italian companies have signed contracts to use Chinese laborers on construction projects abroad.

Teng Hsiao-ping and the other revisionists leaders of China call this modernization; for the masses it is a return to the coolie system. In the 1800s, thousands of Chinese fled to the U.S. trying to escape the starvation brought on by feudalism and colonialism. Instead the coolies, as they were called, were worked to death building the railroads and the empires of the same capitalists whose claws were ripping into China. Now one century later the Chinese are again being sold into foreign bondage.

Since China is a newcomer in the modern slave trade, it must elbow its way into the market. As a start, China is offering to undercut the dirt wages the South Korean laborers get. To further entice companies to "Buy Chinese", the government is guaranteeing that the Chinese workers will be "diligent and obedient to the employer's reasonable instructions".

China is talking about shipping workers overseas on such a scale that cheap labor could become one of China's main exports. According to the Chinese government's official figures, 10 million Chinese are out of work, mainly peasants thrown off their land as the restoration of capitalism bears its fruit. Since the government can't get rid

of the growing unemployment, the next best thing is getting rid of the unemployed. To get people to enlist, they are relying on the worsening economy, as well as promising the peasants a job in the city when they return.

The government will get 80% of people's wages earned abroad, which will make this quite a money-making venture. Teng and Company are counting on this foreign exchange to help pay for the foreign machinery, equipment, and loans they have been drooling over, but can't afford. Their modernization schemes are based on handing China back over to imperialism. They have already begun mortgaging the natural resources, and now they are selling off the workers.

In a candid moment, the head of the government agency in charge of "labor exports" commented to the *Los Angeles Times*, "To tell you the truth, China should have moved into this field 10 years ago. But we couldn't even talk about sending workers overseas because of opposition from the 'Gang of Four.' Now we have to catch up."

Opposition from the "gang of four"?—How true! We would only add that this official avoided being *too* candid by failing to add the name of Mao Tsetung to those who led the struggle against the restoration of capitalist exploitation in China.

Those who know the taste of freedom don't easily forget. The new rulers in China can boast all they want about how modern their new coolie system is. It is the same oppression and foreign domination that drove the Chinese people to make revolution the first time—and will drive them to do it again. ■



port of the peasants. Small shopkeepers shut down. Housewives and children demonstrated with empty shopping bags and pots. Crowds stoned government buildings and offices in La Paz and Copacabana.

By December 13, President Lybia Gueiler backed down on some of her new harsh economic measures. Bolivia is on the verge of bankruptcy and owes 3.5 billion in foreign debts, mostly to the U.S. The Bolivian ruling class, with U.S. backing, wants to unload the burden onto the back of the people, the poorest in Latin America next to Haiti. Gueiler devalued the Bolivian peso 25%, jacked up prices of transportation, heating oil and gasoline (40% on gasoline) but froze prices on produce and meat the peasants bring to market. Worst hit were the peasants (50% of the population), especially with the cost of transporting their produce going sky-high. They face ruin and starvation. Urban workers got a sop of a 20% wage raise, nowhere near enough to catch up with the devaluation. Small shopkeepers face bankruptcy from the price increases. Gueiler was forced to withdraw all the price freezes of produce and cancel the hikes in produce cost.

The U.S. is nervously watching Bolivia, strategically located in the heart of South America, as an example of how it can put a lid on the people's struggle through a tactic of "democratic opening" backed by brutal military force. President Gueiler was installed Nov. 16 after a bloody 16 day coup by Colonel Natusch was being attacked by massive popular resistance. Gueiler promised elections next year, hoping to "stabilize" the situation. (See RW Nov. 9th) Another coup was threatened by the military during the blockade but as one peasant told a reporter from the Mexican newspaper *La Opinion*, "We are determined not to continue to be objects of exploitation."

Iranian People Firm Against U.S.-Shah Maneuvers

The dirty bird has flown his gilded cage at one U.S. Airforce facility, only to alight at what the U.S. considers simply another more spacious U.S. base that goes by the name of Panama. The U.S. government declared that with the Shah's exit their hands were clean. "It's up to Iran now," said the *Christian Science Monitor* headline the day after. But even while the U.S. continued its charade as the injured party under attack by the "Iranian barbarians" more signs of the U.S.'s filthy intrigues against the Iranian people came to light with the assassination of Mohammed Mofateh, a close associate of Khomeini. Although the U.S. disclaimed any role in the assassination, the murder comes at a time when the U.S. is getting more desperate to force Khomeini to cave in and sell out the Iranian people by forcing or hoodwinking the students into releasing the Embassy hostages. Whether or not the gunman pulling the trigger was directly on the U.S. payroll, this murderous treachery was intended to strengthen the most reactionary elements within Iran's government, to isolate Khomeini, and to intimidate the people. But in spite of pressure maneuvers from this assassination to the Shah's exit, it's still Iran's 35 million people that must be reckoned with.

While Carter had earlier vowed that his good friend, the butcher Shah, would leave only when he was good and ready to leave, there were sighs of relief in the U.S. ruling circles that they had found a suitable country to safeguard their Shah. Although one of the butcher's aides had previously complained that Panama was "too humid" for his master, the plain fact was that the Shah potato was too hot to stay inside official U.S. borders. Panama was just about their last hope. One U.S. official admitted that without Panama "we would have been stuck with him, because there really didn't appear anywhere else for him to go..." But the Iranian people were not fooled. The students in the Embassy made clear that this maneuver changed nothing—the Shah was still the U.S. man and they had to return him. The U.S. didn't want to let go of their Shah at all. But the Shah's nesting in America had become a liability, as it has become more apparent to the American people that the Shah had been and still is U.S. property. Even more crucial in the U.S. decision to ship the Shah out was the Iranian people's fury that this mass murderer was finding refuge right in his master's arms. The U.S. decided that they needed to give themselves more maneuvering room to attack Iran, so the Shah would have to go. What better place to ship him for safe keeping than Panama, a country independent in name only that has been under the thumb of U.S. imperialism ever since the U.S. stole the canal zone. The U.S. figured that Panama was almost as good as Lackland Airforce Base—almost but not quite, since there was the small matter of the Panamanian people who earlier this year had given the imperialists a very grim

message, "U.S. GET THE HELL OUT"!

Panamanian People Resist

The U.S. had to actually sneak the Shah into Panama so afraid were they that the Panamanian people would block their plan to dump this human garbage there. None other than White House chief of staff Hamilton Jordan was called in to set up the transfer. Jordan was picked particularly because of his close friendship with Omar Torrijos, who is Panama's equivalent of the Shah. Jordan and Torrijos had worked together to set up the sell-out Panama treaty, signed over the furious protests of Panama's people. After three days of skulking back and forth from Washington, D.C. to Texas to Panama, using fictitious names and phony flight plans to conceal his ugly purpose, Jordan had Torrijos write out a personal letter of invitation to "His majesty the Shah".

Off went the royal dog in a U.S. airforce jet to Panama where he was ken-

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Iranian demonstrators in Tehran (right) hold newspapers announcing the Shah's escape to Panama and angrily denounce this latest U.S. move. They are joined by students in Panama (below), demonstrating shortly after the Shah's arrival.



The Art of Jingo Journalism

As the bright lights shine, the cameras roll. At the United Nations, representatives of Iran have just finished a brief statement explaining the position of the Iranian people to the press. Suddenly, a TV reporter with platinum-tinted hair and a three-piece suit leaps to his feet, quivering with rage.

"I have one question. I want a yes or no answer. Are the hostages being tortured or brainwashed? Answer 'yes or no'. Are they being brainwashed? Why don't you answer? Are Americans being brainwashed?"

"Brainwashed," an Iranian delegate mutters with an exasperated smile. "No Americans are being brainwashed in

Tehran. In the United States maybe, but not in Tehran."

But his response is drowned out as the reporter continues his tantrum. Finally his station camera is turned off. His cameraman flashes the "OK" with a wide grin. The reporter nods in return and smiles. The lead story for the 6:00 news is all set.

Scenes like this one, which was witnessed by reporters from the *Revolutionary Worker* during the UN Security Council debate on the Iranian crisis in late November are typical of the role of the U.S. mass media since the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The media has dropped all pretense of "objectivi-

ty," openly coming out as hucksters and flag-wavers for U.S. imperialism, and doing their best to whip up national chauvinist and racist hysteria. In addition, as the contrived show of "outrage" by the TV reporter shows, they have approached this task with unbridled hypocrisy—or perhaps Hype-ocrisy would be a better term to use. Demanding "equal time" for something other than this naked imperialist point of view would be a good idea. But, for starters, it would require 50 days non-stop day and night—the time since the hostages were taken.

A similar technique was used on the "Send the Shah Back, Hands Off Iran"

delegation right after their return to the U.S. Dave Pressman, a long-time hack who has a reputation in the New York media circles for being an expert at this kind of thing, jumped up as if on cue at the press conference, demanding to know whether the delegation members "had any sympathy for the hostages or their loved ones." He kept screaming for about 5 minutes; once he felt all the TV crews had enough "dramatic footage" of the "incensed" reporter appalled at the "callowness" of the delegation, he shut up and was quiet for the rest of the interview.

Of course, the news of the delegation was largely blacked out anyway—although the *New York Times* and the local TV stations found plenty of space

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New Prairie Fire 45

TURN

TURN UP THE HEAT / NO MERCY!
PRAIRIE FIRE
Rock 'n' Revolt

Prairie Fire, that revolutionary rock band out of the San Francisco Bay Area, is heading straight into the 1980's with a direct hit—their new 45, "Turn Up the Heat/No Mercy" on their own Direct Hit label, that is. It's a first recording for the Prairie Fire line up which debuted at San Francisco's Temple Beautiful on May 4, 1979, and anybody who's got their ears tuned to the future had better get their turntable ready to rock.

It makes sense that "Turn Up the Heat," the A side of Prairie Fire's new single, is also the opening number when they play. Its intent and effect is exactly to galvanize all the emotion that's out there. It's full tilt rock and roll with a gospel flavor, in the best tradition of Springsteen; that opens you up, breaks through your shell, reaches down inside you and gets you ready to cut loose.

"Turn Up the Heat" is a challenge. It draws the line and both asks and demands that you cross over to the other side. It makes the bold claim that if you, *Move to the beat, secrets you'll learn you'll never, never, never be the same!*

The song not only dares the listener, but precisely because of what it demands of you, it takes a tremendous dare itself. With a message like "Get down and have a good time tonight," there wouldn't be too much at stake here. But when a song confronts you like this, demanding that you look at your life, telling you that: *Revolution gonna teach you how to live and how to die*, then it's a different story. To pull this off, a song has got to be great. "Turn Up the Heat" is great.

I know you all came down here tonight lookin' for something Searchin' for a way out of the cages we're locked in

An intense but soft vocal by Mat reaches out to you *outcast, you unwanted, you victims of crime*. The next verse Sandy comes in, and a big guitar is added every two bars on top of the rhythm already being picked out by the first. *We got visions, and dreams we want to share*. The song starts to build, the drums come on in... *So stand up! Join us!* This is a challenge, then the drums start to pound... *Come on! Come on!* Over and over as the band

starts to cook until finally the whole thing explodes; *Turn up the heat! Let the fire burn! Feed the hungry flame!* With that you're yanked on board and the band cranks up and tears into the song.

I know that deep inside your heart the flame is still alive. Prairie Fire doesn't stand above you pointing the finger, but as they pull your feelings out from behind the walls that lock them up, they only offer one way out.

Now you say I'm sorry, I got important things to do, But there ain't nothing more important than what this world demands of you, You can hide you head 'neath the pillow, and wait for the bombs to fall, Or kick off your shoes, run down to the river, and dive into these rapids headlong.

The song is a beautiful joining of form and content. The band plays with a liberating recklessness—diving into the rapids is exactly where these guys are at, and the message drives you to do the same thing. As you're pulled to your

feet, a weight lifts off your shoulders, and you're wondering why you can't always feel this way. In this last verse they offer us the chance one more time:

Come on now, what you waitin' for, leave your bags packed at the door, C'mon, stoke them red hot coals, feel the fire burnin' in your soul Let the dogs who rule us know, that you've joined the march for freedom.

The song works from beginning to end because there is no denying the fact that Prairie Fire feel the fire burning in their own souls, that these people are for real. Scott Rosner is electrifying on drums and the song really rocks, but ultimately it's this stand that let's them put it all on the line, to go for broke and come out on top.

While "Turn Up the Heat" appeals to the dreams you keep bottled up inside, the flip side, "No Mercy" is a razor edged battle cry. The first one soars—this side is as sharp as a razor and about as subtle as cannon fire. Some day, after the working class seizes power and someone makes a movie about the revolution, the scene that's got people seizing the Capitol and heading for victory might well have "No Mercy" on the sound track.

We ain't askin' no mercy, no such thing's a fair shake, Don't trust nothin' they give us. What we need we must take. Only a fool would give them his gun, gonna ask no mercy and give them none.

The ultimate truth of these lines comes through each day in the TV coverage of the Iranian revolution. The masses of people had made up their minds, they were taking care of the business at hand, the tasks history called on them to accomplish. No mercy wasn't a vindictive wail, it was a fact of life.

A simple rhythm repeated over and over drives the point home. The guitar break is sensational—Mat and lead guitarist Greg Coon trade licks back and forth snapped out like machine gun bursts. When the smoke clears, Sandy shouts out:

*What's the pig gonna give ya? No Mercy!
 What's the Landlord show? No Mercy!
 What's the boss man give ya? No Mercy!
 What's the banker know? No Mercy!
 What do we owe 'em? What we gonna show 'em?
 NO MERCY!*

What's amazing here is not their ruthless determination to deal with the enemy, but the fact that they convince you that this is the only way to go: that this is the nature of the beast and there is only one way to go forward.

Taken together the two sides deal with two different aspects of the struggle and for those who have heard Prairie Fire and know that they have a lot of dynamite tunes, it will come as no surprise that the choice of songs for the band was difficult. Mat Callahan, who writes the band's material, told the *RW* that it took them a month to decide and ultimately what they were after was a single that was both timely and timeless. As Mat put it, "timeliness because it had to speak to what was happening right now, it had to go BAM right out there; and timelessness in that we didn't want it to be stuck around an issue. We wanted something that would be good six months from now." As far as this reviewer is concerned, they got it; with "Turn Up the Heat/No Mercy", Prairie Fire has definitely arrived.

The band has big plans to get the single out in their home town area of San Francisco and distribution will start around January first in record stores in Atlanta, New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, and Chicago. ■



Prairie Fire! Mat Callahan, seated. Left to right: Scott Rosner, Richard Pfeiffer, Sandy Callahan, and Greg Coon.

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Panama Under U.S. Imperialist Thumb

"Since we set foot on this soil, we have felt at home." These were the words of the former King of Kings of Iran, ex-Shah Reza Pahlavi, soon after arriving in his latest hiding place, Panama. No doubt the situation in Panama reminded him very much of Iran before the revolution that gave the boot to this butcher. Panama is strategically key to maintaining U.S. control in Central and South America, just as Iran under the Shah was a crucial link in the U.S. domination of the Middle East region. So the Shah must feel very comfortable in this tiny country with 14 U.S. military bases, 10,000 U.S. troops, 10,000 more Panamanian national guardsmen which have been equipped and trained by the U.S. under an agreement that will give \$55 million in U.S. military aid to Panama in the next 10 years.

"Panama can defend both itself and the Shah," said the Panamanian government. What this means is that the government of Panama is well equipped as a U.S. puppet regime to protect U.S. interests by harboring the U.S.'s favorite flunkey. In spite of some feeble efforts by the U.S. to make it look like this was the independent decision of the

Shah, it's clear that the entire operation was planned and directed by Washington, D.C. Presidential aide Hamilton Jordan flew to Panama City, and over a six-pack (he must have left his spoon at home) arranged with Gen. Omar Torrijos (whom Jordan calls Papa) for Panama to give political asylum to the ex-external ruler. Immediately, U.S. Army Engineers began constructing an elaborate radar and telecommunications network for the defense of Contadora Island. U.S. anti-aircraft and artillery batteries were moved into position and Navy scuba divers were assigned to guard the Shah as he walks his dog on the beach.

It didn't take much to convince Torrijos (who finally calls Jordan "my son"). Torrijos has a carefully cultivated anti-imperialist image. In fact in 1977 he threatened to blow up the Panama canal if the new treaty wasn't signed. However, all his anti-American talk has been demagogic phrase-mongering designed to allow him to ride to power on the wave of the anti-imperialist sentiments and struggle of the Panamanian people. And now with the Shah residing in Panama, there isn't much doubt about whose side the

Panamanian government is on.

Imperialism's confidence in the Torrijos regime is best shown by the fact that 87 different international banks maintain branches in Panama City. In fact this is one of the major benefits to the Shah—he is able to invest the billions he stole from the Iranian people without leaving home.

The truth is that in spite of Torrijos' anti-U.S. rhetoric, the U.S. has tightened its control over Panama under the Torrijos regime (and his handpicked successor Aristides Royo). Arrests, torture, and murder of anti-imperialist activists have increased. In March of '79, when 3,000 farmers met at Tonosi to protest a U.S.-aid sponsored project that was confiscating the land, national guard troops opened fire on them killing one and wounding many.

The Panama Canal Treaty, which Torrijos and others point to as proof that Panama has won a degree of independence from the U.S., really is nothing more than an agreement to let the Panamanian rulers be more active partners in the Canal's operation. The U.S. transferred administration of the 10-mile wide canal zone to the Panama government, but retains the rent control of the canal itself until the year 2000. Most importantly, the U.S. permanently retains the right to take over the Canal during war times. U.S. Ambassador Moss, testifying before a House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee,

illustrated how the new treaty had tightened U.S. control in Panama: "In January and February of this year, conventional warfare exercises were held by our 193rd infantry brigade at the Rio Hato military base in cooperation with the Panamanian National Guard. This military area, large in size and ideal in terrain for such exercises, is deep in Panama's interior and would not have been made available to us except under the new treaty relationship."

Small wonder that the man that Henry Kissinger calls "America's best ally" should immediately feel right at home in Panama. The Shah is also sure to enjoy the decadence of the casinos of Contadora Island, his latest "vacation" spot and a favorite resort haven to such reactionaries as John Wayne as well as a wide assortment of U.S. government and business officials. However, while the U.S. government likes to think of Panama as the southern runway of Lackland Airforce Base, it is not as safe for the Shah as the U.S. would like. This was evidenced by the demonstrations that erupted just three days after the Shah's arrival. Hundreds of students fought with National Guard troops, tipped over government cars, and burned U.S. flags. Apparently the Panamanian people are beginning to make the ex-Shah's new home more like his old home than he or his masters bargained for.

Zimbabwe

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The agreement on the ceasefire last week paved the way for the full settlement to be implemented. Under the terms of the ceasefire, the guerrilla forces of the Patriotic Front consisting of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), headed by Robert Mugabe, and the much smaller Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU), headed by Joshua Nkomo, are required to surface and be counted and identified by the British colonial authorities. They will be grouped in a number of camps around the country, deprived of their mobility and their usual close contact with the masses. And they will serve as easy targets for potential attacks by racist Rhodesian and South African forces and by roving bands of white vigilantes, civilians who have armed to the teeth over the years in a desperate effort to beat back the swelling tide of the Zimbabwean liberation struggle.

The London settlement in no way represents the interests of the Zimbabwean people, but does, in fact, represent a sell-out of the national liberation struggle by the leadership of the Patriotic Front. Publicly, Patriotic Front leaders have hailed the settlement as a great victory for the Zimbabwean people but, in fact, it is a real, if temporary, victory for the U.S. and British imperialists. The leaders of the Front claim to have forced the imperialists to the negotiating table and to have extracted important concessions from them when it is clear that exactly the opposite is the case.

The pressures on the Patriotic Front to capitulate to the U.S. and British imperialists by accepting their negotiated settlement have been greatly increased in recent months. The Front has been squeezed from all sides by both the western imperialist powers and the Soviet Union as well.

The imperialists presented the Patriotic Front leaders with two choices: either these leaders could continue the armed struggle in the face of tremendous and increasing difficulties or they could take the road of surrender (prettied up, of course, with promises of an easy and painless road to power through free elections etc.). The Patriotic Front has chosen the road of capitulation, hoping to gain through the ballot box a quick and easy victory. A strong internal basis for these actions has existed for some time and has been indicated in the policies pursued by the leaders of the Patriotic Front. An analysis of this, obviously extremely important, is impossible here, but will be forthcoming in the *Revolutionary Worker*.

Front leaders have admitted in private that they were under immense pressure from the front-line African states, which give the military forces of ZANU and ZAPU aid and sanctuary, not only to participate in the negotiations but to reach an agreement with the imperialists at all costs.

It is clear that the direct gangster tactics of U.S. and Soviet imperialism played a big part in the Patriotic Front's capitulation in London. Both the U.S. and Britain lifted trade sanctions against the Muzorewa-Smith regime while the negotiations were still in progress. From the time the negotiations were first announced the U.S. and Britain were the behind-the-scenes orchestrators of a massive escalation in the attacks by Rhodesian and South African army and air force units against Patriotic Front positions outside Zimbabwe. It has long been the imperialists' policy to hit at the economies of the front-line states in an effort to get them to abandon their support of the guerrilla forces. The increased attacks during the negotiations inflicted serious damage, particularly to Zambia and Mozambique (which shelter the forces of ZAPU and ZANU respectively).

The imperialists' sinister intent behind all of this became even clearer in

October when the U.S. State Department sent messages to the front-line states offering large-scale economic aid for the development of "regional transportation and irrigation projects" as soon as a settlement was reached at the London negotiations! It was typical imperialist gangsterism: First you plan and carry out the systematic destruction of dams, bridges, highways and rail-lines in the front-line states. Then you offer to rebuild them, if only these countries will put a little pressure on the Patriotic Front to reach a "reasonable settlement" (i.e. surrender) in London!

What has not received much exposure has been the role of the Soviet Union in applying pressure on the Patriotic Front to enter into negotiations and stop fighting. Information is hard to get and Soviet bloc sources are tight-lipped, but from what is known there emerges a picture of the Soviet imperialists opting for stability in southern Africa as the best means to advance their imperialist interests at this time.

The Soviets have made important inroads into Africa, particularly in Angola, Mozambique and Ethiopia. But as contention between the U.S. and the Soviet Union gets hotter, the balance of forces is subject to rapid change.

Already in Angola the U.S.-backed forces of UNITA are gaining ground on the Soviet dominated MPLA government. The Angolan economy is heavily influenced by the American Gulf Oil Company, in this political climate, a switch of allegiance to the U.S. imperialists can't be ruled out. The incessant attacks on Mozambique by Rhodesian and South African bombers, coupled with U.S. promises of economic aid, could likewise lead to a switch by Mozambique from the Soviet to the U.S. orbit.

A settlement in Zimbabwe, even the current settlement which strengthens the U.S., could bring temporary stability to the region that would allow the Soviets room to maneuver and tighten their grip on these countries without

risking further immediate military confrontations. At the same time, the Soviets no doubt hope to gain some ground in Zimbabwe as a result of the scheduled new elections where pro-Soviet elements could be put into important government positions.

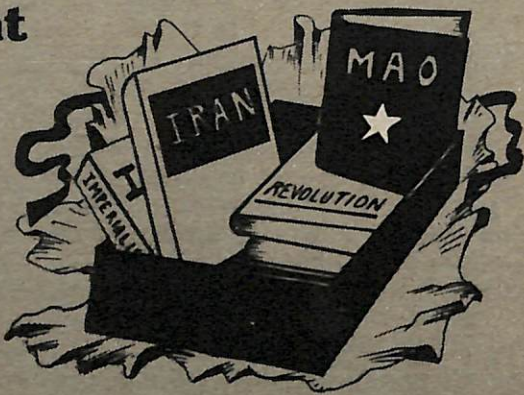
In light of this, the roles of Mozambique and Angola in recent meetings of the front-line states are revealing. Both countries joined in the chorus demanding that the Patriotic Front go to London. There is little doubt that the Front's continued tenure as guests of the front line states was brought into question, particularly by Zambia and Mozambique. And there is equally little doubt that Angola and Mozambique represented the sentiments of the Soviet Union in pushing for a negotiated settlement. Reinforcing this conclusion is the fact, revealed by a leading member of ZANU, that the countries of eastern Europe through which ZANU receives aid from the Soviet Union, had recommended that the Patriotic Front participate in the London negotiations and the subsequent elections as a means of gaining state power.

With the capitulation of the leaders of the Patriotic Front to the U.S. and British imperialists the masses of people in Zimbabwe face a very difficult situation. The imperialists' grip has been tightened around their necks. But it must also be made clear that the Zimbabwean masses have not passively accepted the settlement. For example, the Rhodesian government noted before the settlement was even negotiated that "some detachment commanders (in ZANU—RW) have already begun telling their men that Mr. Mugabe has 'sold out' in London and that the war must go on." Contrary to the imperialists current arrogance and confidence that they have sewed up Zimbabwe, they (and Nkomo and Mugabe too) have not heard the last from the people of Zimbabwe, not by a long shot. ■

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More Messing with Terrence Johnson

On November 24, they brutalized Terrence Johnson *again*. For the thirty-first time, prison guards at the Maryland Correctional Institute at Hagerstown beat this sixteen year old youth, trying to provoke him so they would finally get their excuse to blow him away. Johnson lapsed into semi-consciousness and was taken to a nearby hospital where a prison doctor conducted a medical coverup. As news spread throughout the prison, prisoners started shouting, banging on the bars, and setting fires. They demanded to know what had happened to Terrence Johnson—this symbol of resistance that the judge, cops and prison guards had sworn would never leave prison alive.


Terrence, a Black youth sentenced to 25 years in prison for killing two cops in self-defense, survived this latest attempt on his life. Two days after he was returned to the segregation unit at Hagerstown, the place he had already spent long cold nights without clothing or bedding, Johnson was transferred to Tatuxent Institution. Tatuxent is one of those prisons that calls itself a mental hospital, the type of institution where the mind numbing drugs often replace billy clubs as the way to keep the prisoners in line.

Open terror had not destroyed Terrence Johnson at Hagerstown, but in-

stead brought him even more widespread support from others inside and out of prison. Literally millions of eyes have become focused on attempt after attempt to outright kill Johnson. And now, instead of open terror, the authorities have decided to use "psychological" techniques to try and break him.

The *Revolutionary Worker* briefly spoke with Terrence a few weeks after his transfer to Tatuxent. "They beat me, but they certainly haven't broken me," said Terrence as he told of the horrors he had endured at Hagerstown as well as the way the Tatuxent psychologists are now attempting to mess with his mind.

Terrence Johnson is far from crazy. In the face of repeated attempts on his life, Johnson has maintained his bearings and refused to cave in to demands that he denounce his original action. More, he has stood firm and searched for a deeper understanding of what he, and we, are up against. When the *RW* reporters mentioned Iran, Terrence's face lit up. His support is clearly with the Iranian people. "We're in the belly of the beast," said Terrence, "and we can and must destroy this monster...No matter if I'm inside or outside here, I will be struggling. For even on the outside, you're still in chains." ■

 **REVOLUTIONARY WORKER**

Bring \$1,000,000 Fund Drive to Finish Line—January 29

January 29, 1980—The first anniversary of the historic demonstration upholding the banner of Mao Tsetung, exposing the traitor Teng Hsiao-ping as he crawled before his new masters in the White House. One year ago, hundreds of police viciously attacked the 500 demonstrators, arresting 78 people including Bob Avakian. This revolutionary march indicated the potential, and set the stage, for broad support to be drawn from many strata.

To make possible bold new plans for taking the offensive politically in the face of mounting attacks by the ruling class, to strengthen the Party's ability to respond to the more and more world-shaking developments toward world war and revolution and quicken the

pace of revolutionary work in this country, financial support was critical. The call was made: ONE MILLION DOLLARS, each a weapon against imperialism, revisionism and reaction.

Since that time, the ruling class has more clearly broadcast its intention to crush the Revolutionary Communist Party, aiming at the revolutionary heart of the Party—Comrade Bob Avakian.

The response of the RCP has been clear and uncompromising. Over the past eight months the Party has not only refused to back down, it has made great strides in its revolutionary work—launching the crucial weapon of the *Revolutionary Worker* and working to expand its distribution to 40,000 readers a week to open the 1980's;

calling and beginning to build for May Day 1980; building a nationwide speaking tour of Chairman Bob Avakian which inspired and moved forward the thousands who attended, and influenced hundreds of thousands more. Workers, other oppressed people and progressive sections of the middle class won a great victory, forcing the government to beat a temporary retreat in their attempt to railroad Bob Avakian. And, at the same time, the RCP has inspired many to stand with the Iranian revolution and against U.S. imperialism's chauvinist war hysteria. **THESE BATTLES WON AND GREAT ADVANCES MADE WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT FINANCIAL SUPPORT. PREPARING FOR REVOLUTION COSTS MONEY.**

Now, on the threshold of the 1980's as crisis and a rush towards war is accelerating in this country, new leaps must be made in the Party's work on every front. The ruling class is escalating its attacks on Chairman Avakian; a strong counter-offensive must be mounted. In all this, financial support is an absolute necessity.

The thousands who have come to respect and look to the RCP as the only force seriously working for revolution in this country must make their greatest possible contribution to the financial resources of the Party. The next month is crucial. Help the Party win a great victory on this front.

Under Fire, Tampa Professor Fires Back

This article is taken from the upcoming issue of Revolutionary Communist Youth, the newspaper of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade.

In the recent wave of attacks by the U.S. government on Iranians living in the U.S., the RCYB has boldly stepped out to defend the revolution in Iran and denounce the deportations and attacks on Iranian students. The government and the media whores have whipped up a tempest of reaction and now think they can "dispense" with American revolutionaries as well. At the University of South Florida the struggle has been sharp and fiery, and has had a big impact on the whole city of Tampa where the University is located. The Tampa Tribune in particular has used the reactionary climate around Iran to demand firing of Bruce Williamson, a member of the RCP and the RCYB, and a professor of biology at USF, for "advocating the overthrow of the government." Below are sections taken from the Tribune's editorials and Bruce's response:

Editorial, Tampa Tribune, Dec. 1, 1979

CHEER AND WARNING FROM A CAMPUS

For a time this week, the University of South Florida campus was a mirror reflecting the basic conflicts which will determine the future of the world we call civilized.

* There was a pro-Iranian rally led by a biology professor, Bruce Williamson; activist in a radical Communist splinter party.

* There was a counter-rally by a larger group of pro-American students who chased the Iranian sympathizers off the platform...

Consider the incongruities here:

A professor paid by American taxpayers uses his energies and the prestige of his position to advocate the destruction of the system which supports him. He uses freedom of speech to espouse a system of government which represses not only free speech but every other individual freedom Americans enjoy.

Sooner or later, the United States must confront the question whether it can continue such benign treatment of citizens dedicated to its destruction. One professor is insignificant. But he is part of a national radical group, described by Victor Riesel in a column on this page Thursday, which does not content itself with campus harangues and spray-painted slogans. The Revolutionary Communist Party, said Riesel, has planted agitators in the coal mine unions who created a series of costly wildcat strikes.

It would not take many radicals in strategic positions in industrial plants to cause crippling damage at a time of national emergency...

In an over-reaction to Vietnam War (sic) and Watergate, this nation has virtually dismantled its intelligence agencies and recoiled from keeping watch on domestic radicals. But a free society does not remain free by abandoning its defenses, at home or abroad. The pro-American uprising on the University campus was an encouraging sign that the anti-establishment, anti-government sentiment of the Sixties and Seventies is going out of fashion. Patriotism may become an acceptable word again, even on college campuses...

The price of liberty, Thomas Jefferson said, is eternal vigilance. This nation needs more vigilance—and more patriotism—if liberty here, and in the civilized world, is to be preserved.

NOTICE OF WARNING

To the Editorial Board of the Tampa Tribune, and
To the Administration of Every University in America, and
To the Capitalist Class You Serve

Your efforts to destroy and discredit me only leave you naked and more exposed. In the name of democracy and freedom you would gag me, thereby

revealing the true nature of your system, which is democracy only for you and freedom only for you to speak.

Your institutions of "higher learning" are nothing but indoctrination centers where you teach America's students to worship your decadent system and defend your oppression of the world's people. Your academic freedom is to promote 1001 ways to misunderstand the world, coupled with suppression of the only way to truth, Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought. You attack my "personal" political beliefs exactly because they are not mine but the property of the people who you try to keep ignorant. Your classrooms are filled with endless facts that are 3/4 boring and 1/4 distorted.

Your own editorial reflects your desperation and is full of contradiction:

* You say that as one professor I am insignificant, yet you know that one professor armed with the political understanding of the Revolutionary Communist Party is enough to disrupt your indoctrination. Your very editorials against me are evidence of your sickening necessity to have every teacher—not some, not most—but every teacher regurgitate your lies...

* You claim to welcome the pro-American uprising on the campus and believe that patriotism will become acceptable again; but your editorial is not filled with the jubilation of victory. Instead, you tremble at the shakiness of your support and are forced to strike out against me exactly because your real nightmare is becoming reality—students are abandoning the complacency of your classrooms and demanding to understand the real world. Open debate rages as to the real cause of oppression, crime, war and plunder, and more than that debate is leading to action to challenge the old order, your system, and students are dedicating their lives to turn the world upside down. Little wonder you hail flag-waving patriots, young John Waynes who will die blindly for you, but have no editorial comment about a debate of hundreds of students. You know your system can't afford the light of day...

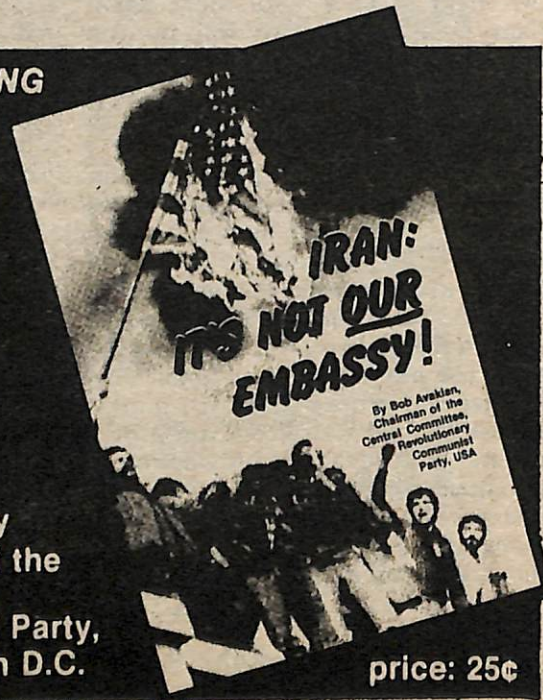
Your concern with me as a revolutionary professor shows exactly how essential is your control over students' minds. Your system creates the aura of intelligence around professors in order to dumbfound students, and then you toss petty rewards to professors for advocating the "personal" beliefs of your capitalist class. But when professors see through your scam, you are terrified because we not only speak the truth, but we do so from the podium you have devised. When we challenge you from the very platform you have erected, students are shaken out of the mindless boredom you have drilled into them.

Your attempts to fire me only further expose the myth of academic freedom and contribute to my efforts. Also, rest uneasy that there are other faculty besides myself who challenge your system of education and who speak forthrightly against capitalism and for communist revolution. And further, there are those who would join us were they still not uncertain, but your actions leave little doubt and instill in them the necessity to educate students against you. Our Party welcomes their support and openly encourages them to swell our ranks. Exactly because you are desperate and will do anything to save your system, you will lash out and show the people that we have no choice but to overthrow you.

Bruce Williamson, RCP
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On To May Day!

A headquarters of the National May Day 1980 Committee has just opened in Detroit. This will be the nerve center—helping to develop a clear picture from coast to coast of how the battle is shaping up and launching plans that will guarantee that the capitalists will be terrified of May Day 1980.

Already, regional conferences, attended by over a thousand, endorsed the May Day 1980 Manifesto which is now available as a poster. The first of the year should see the formation of local committees, which will make the call for May Day 1980 known throughout the country. Also buttons, bumper stickers (We Won't Work That Day—Will You?), and stickers on Iran are ready to help spread the word. The national newsletter will appear frequently and will run articles about developments around the country, as the working class moves out for May Day 1980. Articles and letters should be submitted now.

Design a May Day

**HELP DESIGN THE MAY DAY 1980 POSTER!
BRING THE MANIFESTO OF THE WORKING CLASS TO LIFE IN A GRAPHIC, COMPELLING IMAGE!**

The national May Day 1980 Committee sees this as a tremendous opportunity to unveil the treasurehouse of talent that the capitalists try to bury under the drudgery of everyday life. It is a

challenge to artists as well, to put their talents to the service of the highest interests of the working class. A poster design (or combination of designs) will be used or adapted for the national May Day 1980 Poster. Others will possibly be selected for a national display. Designs must be submitted by

January 20th in as final form as possible to the national May Day Committee. Specifications: 11 x 17, Black and White or color (3 color printing process maximum). Please include: "May Day 1980", "Take History into Our Hands" and space for slogans and specifics of demon-

stration. Any style welcome. For more specifications and mailing instructions call your local Revolutionary Workers Center or the National May Day Committee at (313) 893-8350.

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Poster

Puny Unity Day

Tuesday, Dec. 18 was "National Unity Day" and Jimmy Carter's call for the American people to show their support for the U.S. government's demands to free the hostages was a dismal failure. *The Detroit News* summed up the bourgeoisie's shock and dismay at this nationwide flop.

Headlined **DISPLAY FAILS—FEW FLAGS FLY FOR HOSTAGES**, their article began like this: "A few flags flew bravely in the metropolitan Detroit area, but not many people seemed to heed President Carter's call to show public support for those held hostage in Iran... Many streets were bare of the stars and stripes. Some had only one or two flags... They burn more damn flags in Iran than we will put on display," Mrs. Uhla Fhuell of Taylor said heatedly. "I looked all over my neighborhood and I couldn't find even one. It's shameful."

In Chicago, all the press could point to about this patriotic extravaganza was a small line of people on a downtown street corner waiting to get free Christmas cards to mail to the hostages. *The New York Times* tried to hype the whole thing up in a most humorous article. The headline boasted about how the flag was proudly displayed on this special day and was accompanied by a picture of Old Glory waving on a government building. It turned out that that was all the article was about—flags flying on a government building, flags that are put up every day anyway.

Perhaps the problem with "National Unity Day" was that a more appropriate symbol should have been

flown—something more fitting and dramatic to illustrate the U.S. role in Iran and around the world. Let us make some suggestions for the future. How about running a cattle prod or two up the flagpole? Or perhaps some whips and electric shock equipment? This would surely draw more than a few salutes from American Legion and VFW members, not to mention other assorted patriots. And to capture the curious, one of the Shah's infamous electric beds where people were literally fried to death, could be put on display.

In addition to the above, symbolic action by Americans demonstrating the blessings that U.S. imperialism has bestowed on Iran (blessings for which the Iranian people are supremely ungrateful) could be taken. How about people starving their children for a day or simulating napalm runs in their backyards? For the more civic-minded citizens a symbolic slaughter of, say, 10,000 people could be held in a downtown area or shopping mall. Imagine! Those Iranians—how ungrateful!

Actually, there were a number of truly appropriate actions taken across the country on the occasion of "National Unity Day". For example:

At the Mid-City Alternative School in Los Angeles, for ages 6 to 18 years old, 70 youth held a rally chanting "Down With U.S. Imperialism! Down With the Shah!" Someone had the key to the flagpole cabinet so they opened it up and pulled out the flag. Only the arrival of stunned school administrators prevented the flag from going up in flames. ■

Challenging AFL-CIO Hacks—Debate Iran!

Lane Kirkland, new president of the AFL-CIO, acting in the finest tradition of his high office and position as one of the imperialists' "labor" mouthpieces, recently announced his contribution to the U.S. imperialists' anti-Iranian flag-waving crusade. Apparently he has begun a petition campaign (although hardly anyone seems to know about it) demanding "the immediate unconditional release and return of all hostages unharmed." In a letter to all AFL-CIO unions and other "labor organizations" announcing the campaign, Kirkland called for "an emergency campaign" and urged that the petition "be circulated at every factory, shop and job site in America" with signed petitions being sent to the Iranian embassy in Washington. His letter concluded with the following call:

"We must do everything we can to convince the terrorists in Iran and the rest of the world that American workers fully support their government in this crisis. The hostages must be freed. The world must and will learn that the United States cannot and will not be blackmailed by terrorists."

The text of the petition itself is the standard chauvinist and patriotic appeal that one would expect from reactionary filth like Kirkland and Co. and is yet another repeat of thousands of similar statements made by the bourgeoisie in recent weeks. The petition echos the words of Kirkland's "civilized masters" and their "civilized" Shah in denouncing the "uncivilized" actions of the Iranian people, saying in part, "The Ayatollah Khomeini has perverted the spirit of religion, violated international law, and affronted the civilized values of human kind. Iran stands alone dishonored and condemned by outraged world opinion. It can redeem itself in only one way—Release the hostages now."

Very well Kirkland. Go ahead and spread your petition to every factory, shop and job site. Spread it openly and widely. But let us warn you, it will not go unopposed. The National May Day Committee has picked up the gauntlet you have thrown down. The committee has made a call to take this petition campaign head on, calling for open debate and struggle around the Iran question in the plants and workplaces. Let the two lines be out there as sharply as possible—the internationalist stand of the working class in solidarity with the struggle of the Iranian people on the one side and the putrid chauvinistic line of the AFL-CIO on the other. In fact, the committee has even put out a call to fight for the demand that a certain period of time, say half hour a day (on company time), be set aside for this debate to rage. Let this challenge be answered. We're ready Kirkland, are you?

**THIS BUTTON
DISRUPTS
PRODUCTION!!!**

**Sandy fired! "Crime"?
Supporting Iran's revolution.
We won't let NSC dictate our views
Rehire Sandy Now!**

Iran Teach-In— An Electric Event

**CAUTION: -THIS BUTTON
DISRUPTS
THE
BRAINWASH!**

**NSC PUTS STAMP OF APPROVAL
ON SHAH!
NSC FIRES SANDY FOR SAYING
"IT'S NOT OUR EMBASSY!"
WE SAY REHIRE SANDY!**

December 13, 11:30 a.m. "Iran Teach-in". The cafeteria is jammed, elbow to elbow. John Wayne flag wavers grabbed the table in the middle of the room, like taking a hilltop bunker, ready to open fire. Forty people sat down on three tables, right in front of the speakers. "If you sat down, you were committed, like crossing a line," said one person. At least 250 stood around, some with arms folded, others pretending to be just standing there, still others were kneeling between chairs. Rumors of a possible riot, fist fights, flag burning, and more flew around all morning. Dozens of security and three-piece suits made their presence known, walkie-talkies hanging out of their pockets. Twelve riot-equipped cops waited in the parking lot. Even the FBI came.

UC Berkeley—hot bed of student radicalism? Not this time.

The scene, National Semi-Conductor (NSC) San Jose in the heartland of Silicon Valley. One NSC worker said: "Six months ago we'd talk about childhood illnesses, Avon....but Iran or politics?!" NSC alone has 8,000 employees, many women including large numbers of Filipinos, Chicanos, Samoans and whites. Everything electronic is made here, from the toy war game *Adversary* to parts for missiles like the Phoenix, Sidewinder and other military hardware. Government inspectors and generals regularly get paged over the plant intercom.

Disrupt Brainwash

Two weeks before the teach-in, the bourgeoisie was at the height of whipping up caveman patriotism against Iran. ABC's nightly "America Held Hostage" typified the kind of public opinion bombarded across the media.

Why should workers stick their necks out? But Iran was polarizing and jolting people (almost against the will of some.)

Tuesday, December 4. Sandy, a revolutionary at NSC was talking to fellow workers about Iran at lunch. A prune-faced reactionary read loudly from her bible, trying to drown out Sandy. The supervisor came in and suspended Sandy, for "interrupting production" during lunchtime! By the time the guard escorted her to the gate, the supervisor said, "your ass is fired!"

She went back to protest her firing the next day. The foreman frantically went to call security. Sandy took the opportunity and agitated, "Why is NSC so afraid that workers are discussing Iran?" The foreman, obviously uptight, "gave" everyone a half hour break to go downstairs to prevent "disruption in production". Sandy

went right with them. In the cafeteria, the guards tried to push her around. Several women went right up in their faces, took Sandy's leaflets and passed them out, "You ain't gonna tell us what to read!"

The following day twelve workers defiantly wore the button: "Death to the Shah. U.S. Imperialism Keep Your Bloody Hands Off." Debate became hot. Many who were usually in the middle took sides. Hearing another woman ranting about "killing them Iranians", B. turned to her and said, "You sound just like a white supremacist!" B. decided to wear a button—only six months ago B. helped circulate a petition to kick out the revolutionaries in the department. Personnel hauled one worker in, demanding he take off his "inflammatory" button. They told him NSC has to "protect the workers from his kind of opinion." A veteran who spent four years in the service, he didn't consider himself a communist, but he was fast learning what being one meant. He defiantly wrote a leaflet himself, signed his name and department on it, calling on workers to wear the button. It read in part, "I've always felt that 'my country' was not the greatest in the world. I see in the events in Iran a class struggle that I'm a part of....this is the time when someone should come out and agree with the Iranians and also say we don't support the flag, the president and love John Wayne."

Friday, a large red banner mysteriously appeared on top of a plant building, "Shah Out! Sandy In!". It was electrifying. A guard was overheard saying, "Damn, how did they get it up there?" Fifty workers signed a National United Workers Organization (NUWO) telegram to Carter, which said in part, "We stand 100% with the Iranian people's continuing struggle to get U.S. imperialism out of their country."

Talk Politics

"It's not that the company don't want us to talk politics," an NSC worker emphasized, "they do. They want us to talk *their* politics."

Iran Debate Hits Hawaii Docks

The Oahu Sugar Company truck stop was jammed. A hundred and fifty sugar plantation workers, including workers from other fields and the mill had turned out in the pre-dawn darkness to hear the ILWU hacks answer for their stand on Iran. The National United Workers Organization (NUWO) and the *Revolutionary Worker* had called them out to debate. "You claim to fight for the interests of the working class yet you call for a boycott to stop the shipment of food and medicine for workers and peasants who are fighting for freedom in Iran. We will no longer allow you to spout your red, white and blue reactionary garbage unopposed in the name of the working class. We dare you to defend your position in front of 'your workers'."

The union bureaucrats were nowhere in sight. They attempted to cover their asses later at a stop work meeting whining, "The rank and file doesn't give a damn about Iran, these radicals are trying to use this issue to bust the union." There they ran around pushing their patriotic poison where they thought it would take hold, but at the truck stop

they dared not show their faces. Instead they sent two goons, one armed with a baseball bat. The bat did them very little good in being able to defend the union's position and actions regarding Iran. The rest of the workers had come to hear a debate and struggle around this vital question and heated struggle and discussion went on despite the conspicuous absence of the ILWU officials.

All week long, NUWO members took out the *Revolutionary Worker* and called on workers to stand with the Iranian people's struggle. A veteran from Waiialua Sugar Company, another plantation 15 miles away, angered by the stand with the butcher Shah, stood up at his unit meeting and demanded an answer from the union hacks. A number of workers, including immigrant Filipino workers who make up the bulk of the field laborers, took the *Revolutionary Worker* and leaflets to their own work gangs to spread the debate among their fellow workers.

Frustrated by their inability to whip up patriotic frenzy and fearing a political movement supporting the

struggle of the Iranian people taking root among the workers, the company stepped in. Two days after the debate, two NUWO members at Oahu Sugar were ordered to scrape off one of the giant posters announcing the debate with the ILWU that had gone up on company buildings. They refused and were suspended for one day. They left however carrying a banner bound for Iran reading, "Hawaii workers say: U.S. rulers get your bloody hands off Iran" signed by a number of sugar workers.

Since that day the two NUWO members have been suspended two more times for their continued refusal to take down the posters. At the same time the distribution of the *Revolutionary Worker* is being developed and continued by workers at the plantation refusing to bow to this intimidation by the company. In desperation the company is threatening that certain other workers may be next in line for the job to remove the posters. Unfortunately for Oahu Sugar, such threats have just the opposite from the desired effect. ■

Gov't Oinking Continues in Peltier Trial

"I cannot present a defense, there is no reason for me to be up here." Leonard Peltier testified in his own trial on charges stemming from an attempted escape last July from Lompoc prison in California. He stood in the witness stand as Judge Lydick's face went pale and the marshals tensed. Then Peltier turned and walked back to his seat, saying, "This is the same thing that happened in Fargo. I refuse to answer any more questions."

Each statement by Peltier had been met with a barrage of prosecution objections, followed by the Judge's orders to strike his testimony. All evidence of how the government attempted to murder him, has murdered hundreds of other Indian activists, and is actively working to crush the resistance of Native American peoples to their oppression, was ruled irrelevant and then gavelled into silence.

The few hours of defense testimony came after weeks and weeks of the court's approving hearing of lies and contradictory stories from a parade of FBI, prison guards and other government gun thugs. Now Judge Lydick labored to clear the proceedings of any obstacles to a speedy conviction—like any testimony from witnesses or defendants that might convince a jury to side with the people and against this railroad.

Four times the defense presented subpoenas and summoned witnesses and four times the court denied all motions and crossed all subpoenas. Only two eyewitnesses and a couple of character witnesses were allowed to speak and 99% of what they had to say was heavily censored.

Still, glimpses of the real reason that the government was out to snuff the life of Peltier came through, over the shout-

ed objections from the government team (FBI, U.S. attorney, Judge Lydick). Standing Deer, an inmate at the Federal Penitentiary at Marion, Illinois when Leonard Peltier was held there, was asked when he first met the defendant. "After the government hired me to kill Leonard Peltier," he said, over the shouts of the U.S. attorney. (In an affidavit filed by the defense, Standing Deer, also known as Robert Rosen, said he was recruited by prison officials and a government agent to "neutralize" Peltier by setting him up to be killed in an escape attempt. He also testified that he had helped Peltier form a Native American cultural group in the prison. When asked what they did in that group, he replied, "We talked about the genocide of the Indian people, about the sterilization of the women, about the government taking and taking our land, discrimination..." "Object!" "Sustained.")

This is why Leonard Peltier is so dangerous to the authorities. Whether it was forming cultural groups in prison, taking part in the occupation of the BIA offices in Washington in 1971, politically educating the youth, or standing with the people in the armed defense against the government agents attack on the encampment on the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1975, he has stood for resistance to the oppression of Native Americans and pointed to the hand of imperialism as the oppressor. He has inspired many others to take up the struggle.

Bobby Jean Garcia, who escaped from Lompoc with Peltier, brought this home. He told how he had spent three years in the Sensory Deprivation Section Control Unit of the prison at Marion, Illinois. Yet he had risked many more years in control, or even

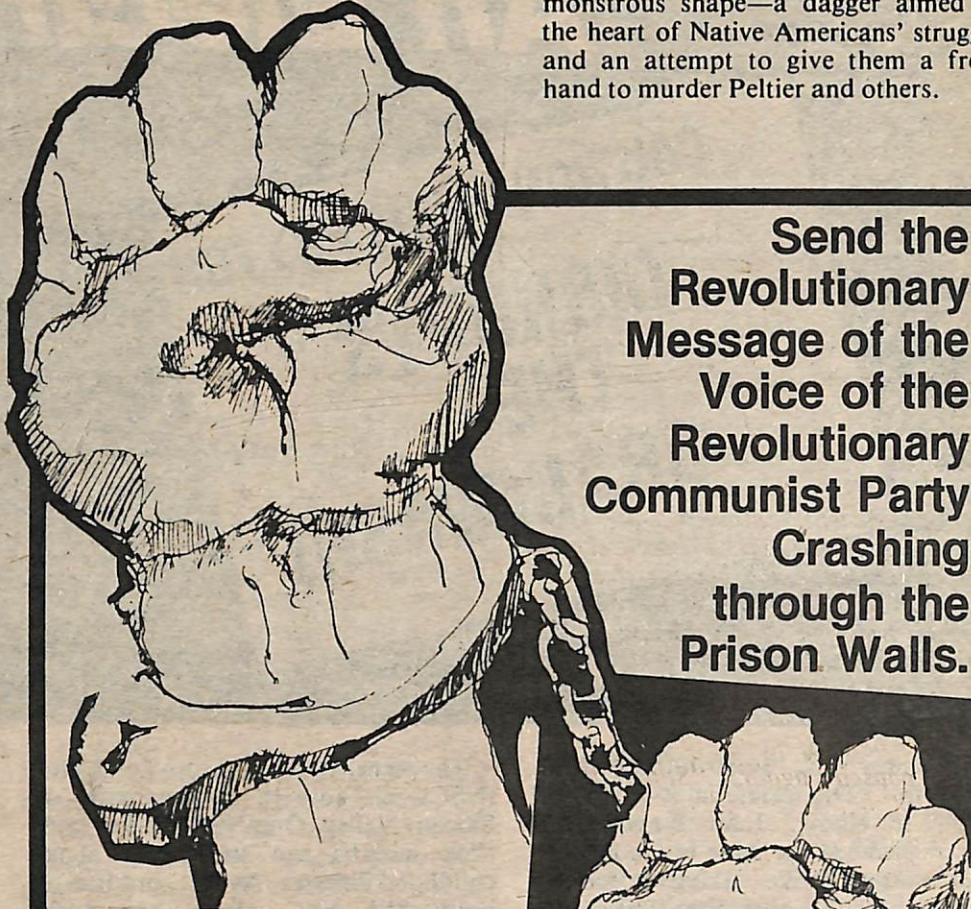
death, to escape with Leonard Peltier from Lompoc. When asked why, he explained how he had felt his life was worth nothing until he met Peltier and came to see more the cause of people's misery and the struggle against it. He testified that he organized other prisoners to protect Peltier—but the court prevented him from saying what the prisoners were protecting Peltier from. When it became clear that another assassin was in Lompoc (which the jury was also barred from hearing), Garcia and Dallas Thundershield decided to help Peltier escape "to save his life."

Garcia said that when he was over the fence he had a chance to get free. But he and Thundershield both made the decision at that point to give away their positions and draw the FBI and the guard's fire and give Leonard a chance

to escape. (Thundershield was shot in the back and killed.) Garcia was asked why he made such a decision. "I have nothing to give to my people but my life. Leonard does. What more honor can you give a man than that..." And he finished by saying that sitting there in the courtroom he was as willing as during the escape to give his life if it would enable Leonard to be out with the people in their struggle.

When he finished speaking there were tears on the faces of three members of the jury. Despite all the government's objecting and overruling, a little of the real reason that the government is so anxious to kill leaders like Peltier got out into the courtroom.

This trial, with its FBI planted "evidence", and outrageous suppression of any defense whatsoever, has more and more assumed its true monstrous shape—a dagger aimed at the heart of Native Americans' struggle and an attempt to give them a freer hand to murder Peltier and others. ■



Send the Revolutionary Message of the Voice of the Revolutionary Communist Party Crashing through the Prison Walls.

There are thousands of brothers and sisters behind bars who have refused to be beaten down and corrupted in the dungeons of the capitalist class; who thirst for and need the *Revolutionary Worker*.

This weapon of revolution continues to pass through the hands of many times the number of prisoners who subscribe to it at present. These prisoners are fast becoming a part of the *Revolutionary Worker Network Conspiracy* behind the prison walls—growing numbers of prisoners who are writing to us requesting subscriptions to the *Revolutionary Worker*. The following is typical of the many letters from prisoners we receive:

To: RCP December 10, 1979

I am writing to acknowledge that I received my first paper, Vol. 1, No. 31 dated December 7... with the help of the R.W. we can direct the future, myself and a few of my comrades are studying the lines of the RCP. We don't have all the material we need because most of us don't have the funds and because we're in the hole we don't have much literature. If you can make it possible for us to continue our studies we would put it to the best of use. I will spread your paper to as many people who will read it.

**In revolutionary struggle,
A prisoner at a
Maximum Security Prison**

If you are planning a subscription to the *Revolutionary Worker* for yourself or a friend, donate the cost of a second one-year subscription to a prisoner and receive an 8-page supplement "The Thunder... and the Storm Begins," featuring scenes of the February insurrection in Iran that swept the Shah from his Peacock Throne.

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Pratt Hearing Further Reveals Frame-Up

Los Angeles. Elmer G. Geronimo Pratt, a former leader of the Black Panther Party, sat before the altar of judge Kathleen Parker on December 14. During the hearing, part of the process stemming from defense motions for a new trial, the judge casually waved off a motion to release Pratt on bail. Flanked by more than fifty supporters, Pratt heard the intentions of the authorities to keep him captive in their dungeons, where he has been held for nearly 10 years after being framed on a 1969 murder charge. Another hearing is set for Jan. 18, 1980.

The defense lawyers have submitted a mountain of evidence exposing the government conspiracy to frame Geronimo (see *RW* #23). He was the subject of an intense surveillance operation co-ordinated under the FBI's infamous COINTELPRO program in conjunction with the State Attorney General and the Los Angeles Police Department. Police agencies at all levels monitored his every move and they knew he was in Oakland, California, more than 400 miles from the murder scene, on the night of the killing. Their own dossiers would prove Pratt's innocence. Pratt's attorneys have actively sought these files for more than five years, over the constant objections of the government as well as the destruction of many files. The intrigues continue to this day.

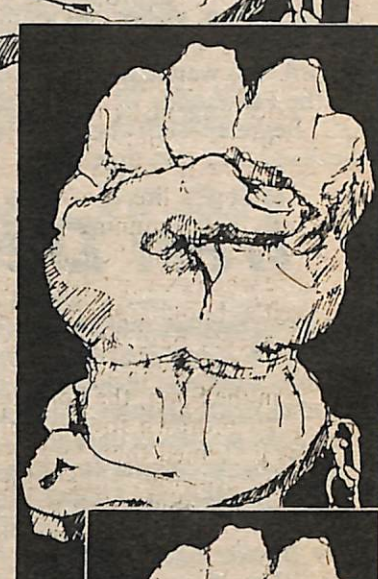
Although the state received a copy of Pratt's petition more than three weeks before the hearing, they lamely claimed that "they didn't think the hearing was for a new trial." The Deputy Attorney General moved to continue the matter including the issue of bail for at least 30 days, no doubt trying to buy some time to shore up the government's increasingly exposed "case" against Pratt.

Judge Parker, the same judge that

presided over Pratt's 1972 trial, ordering a deadlocked jury back into deliberations until it delivered a guilty verdict, was more than happy to grant the prosecutors' request. While paying lip service to the exposed role of the FBI, et al, saying, "...the court does not condone the actions of the FBI...", the judge demonstrated an eagerness to deepen the whitewash by noting that "much of the defense petition is based on suspicion and speculation."

Given the concerted efforts of the police at all levels to conceal and destroy their files on Pratt, the defense has good reason not only to be suspicious, but more to speculate that the dirty tricks uncovered so far are only the tip of the iceberg. A Deputy Attorney General even received two convictions recently for contempt of court for refusing to turn over key files to Pratt's lawyers. While the Attorney General had since released some of these files, it only raises the question of how much more remains locked in the secret vaults of the political police.

In light of the frameup, deceptions, suppression and destruction of evidence that has been uprooted so far, that Geronimo is still in the clutches of the state proves that the government conspiracy against him is still very much alive. In fact, his recent transfer from San Quentin to the L.A. County Jail for his court appearance has been accompanied by open threats on his life from some of the same deputies who assaulted him the last time he was held here. While the media and various politicians are fond of saying that the government doesn't do this kind of thing any more, the latest developments in the Geronimo Pratt case only underscore the fact that capitalist justice is still on the rampage. ■



Christmas Lights

The President looked somber, in contrast to past tree lighting ceremonies. His benign but tense grin—a grin that seemed to harbor at the same time a knowledge of men's frailty and deep and abiding belief in their decency—flashed briefly across his face, gracing the assembled families of the hostages. As he cleared his throat to speak...

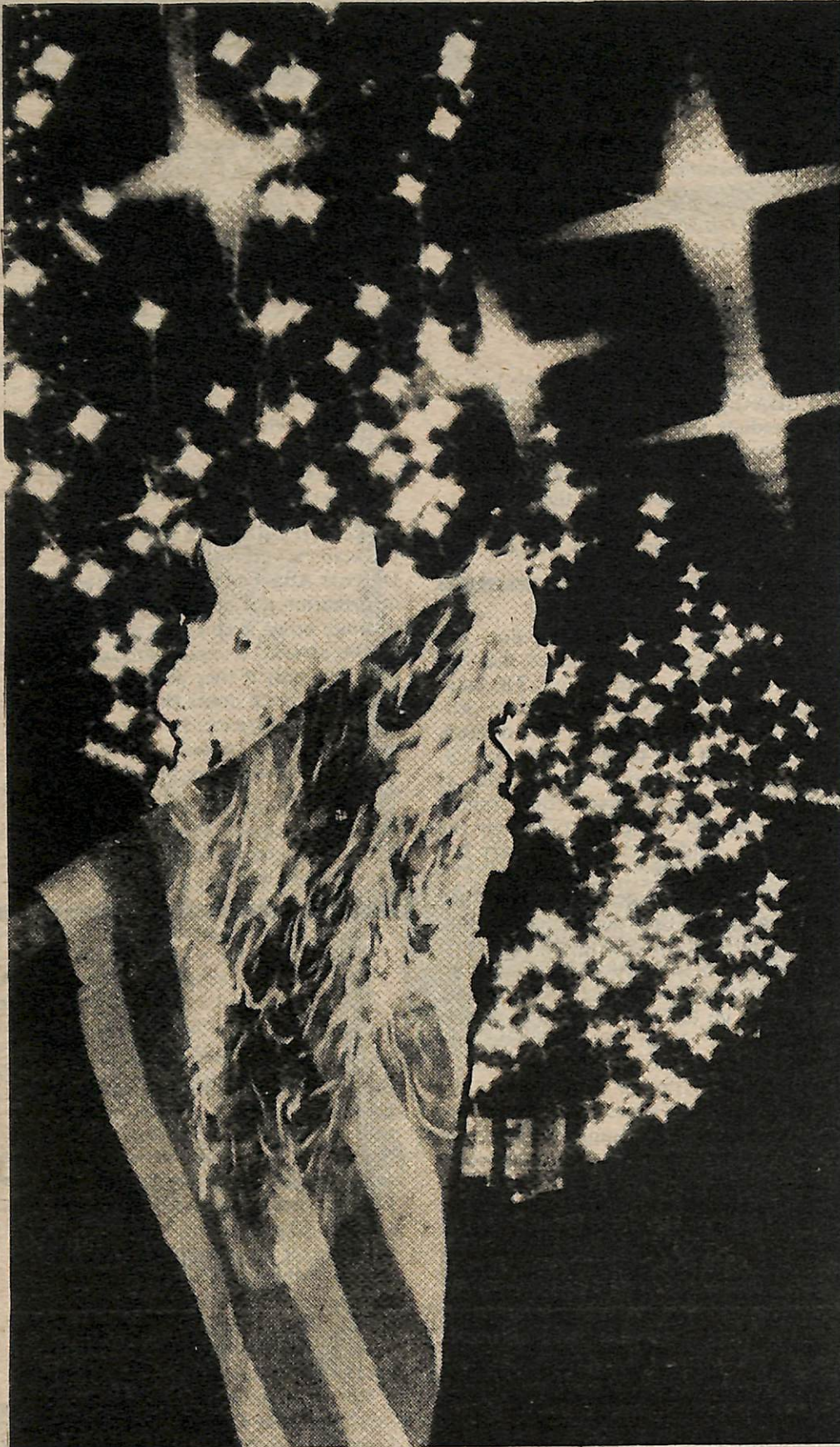
The delegation stared in shock at the "roasting room". The Americans who had travelled to Iran to support the Iranians and learn better why they had seized the embassy, examined the made-in-the-USA electronic slabs where prisoners had literally been fried during the questioning ("make it a little hotter for this one," the Station chief would say to his protégé in SAVAK.) The delegates had already seen the cattle prods, the thumb screws and all the other tools of the trade that the Shah's SAVAK had used on the endless procession of Iranians, Iranians ripped from families in the middle of the night, pulled from factories in the middle of the day, stopped on streets in the middle of the market, and set right down in the middle of hell. They listened to the calm voice of their guide but somehow they heard in their minds screams of ghosts pounding against the walls (what foreign aid project had built this prison?). And the echoes of their unbroken spirits were in the chants of the crowds outside telling U.S. imperialism to get the hell out of their country. And as they moved down the damp and windowless corridor...

The President continued in his measured tone, a tone that had been essential to the demeanor and bearing that had won him the admiration of many in this time of trial. "Christmastime... for all faiths... is a time of reaffirmation... and both the ideal of a moral and good society... and of respect... for the common bond of humanity." The President paused again, "Some today though," his voice rose, the controlled sternness reflecting itself ever so slightly for only an instant—"violate that trust..."

The militant students had expected a treasurehouse of treachery but they could not have known what a labyrinth of inner sanctums and hidden files were actually in the embassy they seized. Each new cache brought further proof of what a spy den it had been. First there was the memo putting the diplomatic cover of No. 2 and 3 man in the embassy on the top CIA spooks in Iran; then the dual passports for certain "Belgian businessmen" turned out to be American agents; the frank memos on the soft spots and weak links in the new government; and the whole ugly history of how a literal army of agents had got their running orders last January right from the embassy itself. Of course when ex-top CIA man Kermit Roosevelt's book *Counter-Coup* told how the agency paid ten million dollars back in '53 to topple the government and put in the Shah, the book had been quickly "withdrawn for inaccuracies." But now it seemed that the U.S. media was "withdrawing" the documents found by the students. Perhaps the documents were out of keeping with the holiday spirit.

"The holiday season is a time for wishes... a time for dreams... and a time for resolution." The President looked up from his text into the faces of his listeners and they in turn stared at him, held rapt by the magic that had again found its way into the bearing of this man now almost Lincolnian in his humility and calm assurance. "Our wish is..."

"...for the MX missile program, a stepped up program of intermediate range nuclear warheads for NATO, and



most of all now, the 50,000 man rapid employment strike force." It wasn't as easy as it used to be to get the U.S. papers in Tehran but the American reporters didn't go without, as the reporter for *Time* read the lead editorial on "Getting Over the Vietnam Syndrome" with its call for increased armaments to match the increased patriotic spirit of the people, he felt like he hadn't felt in 20 years. "Damn it! It was good to write for people who knew what they wanted to read! To hell with those Iranian assholes outside! If you'd paint the picture of these frenzied gooks, that would have the stateside readers barking up their eggnog and chewing on their mistletoe." The reporter's yuletide reverie was interrupted by a knock on the door. He found four armed Iranians—were they workers? He couldn't be sure but something told him they were and the M16s they held told him to mind his manners and not ask—who said that he could continue to write his lies if he wished, they guessed they couldn't stop that, but it seemed only fair to them that his lies be written in the U.S. from now on. Anyway from what they had read from his reporting on their struggle in Iran, it didn't seem as if that would prove much of an obstacle to him. So if the respected journalist would please pack? And by the way—what of this admitted "brief career" as a junior officer in the CIA in the early '50s? And how did that fit in with the CIA policy back then of "establishing sympathetic ties in the media"?

Guess he'd see his kids after all this Christmas, the reporter

thought... "Our thoughts today go out to those... who won't spend Christmas with their families... who will be held... on this Christmas... as pawns in a merciless game." The chief Executive was plainly moved and the emotion rippled back and forth between him and his listeners. "These hostages..."

"...have to be used well or not at all," said the Senior Advisor. "Those god damn Iranians put a guy like Gallegos on T.V. again and the whole game is blown. I say we move now, land a strike force at the embassy and take the consequences. If some of the hostages die, hell the American people will understand. I don't see where this is so god damn different than Attica anyway!"

"At Attica your brother didn't have to worry about the entire Moslem world going up in flames, did he? He didn't have to worry about Turkey or Saudi Arabia going down the tubes, or the Soviets going up our ass! I told you this shit was going to blow up in our faces when you insisted on bringing the Shah back, and now it's happened. But you couldn't be patient, could you?" The Trusted Aide was fuming.

"The Soviets are going up our ass now, god damn it." The Advisor shot back.

"Gentlemen, gentlemen, please!" said the Secretary, massaging his gray and perfectly trimmed temple. "The point is that the hostages are there. The point is that our position is deteriorating. Who did what is immaterial,

what is material is how to salvage something, how to prevent this thing, from backfiring further." He looked at the President's Christmas gift sitting on his desk and nervously licked his lips. "Hell, let's have a drink and calm down..."

The skin around the President's eyes wrinkled engagingly. He was now on a lighter note, recognizing that yes, even with all his tribulations, Christmas in the modern world was, after all, "for the kids". "I asked Amy... what she wanted for Christmas this year... and as many of you will recognize... in your own children... she said to me..."

"I want a gun, father." She was only fourteen but the girl had seen and learned enough in the last weeks to know which way she was headed. "I want you to give me one of those guns you took last winter from the Shah's army. I don't want that murdering pig back in power again and I don't want any new ones to replace him either."

The girl had never been so exhilarated as she had been by the last few weeks. The constant debating—especially after the stultifying summer when it seemed as if the old iron silence was again being pulled down on the people—over which way the country had to go and how it could uproot the backward and foreign conditions they faced for good; the debates over how to drive out once and for all U.S. imperialism; the equality, the comradeship between people who had been strangers minutes before—it was all like breathing for the first time! Her father had been unemployed now for months and she hated the shanty they lived in, made out of mud and tin cans, each bearing the name of one or another American company she had learned to hate. It was like having a roll call of your exploiters tattooed in your slavequarters—Coke, Exxon and all the other companies with strange names that had taken the oil, given them tin can huts and then taunted them by asking them why they weren't grateful.

Her father handed her the rifle. "Here. Now watch carefully." Slowly, painstakingly, he took his other gun and began disassembling it. The girl followed every move. She was learning.

"And, so," the President said, clearly moving to his finish, "let these lights... this Christmas... symbolize hope. As we light this tree... let us renew our dedication... to freedom—for all." The President turned to Amy. He smiled and nodded. Nervously she pulled the switch and...

The streets of Tehran were lit with torches for as far as the delegation could see. They had never seen anything like this—people so many of them determined and clear and unstoppable. What a contrast between the treatment that they as Americans had received in Iran and the abuse that had been meted out to the Iranians in the U.S.

Things would turn around. The lies would get exposed. The American people would see. The delegation would come back and give the bastards behind it all a headache of a Christmas present that would blast them into the New Year and beyond.

The light surged down the streets, torches held high. And in the fire was the truth that would burn away all the Santa Claus lies the bastards hid behind and show them as the grim reapers they really are.

To hell with Christmas! The Iranian people had given a real gift and the inspiration of their stand would last long after the last Christmas bill had been paid.



EMBASSY SPY

These were documents discovered by the students occupying the U.S. Embassy in Iran. They offer proof of the U.S. government's spying and plotting against the Iranian revolution. Twenty-five such documents were given by the Iranians to the "Send the Shah Back/Hands Off Iran Delegation." Some sections are reprinted here. The U.S. press generally has access to these documents as well, but has chosen to publicize them very little. We have taken excerpts from the full documents and have retyped them for easier reading.—RW.

Delegation

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During their stay in Iran the delegation came to see for themselves how the hostages in the embassy were being treated far better than the Iranian masses ever were by the Shah and the U.S. Members of the delegation went to visit families forced to live in tin and mud huts outside Tehran, called Tin Can City. They saw the results of years of plunder by the United States. The once agriculturally sufficient country must now import its own food. With the overthrow of the Shah most of Iran's industry came to a standstill because the imperialists pushed dependency by not allowing all of the production process to take place within Iran. For all the U.S. talk about how the Shah tried to modernize the country, the Iranian people have been robbed of the opportunity to even learn how to read.

Torture Chambers

The cozy and bloody relationship shared by the U.S. and the Shah became a reality when the delegation toured SAVAK headquarters and torture chambers where the blood of the Iranian people is still stained on the walls. They heard and taped the testimony of a former SAVAK agent who revealed his secret training in the U.S. in the latest techniques of torture, with torture equipment provided courtesy of the U.S. The delegation visited some of the wealthy palaces of the Shah where gifts from the Carter family were still on display.

The delegation met with and talked with people from all sectors of the Iranian population. They lunched with Foreign Minister Ghotbzadeh and the new ambassador to the United Nations. Members also met with the League of Fighting Women. In Qom they delivered a letter of greeting to Khomeini which read:

"Dear Brother,

We are a delegation of American people who have traveled to Iran to express our support for the people of Iran and to demand the return of the ex-Shah to Iran. We could not leave Iran without coming to Qom to pay our respects to you. We are disgusted that you are so reviled and slandered by the government and press in the country from which we come. And why is this? It is because you have never wavered in the struggle to free Iran, from the determination of the people of Iran to keep their country free of foreign control and bring the ex-Shah to justice.

Please accept our greetings on behalf of the justice loving people of the United States.

Signed,
The Send the Shah Back/Hands Off Iran Delegation"

Peoples' Common Struggle

In all their recounting of their trip to Iran what comes through clearly is that

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Embassy of the
United States of America
Defense Attache Office
Tehran, Iran

18 September 1979
SUBJECT: Visa Referrals

2. (C/NOFORN) Visa referrals by USDAO personnel will be limited to immediate family members of, A. Iranian military, (gendarmarie) and police officers equal to the rank of field grade or above; B. the civil aviation organization, and C. senior Iranian or foreign diplomatic officials who

the Iranian people are not the backward, medieval fanatics that the U.S. would like us to believe. The Iranian people are politically aroused people, a people shaping their own destiny, a people not one bit afraid of the U.S. imperialists. In the streets and at massive demonstrations the Iranian people debate and discuss not only the situation inside their own country but that of the world.

Everywhere the delegation went they were asked by the Iranian people to go back to the States and let the American people know the truth. In sharp contrast to the chauvinistic witch-hunts whipped up against the Iranians in this country the American delegation was welcomed everywhere by the Iranian people. The Iranian people reject the "blessings" of American culture, the pornography, drugs and glorified cop shows of Kojaks, but they bear warm feelings toward the people of America. The Iranian people urged the delegation to go back to the U.S. and communicate to the American public that their struggle is not against the people but against the U.S. government. Some of them asked members of the delegation if they thought the American people would ever make revolution in their own country. One Iranian told Carol Downer, "Go back to America, go to the heart of U.S. imperialism, and kill it."

The members of the delegation are a diverse group, expressing diverse political opinions, but united in supporting the struggle of the Iranian people and actively working to rally people in this country to stand with the Iranian people and oppose any moves by the U.S. government to intervene in Iran. Before leaving Iran these members of the delegation were invited along with others to speak from on top of the gate house outside the embassy and delivered this message:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Your bold action in occupying the U.S. embassy has raised before the whole world the question of the refusal of the U.S. to return the ex-Shah to answer for his many crimes. The ex-Shah styled himself as the King of Kings, the Light of the Aryans and the Shadow of God. But to the people of Iran he is the Dog of Dogs, the Prince of Darkness and the Shadow of U.S. imperialism. We urge you to stand fast in your just demand and we pledge ourselves to carry back to the American people the truth of what the U.S. government has done in Iran and would continue to do if allowed. Long live the friendship and solidarity between the peoples of Iran and the peoples of the United States."

All of the members of the delegation will be returning to the United States shortly and already speaking engagements are being arranged throughout the country. It is of the utmost importance for the American people to go and hear about where their interests lie and to become active in supporting the Iranian people. ■

have a direct association with the Defense Attache Office. Friends of the above will not be handled. Visa referrals will only repeat *only* be handled to gain intelligence information useful to the United States Government. Applicants who *do not* meet requirements of A, B or C above, but are considered to be extra-ordinary cases (i.e. Homafars who have provided valuable information to DAO) will only be approved by Colonel Schaefer. Those applicants who *do* meet A, B or C above will be approved by the DATT or Acting DATT before submission to the Consular Office.

3. (C/NOFORN) The visa referral service can be very valuable to the Defense Attache Office for gathering information not normally accessible through other means, but it should not be abused. Contacts are important, but only if they provide us information or open doors that will lead to valuable intelligence. I expect quid pro quo from these contacts and information that will show up in intelligence reports.

Thomas E. Schaefer
Colonel, WAF
Defense Attache
cc: Consul General

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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC
IMMEDIATE

SUBJECT: The Shah of Iran

2. I cannot suggest that there has been any significant change as yet in the kind of official and public reaction to the Shah entering the United States that would differ from the assessment I gave you in late July (Tehran 7930). The constitutional timetable has slipped and a new government is now unlikely to be installed before the end of this year. Our own relationship is improving but only slowly, and it is not yet of the substance that would weather very well the impact of the Shah entering the United States...

4. Given that kind of atmosphere and the kind of public posturing about the Shah by those who control or influence public opinion here, I doubt that the Shah being ill would have much ameliorating effect on the degree of reaction here. It would presumably make our own position more defensible if we were seen to admit him under demonstrably

Below are some statements by three people from the American delegation upon their return from Iran.

Carol Downer: "When I first heard about the embassy takeover I was really shocked. I think I shared the emotion that a lot of people had in the United States. It wasn't until I went to Iran that I began to really understand what a vital necessity it was for the people of Iran to take this kind of self-defensive measure. It wasn't this rash, terroristic type of behavior, but rather something that was strategically essential for them to do. And especially when I learned that the hostages were being well kept a lot of that shock totally disappeared.

But I recognized that a lot of people not having the benefit of that are going to be having that shock. And I myself feel that it is important to relate to people from where they are at and then, through a process of education, help them to decide what they want to see for our country. What kind of future do they see? Do they want to be a great nation that has power over all the land and seas and who dabbles in every government in the world and who promotes American business interests abroad? Is that how they want to see their tax dollars spent? Is that how they want to see the young people of the country, out fighting those kinds of wars to maintain that kind of structure? Do they want to see people of other countries have all their resources taken away in order to support that?

And unfortunately I see that there are some people in this country who do want that, as a matter of fact. But I do think there are a lot more people who don't want to see that and they don't even know that that is the issue, they don't even realize that that is what it's all about. I would hope that when we do that process of education that people are going to say, 'No, we don't want our embassy to be engaged in that kind of activity, and if they are, we don't blame those other people who are defending themselves against that kind of behavior.'

Fred Hanks: "Frankly we have to break out of this mentality that what is good for the Rockefellers and the U.S. imperialist class as a whole is good for us. Frankly what is good for us is the struggle of the oppressed people of the world. That is what we have to come to understand and stand with the toiling people of the world... The question of U.S. military intervention hits you pretty sharply, it fits in with the question of

them playing up some of these chumps and reactionaries being whipped up talking about 'nuke Iran' and having pictures of submarines on teeshirts saying 'Send me to Iran.' And behind it is the very real possibility in the near future of military intervention."

"People don't realize their own power. Look at the power the masses of Iranian people are teaching us. They call them uncivilized, fanatic Moslems. They are a lot further ahead of us at this point. We have an obligation to aid that struggle but also to arm ourselves politically so we won't be mindless slaves to the White House or Wall Street..."

"There is an urgency for people to take a stand with the Iranian people. That's got to be stressed more than anything. Right now people got to put both feet on the ground and start standing up and stop sitting back just saying, 'I hate it, I'm confused about Iran,' or also being used for chumps. In fact just sitting back is taking a stand in itself and it's not a good one. Until you do take a stand, you're going to waffle. You're always going to be in limbo and you wind up being set up, running around with a ring in your nose. You have to take a stand at some point and say, 'Hell no, I'm not going to go along with this mess.' I think that if you can't take a stand around Iran, you're not going to be able, even in the short run, to stay on a road that is going to lead to any good."

Clark Kissinger: "If we had had the opportunity to observe the conditions under which the hostages lived we would have availed ourselves of it if it had been offered to us. We didn't request to see them. There are a couple of reasons for that. One, we didn't want to come back here and have the condition and the situation of the hostages be the central issue because we didn't think it was the central issue to begin with. We also didn't want to place ourselves in the position of being their mouthpieces. I mean a lot of those guys are really gung-ho types, they're CIA agents and all kinds of people like that... The third consideration, I think you can see for yourself, that no matter what we said the press wasn't going to believe us. They didn't even believe Corporal Gallegos... they don't even believe the hostages when they talk about their conditions." ■

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humanitarian considerations.

5. That being said, it is as you indicate of utmost importance that we talk quietly with the government of Iran in advance if we intend to admit him, even for a very short period. If we do intend to take such action and if the matter is urgent, clearly the best means of seeking some cooperation from the PGOI would be for the Secretary to raise it with Yazdi when he sees him on October 3.

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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

SUBJECT: Meeting with Houshang Ram of Bank Omran

1. Houshang Ram, head of Bank of Omran, and confidant of Shah, came to see me December 13. He wanted to inform me that he has organized a group of young intellectuals to try to introduce some perspective into political discussions taking place among middle-class Iranians. He wondered if we would find this helpful in any way.

2. I said we would, of course, wish to keep in touch with any such groups and would hope they could be useful in bringing some moderation to bear on local scene.

3. However, I said that I thought people could spend too much time looking at the political problems while the economic structure of the country was collapsing. Ram immediately agreed and gave me long tale of woe about problems his bank was having with Central Bank and Bank Melli.

4. Telling him that this illustrated my point exactly I urged him to get together a group of senior commercial bankers and literally march on the

Central Bank. I suggested they go into the various departments and identify the young pups who were strangling the bank's activities. Aside from boxing their ears, these bankers could offer to lend replacements to cover for any who needed to be filled. I said I should think the bankers would be fed up with the current situation and that it was about time they turned against it. The mystique of [illegible] was over and it was time to put the country back to work.

5. Ram said the Shah seemed opposed to strong actions of this type. I said the Shah always phrased actions in terms of shooting a few people. I thought a little administrative wrath would work without resorting to shooting. Ram agreed to try the suggestion with his fellow bankers and left with some apparent determination.

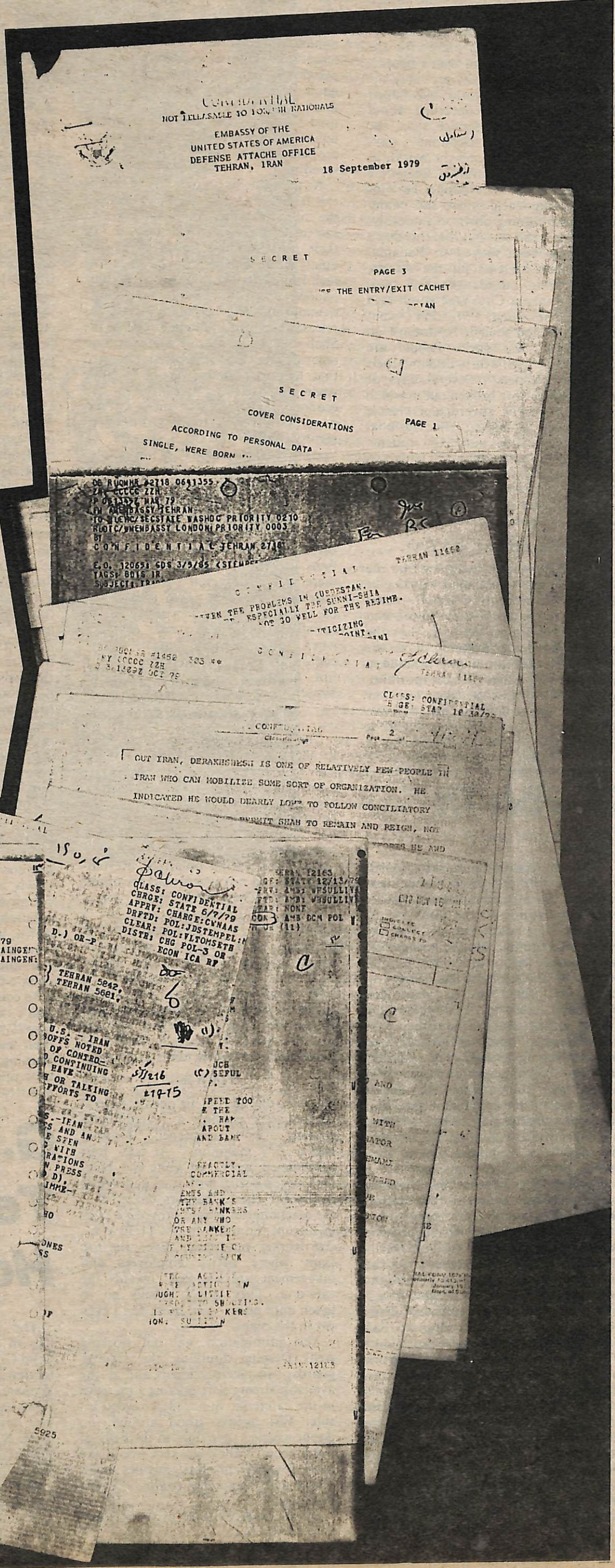
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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
TO SECSTATE WASH DC
SUBJECT: SRF Assignments

3. With opportunity available to us in the sense that we are starting from a clean slate in SRF coverage at this mission, but with regard also for the great sensitivity locally to any hint of CIA activity, it is of the highest importance that cover be the best we can come up with. Hence there is no question as to the need for second and third Secretary titles for these two officers. We must have it...

6. I suppose I need not mind the department that the old and apparently insoluble problem of R designation for SRF officers will inevitably com-

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NODIS CHEROKEE
FOR NEWSOM FROM CHARGE

E.O. 12958: GDS 9/30/99 (LAINGEN, L.B.) OR-M
TAGS: FIWT, IR, US, MX
SUBJECT: THE SHAH OF IRAN

REF: STATE 256811

1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. I CANNOT SUGGEST THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AS YET IN THE KIND OF OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC REACTION TO THE SHAH ENTERING THE UNITED STATES THAT WOULD DIFFER FROM THE ASSESSMENT I GAVE YOU IN LATE JULY (TEHRAN 7938). THE CONSTITUTIONAL TIMETABLE HAS SLIPPED AND A NEW GOVERNMENT IS NOW UNLIKELY TO BE INSTALLED BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. OUR OWN RELATIONSHIP IS IMPROVING BUT ONLY SLOWLY, AND IT IS NOT YET OF THE SUBSTANCE THAT WOULD WEATHER VERY WELL THE IMPACT OF THE SHAH ENTERING THE UNITED STATES.

3. MEANWHILE THE CLERICS HERE ARE IN THE ASCENDANCY, AND THAT I FEAR WORSENS THE PUBLIC ATMOSPHERE AS REGARDS ANY GESTURE ON OUR PART TOWARD THE SHAH. THAT WAS ILLUSTRATED THIS PAST WEEK IN THE VERY TOUGH REMARKS BY KROMIANI CONCERNING THE SHAH IN HIS REPORTED INTERVIEW WITH ORIANA FALLACI, IN WHICH HE DENOUNCED THE SHAH AS A TRAITOR WHO MUST BE RETURNED TO IRAN AND TRIED PUBLICLY FOR FIFTY YEARS OF CRIMES AGAINST THE IRANIAN PEOPLE.

4. GIVEN THAT KIND OF ATMOSPHERE AND THE KIND OF PUBLIC POSTURING ABOUT THE SHAH BY THOSE WHO CONTROL OR INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION HERE, I DOUBT THAT THE SHAH BEING ILL WOULD HAVE MUCH AMELIORATING EFFECT ON THE DEGREE OF REACTION HERE. IT WOULD PRESUMABLY MAKE OUR OWN POSITION MORE DEFENSIBLE IF WE WERE SEEN TO ADMIT HIM UNDER DEMONSTRABLY HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS.

5. THAT BEING SAID, IT IS AS YOU INDICATE OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT WE TALK QUIETLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN IN ADVANCE IF WE INTEND TO ADMIT HIM, EVEN FOR A VERY SHORT PERIOD. IF WE DO INTEND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AND IF THE MATTER IS URGENT, CLEARLY THE BEST MEANS OF SEEKING SOME COOPERATION FROM THE PGOI WOULD BE FOR THE SECRETARY TO RAISE IT WITH YAZDI WHEN HE SEES HIM ON OCTOBER 3. LAINGEN

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U.S.-Shah Maneuvers

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neled fittingly enough in the resort home of Gabriel Galindo, a big capitalist and former Panamanian ambassador to the U.S. The Shah said he already felt "at home" in his new ocean front rathole, guarded by a Panamanian gunboat and dozens of armed guards and U.S. military equipment. Panama's 87 international banks pleased him, lots of hiding places for the billions he robbed from Iran's people. His wife Empress Farah, probably the richest whore in the world, was happy too. She had been concerned about Panama's telephone service since she "literally lives on the telephone", talking to her friends around the world, as one U.S. official confided. But while the Shah and his fellow puppet Torrijos were toasting each other, the champagne wasn't going down so smoothly. As soon as word was out that this dog's kennel had been moved to Panama, Panamanian students hit the streets, demonstrating outside the U.S. embassy in Panama City. One youth told American newsmen, "We don't want the Shah in Panama, if he doesn't go we'll throw him out". People are furious at the U.S.'s dirty deal and their lickspittle "leaders". Several days of street fighting have broken out in which any police car or government vehicle has become a target. The National Guard was called out and students countered by barricading the University. So strong was the people's hatred of the Shah and his treachery, that all the opposition parties in Panama have denounced his presence.

Iranian People Stand Firm

The U.S. was clearly hoping that the Shah's transfer to Panama would give the Revolutionary Council some grounds for throwing in the towel, and getting the hostages released. But the students and demonstrators outside the embassy in Tehran didn't hesitate a minute in answering: "No compromise, no giving up, just struggle with the U.S." was the shout that went up when they learned of the vulture's flight. It didn't surprise them that the Shah had gone to Panama, "another colony of

the U.S.," as one student said. From the beginning the students have held that the Shah must be returned to Iran to pay for his crimes. When the students learned of the Foreign Minister's announcement that the hostages' trial would be an international tribunal in which the embassy personnel would be called as witnesses and then most likely freed, they angrily rejected this conciliatory act. They replied that a trial was inevitable, "the minimum we will do". Not that an international tribunal exposing U.S. imperialism's crimes against Iran isn't a good idea—in fact it should have been done months ago. But now it's being used to get around the demands that unless the Shah and his stolen wealth are returned the embassy hostages will stand trial.

As the students recognize, the Shah's exit from the U.S. has no way changed the situation. The imperialists are in fact using the Shah's exit to look like their blood-stained hands are really dainty clean. The better to be able to attack Iran. The fact that the world court handed down its unanimous verdict demanding the embassy hostages release exactly at the same time that the Shah touched down in Panama was no coincidence. One U.S. official boasted that the two events were a "double whammy" setting up Iran for an economic embargo if it did not "respond positively" to these developments. What the U.S. meant by "positive developments" is the Revolutionary Council getting the students to let the embassy hostages go. But this hasn't been so easy. Although Khomeini responded to the students attacks on Foreign Minister Ghotbzadeh by affirming his support for them, all indications are that among the ruling classes there is a strong pull toward Ghotbzadeh's proposal as a way to back out of the confrontation with U.S. imperialism. Ghotbzadeh said as much when in replying to the students' denunciation he said, "I am speaking with full authority"—implying Khomeini himself.

U.S. Speculates on Splits

The U.S. press had gleefully pointed to sharp controversy going on inside

Iran as a big split. But it's not a case, as they put it, of "Khomeini's supporters versus his opponents." Khomeini has won the support of the majority of the Iranian people insofar as he has stood with the masses in their struggle against the Shah and U.S. imperialism. And at least for now Khomeini cannot openly take sides against the students for that would be political suicide.

Yes, there are splits in Iran, but it's not what the U.S. is talking about. The basic conflict is between the Iranian people and U.S. imperialism. And within that, the other conflicts have their roots in contradictions between the masses of Iranian people determined to rout U.S. imperialism and the wavering as well as reactionary elements who are now in leadership of Iran.

The Iranian leadership's press to cool things out is partly based on their opinion that Iran can't stand up to the U.S. economic attacks. Even though the U.S. is still finding it very hard to get the rest of their allies to agree to a trade ban, the Islamic government is still afraid of the consequences, even if it's only a U.S. embargo. Under the Shah's from GIs and prisoners on the NBC networks, all of its industry, and especially its military was dependent on U.S. equipment and technicians. Having inherited this dependency, the Iranian government has kept the Iranian economy pretty much locked into this situation. To sever this slavish dependency and become self-reliant would require nothing short of unleashing and mobilizing Iran's millions behind a revolutionary political line. But the strong mass movement that has flourished since this intense battle began is, in the final analysis, a threat to the Iranian government. All the factions of the Revolutionary Council are united on the need to contain the Iranian people's anti-imperialist revolutionary sentiments.

In one example, the people enthusiastically approved of the government's prohibition of American-made products, and are themselves boycotting American products that remain on the shelves. Since the embassy takeover the workers at at least 2 U.S. owned factories have seized and taken them over. The feeling among Iran's millions is that whatever happens to the hostages they won't be satisfied until Iran severs

all ties with U.S. imperialism.

But despite the drift towards making a deal with U.S. imperialism, the imperialists have shown again and again that they are not interested in compromise. Carter's reaction to the Iranian government's proposal on the international tribunal was to up the ante, as he barked that the U.S. would set up a naval blockade of Iran if any tribunal or trial were held. While the U.S. might well be forced because of the Iranian people to agree to some kind of tribunal in exchange for the hostages, U.S. designs certainly wouldn't stop there. The imperialists want nothing less than the domination of Iran like they had with their Shah. That's why even though they are pursuing negotiations with Khomeini, they are still trying to overthrow him, to replace his government with a solidly reactionary puppet regime.

And the assassination of Mohammed Mofateh fits right in with U.S. imperialism's aims. While the U.S. press has hinted that "extreme leftists" were involved, his murder was carried out by counter-revolutionaries, most likely SAVAK agents. The reactionaries hoped that this murder would add more leverage against Khomeini and his followers in the Revolutionary Council who have been wavering all along and who have been kept from selling out because of the people's iron determination. The U.S. really wants to kill Khomeini himself, but they know that is taking a big risk because of the mass hurricane of outrage that would follow.

This wasn't the first assassination to be carried out against Khomeini's circle. Five other leading Khomeini associates including two Ayatollahs have been murdered since the February insurrection. These assassinations, as well as the U.S. naval armada off Iran's coast, point to the bottom line on how these "civilized" imperialists carry out foreign policy and how much they respect the "principles of national sovereignty." While the Revolutionary Council refuses to see that backing down only whets the U.S.'s blood hunger, the people understand that well. The students' militant and uncompromising stand against the U.S., which is shared by millions of Iranians, has frustrated every single scheme dished up by the U.S. and every other reactionary.

Teach-In

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Company approved bulletin boards are loaded with appeals to "send Xmas cards to the hostages." Reactionaries expressing John Wayne style "nuke Iran" foreign policy run all over the place. This is okay. But the bourgeoisie doesn't want the working class' politics out there. The rulers of this country in trying to whip up its imperialist patriotism unleashed a double-edged sword, jolting people whom they convinced should "never talk politics", to become very political. NSC workers told the *RW* that people on the line who used to say, "I'm not interested, it's not my problem," are coming up to revolutionaries, challenging them, "What about the students putting the hostages on trial?" In their next breath, they start arguing out their opinions.

People's ideas of what revolutionary communists are changed as they debate, think, and question, learning more clearly where their real interests lie. One worker who is actively against NSC's firing of Sandy remembered that the first time he decided to talk with the communists was about the San Jose 5 trial only two months ago (five students convicted for demonstrating at San Jose State against Chinese revisionist Teng's U.S. visit). "All the guys I work with told me don't talk to the communists. I thought to myself, they don't look like 'commies'. These here were straightforward, always seemed sure about their views. Me, I've always liked to debate things." (He's raising big political issues beyond Iran.)

This "college campus" political atmosphere—big debates—did not sit well with NSC. Stickers showed up everywhere—"Caution: This button disrupts brainwash," "Sandy Fired—Crime? Supporting Iranian Revolu-

tion! Rehire Sandy Now!" In fact NSC paid backward workers to sit in the bathroom all day trying to prevent people going in there to discuss and organize.

NSC was getting polarized. Revolutionaries and advanced workers upped the ante. They sent shock waves through NSC when they put out a leaflet calling for a mass Iran Teach-in at lunch. The kiss-ass reactionaries counterattacked. Their leaflet signed "Charlie's Angels" (Charlie Sporck is NSC president) said, "If revolutionaries are tired of being treated as slaves, why don't ... (they) go out the gate with Sandy." "Love it or leave it" as the Duke and other idiots love to say.

Teach-in

On the day of this big debate, several reactionaries passing a revolutionary coming to work threatened, "I wish I had a .357 magnum." At least four cavewomen wore red white and blue. One wore a t-shirt with stars and stripes across her chest. Rumors buzzed that the reactionaries would provoke a fight to disrupt the teach-in. At 11:30 a.m., one worker reported, "Even the top floor where office employees and magement are emptied towards the cafeteria. They don't usually go to lunch until noon. And most don't even eat in the plant."

The intimidation was not working well. Despite doubling the security guards, two vice-presidents and all the available supervisors making a presence in the cafeteria, hundreds crowded inside. FBI agents stood around, no doubt worried that right in the belly of the Silicon Valley workers who make parts for their masters' missiles might *think*, and even *rebel* against the war machine.

Sitting down in front of the speakers who were revolutionary workers at the plant, was like a dividing line. You were *in!* Hundreds of eyes were watch-

ing—some curious, others hostile, but most intently interested. Who dared to take a stand? What's really going on in Iran? "I felt like I was walking onto a stage," a worker vividly recalled. He had convinced three of his buddies to sit down, as he said, "to make sure these people can say what they have to." The reactionaries freaked out when 40 sat down, including many faces they knew were not "political" before, as well as the hundreds listening intently. The debate flew hot and heavy. "If the U.S. is so concerned about the hostages, why don't they send the Shah back to Iran now?" Clusters at tables began to have their own debates. The reactionaries, burning inside, could do nothing, not even utter a peep.

After the teach-in, workers on dif-

ferent lunch shifts who had never talked to revolutionaries before came up and asked what happened, and in the next breath began debating about Iran. People were thinking hard, confronting stubborn opinions they had held as the "truth."

This was the scene at NSC all afternoon. People were jazzed. Production was definitely disrupted that day—the workers had more important things to do.

Inside NSC's cafeteria, the workers did "walk onto a stage," blasting away the Archie Bunker reactionary myth. What happened at NSC gave a glimpse of what the entire working class increasingly must and will do—mount the political stage of society and rally millions to its revolutionary cause.

G.I.'s, Prisoners: Tell Us about Hostage Conditions

The *Revolutionary Worker* would like to call for letters and comments from GI's and prisoners on the NBC interview with hostage Marine Corporal William Gallegos. How do the conditions he describes compare with those you have experienced in the hands of the U.S. government? It occurred to us that he was probably at least not being called "puke face" "mama's boy" and "sissy punk" by the Iranians like he had been by his drill instructor. Maybe, just maybe, it was fear of the U.S. government (his "Commander in Chief" as the newsman reminded him) that was intimidating Corporal William

Gallegos even more than what he feared from his captors.

A point we thought prisoners might be interested to hear was one made by some scholarly news commentators. They stressed that the hostages' confessions had to be ignored since they were given "under conditions of duress". With that little comment, these pundits just threw out one of the cornerstones of the American legal system—confessions extracted from people once they are in custody.

All in all we thought it would be an interesting case to hear from some other "U.S. hostages!"

Jingo

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for features on flags being flown from government buildings on national unity day.

While ignoring or burying any support for the Iranian people, especially the dramatic visit of the delegation to Iran, such scintillating copy as "... in Wilmington, Delaware, 430 people attended a flag raising ceremony in 20 degree temperature at the St. Anthony of Padua Parish School..." is front page news in the *New York Times*.

Most of the media's features on "grass roots support" for the hostages is flashy headlines followed by limp stories. "Students stand up for America," screams one headline; the story was about a vigil held by 25 members of a Zionist organization at Brooklyn college. "Flags fly in support of hostages" turned out to be about flags in front of some county offices; at the end of the story the county official interviewed said he was "proud to support the hostages" although he admitted that the flags fly there every day. Rumors—so long as they are useful—become the basis for headline stores. "Iranians Plot to Kidnap Governor" was a banner headline back in November in many papers. Anti-Iranian racist hysteria got another adrenalin injection. The correction—all a misunderstanding, no plot at all—ran weeks later buried on the inside pages. Another banner headline—Klan plans Detroit march against Iran—proved to be based on nothing but a phone call to a Detroit newspaper. No march materialised. The Chicago papers reported that an Iranian student organization had claimed responsibility for a bomb that went off on a Chicago to Washington, D.C. plane. When called and asked if they had checked this with any of the Iranian student groups, the papers matter-of-factly said, "no."

Meanwhile, any action taken in support of the Iranian people is blacked out if possible and lied about otherwise. The returning delegation was told by one network reporter that the story of their solidarity visit to Iran, their meeting with the students at the embassy, their discussion with the foreign minister, their encounters with Iranian revolutionaries in all parts of the country, their first-hand account of the situation in Tabriz—was not newsworthy at all, just "propaganda." The takeover of the Washington Monument by 6 members of the Vietnam Veterans

Against the War—not nearly so fascinating, of course, as the Gimbel Christmas Card campaign to the hostages—was either iced by the media or lied about—the *Washington Star* claimed that "none of those arrested were veterans."

In recent years, the U.S. media has built up an image of "scrupulous honesty" and "fearless investigative reporting", largely as a by-product of the Watergate scandal, as well as some coverage critical of the Vietnam war. Rather than perceiving media muckraking "criticism" of various government policies as indicative of divisions within the ranks of the ruling class, many people got the impression that the U.S. press establishment was indeed independent and even relatively honest. But now yellow journalism is openly back in style—and that means even more systematic use of the media as a tool to condition and manipulate the masses of the people with a steady diet of patriotic and war-mongering propaganda.

Anti-Islam

Part of this has been their holy-war anti-Islam crusade. CBS news ran a special report a few weeks back that featured what had to be one of the most criminal and stomach turning scenes in years. Over film scenes of a year ago in Iran—when the Iranian people were rising in revolution and the Shah was shooting down thousands, we were treated to a senior CBS correspondent telling us that all this turmoil took place in a Shiite Moslem country since Shiites were known for their "persecution complex" and their "punchant for martyrdom". Perhaps it was their "punchant for martyrdom" that led to 10,000 being massacred on a single day last year by the Shah's troops. And perhaps it was their "persecution complex" that led them to be so presumptuous as to "complain about it."

TV coverage of the Islamic holy days, the networks had hoped, would bring into a hundred million American homes the image of blood crazed Iranians flailing themselves with studded chains and whips. Their disappointment knew no bounds when the ritual was conducted symbolically, with padding on the backs of the marchers, who brushed back and forth with their chains in a symbolic demonstration their willingness to sacrifice themselves for their religious beliefs—and, more explicitly, in the fight against U.S. imperialism. The fact is that this religious observance has been conducted symbolically for many years, perhaps with the exception of a few zealots. The same thing held true during last year's observance at the height of the revolutionary movement

to topple the Shah. But the U.S. media passed the word to American viewers that "the Ayatollah had ordered the observance not to get out of hand, so that the American public wouldn't see the barbarousness of the Iranian people."

NBC's Tom Brokaw even "reminded" a relatively naive junior reporter of all this right on the air. When the reporter failed to pick up on Brokaw's "question" about Khomeini cooling out the "barbarian display", Brokaw, conscious hack that he is, reminded him again—"but isn't that what Khomeini ordered?"

This points to another part of what is going on now. The message is being sent out to people in the press—toe the line or else. They are not too far from giving "little Hitler of the week" awards to loyal lackeys for Big Lie journalism. And when the *New York Daily News* fired star writer Pete Hamill, the meaning was clear to every news reporter: if he can get it, so can you. Soon enough it will be writing daily installments of stuff like the Nazis' "The Triumph of the Will" or out the door.

A recent NBC news interview of Marine Corporal William Gallegos, one of the embassy hostages, provides a disgusting example of the media's so-called "disinterested objectivity." As pointed out in last week's *Revolutionary Worker*, Gallegos was raked over the coals and dragged through the mud in interrogation by the NBC correspondents because he dared to state the truth—the hostages were not being mistreated by the Iranians—and because he expressed some reluctance to die for the Shah. The phony mask of "concern for the hostages" melted into venomous hostility when one of the hostages deviated even slightly from the line deemed to be most suitable for U.S. propaganda to inflame hatred against the Iranian people—a key element of which is to create the impression that the hostages were being tortured, brutalized and brainwashed, on the one hand, and they are all heroically "standing up for America," on the other.

The media is very conscious in furthering this "Americans vs. Iranians" theme. When the students at the Embassy have held press conferences, often they hang a banner behind them in English proclaiming their solidarity with the American people and their opposition to the American government. The press goes to great lengths not to show this. Instead we get chopped up camera shots, carefully selected to keep the whole banner off the air.

It is interesting to note, in connection with the Gallegos interview, that NBC, despite its vicious efforts to defame and

discredit Gallegos both during and after the interview, has come under intense criticism for even allowing the interview to go on the air. CBS and ABC refused to do the interview, professing that they feared it would serve Iranian—rather than American—propaganda purposes. NBC is being attacked for seeking "an edge in the ratings" at the expense of the national interests. Clearly, the ruling class is using the hostage crisis to tighten up and formalize still further its control over the mass media.

Bourgeois Democracy

The role of the press in the U.S. imperialist "bourgeois democracy" is to serve as an ideological instrument for the capitalist dictatorship over the masses—at the same time it serves as a forum for democratic debate for the views and policies of conflicting elements of the bourgeoisie itself. When the ruling class as a whole is confronted with a "grave crisis," however, the media is told to "tighten up" and speak with a single voice, for fear that the exposure of sharp divisions among the capitalists themselves will cripple the ability of the press to rally the masses of people behind the red, white and blue.

The trend toward a more heavily and directly controlled press has been highlighted by its despicable role during the Iran crisis, but its essential function as an instrument of class dictatorship never changes. Freedom of the press, the great revolutionary Lenin once rightly observed, will only cease to be hypocrisy when the printing plants and stocks of paper are taken away from the bourgeoisie. The shameless, bottomless hypocrisy of the U.S. news establishment, from top to bottom, is being more clearly demonstrated in the throes of the Iranian crisis, but the media is now and it has always been nothing but a bunch of prizefighters, apologists, and hitmen for the capitalists. The formal right of "freedom of the press" like every other right under capitalist society, turns out to be nothing but an illusion. The friendly, smiling face of Walter Cronkite, soothingly assuring us that "that's the way it is..." turns out to be the lying, sneering visage of a bitter enemy. "Even in the most democratic bourgeois state," Lenin wrote, "the oppressed people at every step encounter the crying contradiction between the formal equality proclaimed by the 'democracy' of the capitalists and the thousands of real limitations and subterfuges which turn the proletarians into wage slaves. It is precisely this contradiction which is opening the eyes of the people to the rottenness, mendacity, and hypocrisy of capitalism." ■

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plicate and to some degree weaken our cover efforts locally, no matter how much we work at it.

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According to personal data in your passport, you are single, were born in Antwerp, Belgium 08JUL34, have blue eyes, have no distinguishing characteristics, and are approximately 1.88 meters tall. Your cover occupation is that of a commercial business representative.

It is not uncommon to find a Belgian whose native language is Flemish living in a nominally French-speaking section of Belgium, such as Jette. You can say that you were born in Antwerp, began work with a company with a regional office in Antwerp, then was transferred to the main offices in Brussels...

Your Belgian passport #N745653 was ostensibly issued in Jette, Belgium (a suburb of Brussels) on 16 March 1977, was revalidated in Jette on 15 March 1978, and is set to expire on 14 March 1982.

To enhance its validity, the following back travel was added: a trip to Madrid, Spain in April 1977; a trip to Lisbon, Portugal in August 1977; a trip to Delhi, India...

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2. Summary: As result of turn for worse in U.S.—Iran ties, problem of willingness to talk with EMBOFFS noted REFTELS A and B is increasing. Latent effect of controversy over Ambassador Cutler's appointment and continuing charges that U.S. and CIA are meddling in Iran have significantly increased fear of being seen with or talking to EMBOFFS to point where it is impairing our efforts to acquire information. End summary.

3. Unwanted consequence of turn for worse in U.S.—Iran relations is drying up of many of our best sources and an increasing unwillingness on part of Iranians to be seen with or talk to U.S. Embassy officials... Situation has deteriorated significantly even from immediate post-revolutionary period.

4. Four-year veteran econ officer notes that many who would formerly receive him in their offices or answer queries by phone now at best ask for private meetings or will phone at night (convinced that the Embassy phones are compromised) and are generally reluctant to discuss matters they talked of freely six or eight months ago. Many, due to long, warm association are embarrassed to flat out refuse

business or social appointments, repeatedly give the "Persian put-off" with promises to call, etc. Farsi-speaking petroleum officer finishing three-year tour, reports similar difficulties with many of his extensive contacts. Some no longer have access to previously-held information; almost all are reluctant to talk.

5. ...All political section officers have experienced same phenomenon. In many cases, sources have left country. Even personal friends of four-year tour Tehran Poloff are reluctant to meet with him, though some remain willing to see him privately at their homes. Of course, a few contacts seek political officers out, but these are frequently pending solutions and are not always those we might prefer to talk with. Others who have been here more than short time report same reluctance, of even long-time friends, to be seen publicly with official Americans.

6. Charge has noted that of some dozen former Iranian Ambassadors who have returned to Tehran whom he knew personally in the past, none have tried to get in touch with him since their return to Tehran. Veteran retired Ambassador told Poloff that many of his colleagues are coming to see any American connection as "professionally very dangerous thing in Islamic Iran." Will be interesting to see how many Iranians are willing to turn up at farewell functions for veteran officers who will be departing within next month...

8. Some of our private citizen contacts have noted increased suspicion of them among Iranian colleagues and friends. This is particularly acute in universities, where Left has been bombarding intellectuals with anti-U.S. material. As one contact put it, "Even those who ought to know better are being swept along by the tide."

9. There is no doubt that context being established by current events is making it more difficult for us to gather kind of information we need. While situation has not yet reached level in some third-world states where contact between Embassy personnel and local citizens is severely restricted or controlled, basic impact of recent weeks has pushed Iran in that direction.

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Secret War

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They threatened arrest for anyone who stuck around and expressed support for what was being said. When this tactic fell flat, 13 cops arrived to arrest three revolutionaries and to clear the sidewalks. In the course of all this, many hands reached out to buy the *Revolutionary Worker*.

As in the rest of the country, the bourgeois press in Washington, D.C. has consistently acted in unity with the Secret Service, generally blacking out news of the latest government maneuvers despite repeated press conferences, press releases, etc. But there was one recent action they couldn't possibly avoid covering.

On Tuesday, December 18, the noon time news on a local T.V. station was going along as usual. Suddenly, in the middle of the program a shout disrupted the broadcast. The newscasters' eyes popped and their mouths hung wide open as two people moved behind them and across the set carrying a sign and chanting, "Secret Service, Keep your Bloody Hands Off Bob Avakian." The station quickly cut to a commercial break, but the damage was done, the word was spreading in spite of their blackout. When the program returned to the air, it took quite a few minutes for the usually cool and composed newscasters to get rid of the dazed look on their faces.

Venturing into the nerve center of the secret war, a few hours later on the

same afternoon, the business-as-usual atmosphere of the Secret Service in D.C. was demolished. In an action organized by the RCP and the Committee to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants, 25 people burst chanting into the reception area. The special agent in charge at the reception desk realized what was going on and acted accordingly—he literally pushed the panic button. Every light on his desk started flashing, telephones started ringing, and alarms were sounded. Like cockroaches scattering at the crack of light, scores of SS men scurried through their headquarters, locking lockers, hiding files and bumping into each other as they tried to crawl back into the woodwork. With the arrival of reinforcements, the Secret Service tried to regain the upper hand through tactics of intimidation, and just plain playing dumb. But the delegation made its purpose clear as a stack of petitions, signed by over 400 people in the D.C. area, demanding an end to the Secret Service attack on Bob Avakian, was thrown in the face of the top agent present. (The next day, incidentally, the unmistakable odor of the Secret Service accompanied a threatening letter mailed the day of the demonstration and received by the Committee to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants.)

The significance of these and the many other actions taken around the country, lies in the fact that the shroud of secrecy surrounding the war of the U.S. government against Bob Avakian has begun to get pierced. Further, the actions represent a base of support

growing among thousands nationwide. As a result especially of exposure done in the pages of the *Revolutionary Worker*, the covers of the government's secret war are being pulled. Telegrams from factories and universities have started to flood the desk of Secret Service head Stuart Knight as well as others.

The Committee to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants, which maintains its national office in Washington D.C. and consists of over 30 local chapters in different cities, is reaching out to new forces as well as contacting and activating the large numbers of people and organizations who in one way or another took part in the struggle which forced the dismissal of felony charges against Bob Avakian last month. In Southern California, a rabbi fired off a letter to Jimmy Carter denouncing the Secret Service plot against Bob Avakian. George Laine, a journalist from Los Angeles and President of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild, Local 69 (title for identification purposes only), also issued a statement. In Houston, a couple of lawyers who have worked with the committee took the opportunity provided at a Christmas party for legal professionals to make a public statement condemning the attack. Many immediately recognized the seriousness of the issue. A lengthy telegram was drafted on the spot and signed by twelve people. A telegram from a professor in Washington, D.C. to the Secret Service read as follows: "America desperately needs intelligent leadership. Stop hounding Avakian."

Another, from 16 inmates at a drug rehabilitation facility stated, "We know what you are up to and we want you to keep your god damn murdering hands off Bob Avakian."

All this is only the beginning of what must be accomplished in the coming weeks. The Secret Service itself drove this point home last week when demonstrators outside the agency's headquarters at the World Trade Center in New York were asked by agents, "Where's Bob? We'd like to ask him a few questions."

This further underscores the need to unite all social forces who can be united to step up the struggle against the U.S. government's assault on Bob Avakian. And, that the possibility exists for large numbers of workers to enter into this political struggle with the Secret Service and its not-so-secret masters is emphasized by the call of the RCP and the National May Day Committee for one of the four general slogans developed around May Day 1980 to focus on the question of defense of revolutionary leadership, in particular, that of Bob Avakian.

As this secret war grows increasingly exposed, we shall see once again that the ruling class has left out an important element in its calculations—the ability of the masses of people to see through its veils and under its covers, to recognize and despise the ugly nature of the ruling class and to cherish and protect the revolutionary leadership of the people. ■

CORRECTION

An article titled "People's Press Conferences Batter Wall of Silence" was run in the December 14 issue of the *Revolutionary Worker*. A press statement which appeared in this article was incorrectly attributed to the National Abortion Rights Coalition. The statement was in fact released by the Abortion Rights Movement of Women's Liberation.

In the December 7 issue of the *Revolutionary Worker*, we reported that the Union of Iranian Communists "refused to participate in the referendum"—referring to Khomeini's referendum for an Islamic Republic (page 7). While it is certainly true that the UIC has fiercely opposed the new Iranian constitution from the beginning, the form of their opposition in this election was not a boycott, but calling for a "No" vote.

Revolutionary Worker Center Attacked

Oakland, Calif.—Sunday night, December 16, the Revolutionary Worker Center here was busted into through the back door. The place was turned upside down. Revolutionary murals on the walls were slashed; paint was poured on the furniture and floor; and bullhorns, TVs, a typewriter and a betamax recorder were stolen.

Were these just vandals? No. It is not just a coincidence that this raid comes after months of attacks on the center by the cops and their bedpartners, the KKK and Nazis. Only last week, Oakland cops came down on the center three times—once with ten squad cars and their helicopter hovering above. They threatened to raid the place on the

pretense that they supposedly heard "shots." One cop forced his way in saying he was looking for "dead bodies," then quickly left only to ticket people from the Center for "jaywalking" as they crossed the street to talk to people about what was going down! This threatened raid is clearly part and parcel of the nationwide secret war on Bob Avakian and the RCP being spearheaded by the Secret Service. It was an attempt to lay the basis for further attacks.

The increased attacks on the Revolutionary Worker Center, which range from fire-bombings, phone threats, mass arrests, broken windows, and drunken bikers ramming their bikes into the front doors, are no isolated incidents. They are clearly part of an overall plan of the bourgeoisie—an attempt by various means to discredit, silence, and crush the RCP and Chair-

man Bob Avakian in particular. In Oakland, as well as in many other cities, the Revolutionary Worker Center is a sign of opposition to all the reactionary trash coming out daily from the rulers and their henchmen, the KKK, Nazis and other flagwaving idiots. It is a place where people come in to check out and discuss revolutionary politics and buy the *Revolutionary Worker* and other literature.

These attacks on the Center are meant in part to scare the masses of people away and make it look like "just a bunch of crazies" hang out there. Yet the more the cops and these other reactionary scum carry out the dirty business of the bourgeoisie, the more people in the community around the center and throughout Oakland are stepping forward and defending the Revolutionary Worker Center. ■

Radio Railroad

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to our own statistics, is without a job under this so-called greatest of all systems. We didn't know all that and now that we realize it, we're sorry. We'll step aside, let the people, especially the working class, come to power and make a better society. We apologize."

They're not going to do that. They're going to shoot you down like they shot down Fred Hampton, like they shot down Malcolm X, like they shot down the students at Kent State. They're gonna come after you like they're coming after our Party.

And people are going to have to realize—or they're going to do what they did in Attica... People even demanding reforms in the prisons were murdered in cold blood. Even some of the guards murdered in cold blood by Rockefeller to make an example of them. To say to people who are oppressed and exploited and are beginning to stand up and do something about it, "You better not even think about trying to change your conditions because we will murder you in cold blood to make the point to millions of other people out here that there's no way you're ever going to change it. So you might as well accept what we got for you. And if you can't deal with it go blow your brains out or take some dope or do something else to forget about it because it's not going to change."

DJ: Don't hyperventilate on me now.

B.A.: Don't worry about it. This is serious business. I'm not hyperventilating on you, but I'm telling it straight the way it is. And that's what we do and that's why they're after our Party because we don't back down or we don't soft-pedal what has to be said. DJ: O.K., it's nineteen minutes after 8 o'clock...

But the thing is, Bob, the point—and I'm not trying to catch you in a trap or anything—but it doesn't seem as if you're dedicated to a full-blown revolution because the revolution will grab power any way it can even if it does it through doing away with people who are in positions of authority and are very visible. You know, by kidnapping members of the House of Representatives, U.S. Senators, that type of thing. I mean, that's...

B.A.: Well I don't believe in that.

DJ: That's revolution, isn't it?

B.A.: No, that is not revolution.

DJ: I mean that's revolution. You're disrupting the, ah...

B.A.: That is not revolution. That is a handful of people trying to pull off a coup. We're talking about an uprising of millions of people. Our objective is to educate them, to arm them to make them politically aware, to help them cast off a lot of these silly ideas that we're drugged with out here every day which people know in their own lives are not true.

DJ: Like what?

How They're Playing You for a Chump on Iran

To those who retain unshakeable faith in the words of the U.S. government, particularly now on the question of Iran, we would like to dedicate this brief feature—The Chump Box. The Chump Box calls attention to the now forgotten Eizenstat Memo—a secret memorandum from presidential aide Stuart Eizenstat to Jimmy Carter which was leaked to the press last summer. In this memo, Eizenstat told Carter, "Since you left for Japan, the domestic energy problem has continued to worsen... Nothing else has so frustrated, confused and angered the American people..."

For the benefit of those who believed them then about OPEC, but more for the benefit of those who believe them now about Iran, the Chump Box prints selections from Eizenstat's solution to the nation's problems:

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...

B.A.: Like the idea that this is such a great country when people in their millions have to take tranquilizers to make it through the day. When there's...

DJ: So, they're drinking vodka in Russia.

B.A.: Well that's because it's the same kind of system. Alcoholism is growing there as it's growing here for exactly the same reason: because capitalism is a decadent, rotten system. And that's the fact of it. That's the truth. People can call it rhetoric but it's true. ■