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150 VOLUNTEERS HIT D.C.

Organize to Stop
the Railroad of
Bob Avakian and
Free the Mao Tsetung
Defendants



Volunteers hold press conference in front of Superior Court announcing their arrival in D.C. on November 5.



Monday, November 5, WASHINGTON, D.C. As an NBC film crew stood facing the marbled walls of the District of Columbia Courthouse, reporters from the New York Times, the Washington Star and other newspapers milled about, obviously skeptical of statements made in the press release which had drawn them there. While several people from different parts of the country issued sharp and angry

statements after the press conference began, to the media it appeared that the whole event had fallen short of what had been promised.

But then, abruptly, several vans wheeled up across the street and these vans were concealing a large caliber weapon. The doors flew open and this weapon was revealed as people--young and old, Black, white, Puerto Rican and Chicano-- streamed over to the courthouse to take their place behind their comrades speaking to

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Who Is Bob Avakian and Why Does the Gov't Want Him?

To the bloodthirsty rich that own this country, Bob Avakian is the most dangerous man alive. He represents the end of their criminal rule. He's the man riling up the slaves. Bob Avakian is the Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party and is the most farsighted revolutionary leader to ever develop in this country.

The government has had their eyes on Bob Avakian since the 1960's. During that period he was the first white radical to fight side by side with the Black Panthers. He saw first hand the vicious nature of the U.S. ruling class when they

slaughtered Panther leaders.

He was also the first revolutionary in the 60's to see the shortcomings of the Black liberation movement and other movements of that period. He struggled to show that these movements could not succeed without basing themselves in the multi-national working class and without taking up revolutionary science--Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought. Those who scoffed at both the working class and

Marxism have since degenerated into idiots like Abbie Hoffman, Moonies like

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Become a Co-conspirator - Form an RW Network

Thousands of copies of the REVOLUTIONARY WORKER, both the special D.C. daily and the national weekly, being read and distributed throughout the D.C. area. In every housing project, people picking up the paper, selling and discussing it with their friends and neighbors. In factories, bus barns, and the back rooms of fancy hotels, workers discussing the latest developments in the government's attempt to railroad Bob Avakian and other burning questions in the world today. Lawyers, doctors, and teachers spreading the paper among their friends. The bars, stores and newsstands of every neighborhood selling the REVOLUTIONARY WORKER. The darkest corners of capitalist society blazing with the fire of the revolu-

tionary politics of the REVOLUTIONARY WORKER.

Brothers and sisters, this is what's called for today. Today, as the rot and decay of this society spreads and the capitalist system worldwide heads into the 1980's--a decade that promises crisis, war, and the real possibility of revolution in this country--this task is crucial. The REVOLUTIONARY WORKER is a key and central weapon that will arm many thousands of people in the D.C. area with a revolutionary understanding of this society, all its oppression and misery, and what has to be done to end it. Especially today, here in D.C., where the ruling class' desperate attempt to crush the revolutionary movement by ripping off Bob Avakian and crippling

the Revolutionary Communist Party is concentrated, it's only with the broadest possible use of this weapon, both the special daily edition and the national weekly, that thousands will be educated and activated to defeat this attack and push the whole revolutionary struggle forward.

This is the task ahead of us, building and spreading REVOLUTIONARY WORKER networks. Yes, networks--webs spun throughout the D.C. area that will distribute and discuss the REVOLUTIONARY WORKER on a regular basis. Networks in every corner of society that will train thousands as revolutionaries ready to step forward and seize the opportunity to lead the people of this country in making revolution.

We're talking about networks of conspirators preparing politically, ideologically and organizationally to overthrow the government, taking up and using the REVOLUTIONARY WORKER to educate and arm themselves and others towards that goal.

Building and spreading these networks is a critical task, both here in D.C. and throughout the country. It's a task whose fulfillment just might mean the difference in whether or not we're able to take things all the way in the 1980's. Today it's a vision, but time is running out. It's up to you to step forward, seize that vision and make it a reality. ■

Bob Avakian

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Eldridge Cleaver, or shameless flunkies like Tom Hayden.

This farsighted analysis played a key role in the formation of a true communist vanguard--the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP)--in 1975.

When Mao Tsetung died in 1976 the communist movement worldwide stood at a crossroads. Again Bob Avakian forged a breakthrough. He was the first to analyze that revolution had been betrayed by Teng and his cohorts, that the Chinese people were being put back on imperialism's auction block.

Learning from Mao, Bob Avakian waged a bitter struggle against the capitulation of Teng and his would-be emulators everywhere, showing that the struggle of the working class and oppressed people did not have to end up face down in a ditch, stabbed in the back.

The U.S. ruling class knows very well what Bob Avakian represents to us. They've had the FBI tracking him since 1967. They know great revolutionary leaders are precious to us. They aim to smash the RCP, and more fundamentally the surging struggle of the masses, by cutting off its head--Bob Avakian. They see the people, "their" slaves, rallying to the RCP as their own party.

They have to act now, before their system breaks down completely into another depression, before they start another world war, this time against their cut-throat cousins in the Soviet Union. They see the RCP going up against this future, already organizing those who refuse to live and die on their knees.

Bob Avakian has summed up very sharply what this struggle is all about, why the government is after him and the RCP: "...what the ruling class goes after first and foremost is that force which is the potential--and is developing as the actual--

leadership; that when you want to go after the masses of people, over whom you have to tighten your grip and crack your whip harder, you go after the people, the organized force, that can lead them, most fundamentally, in doing something about it."

So while the capitalists want to hide the railroad of Bob Avakian behind the closed doors of their courtroom, we aren't going to allow that to happen. Our stand is clear: "NO! You may own everything in this country, but you don't own us. We are going to fight this battle, and we are going to win it. ■

Volunteers

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the press. Press photographers snapped shots of the t-shirts many of these people were wearing --shirts emblazoned with a picture of a man whose face can be seen on posters all over the country. The NBC camera zoomed in on a bright red banner which clearly proclaimed these people's purpose: "Stop the Railroad of Bob Avakian, Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants." 150 "picked troops", selected and sent by the Revolutionary Communist Party to their city to fight on the front lines of a battle of world historic importance and literally turn D.C. Upside Down, had arrived.

The presence in this city of 150 "picked troops" represents a significant leap in a critical battle which has intensified over the last several months between the imperialist ruling class of this country on the one hand and the revolutionary leadership of the working class and masses of people on the other. By now, the government, from the highest levels on down, has removed any ground for doubt that they are out for blood, with the sharp point of their spear focused now on the upcoming trial of the Mao Tsetung Defendants. Last January, D.C. police attacked a demonstration of RCP members and supporters protesting the visit

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IN WASHINGTON D.C. ON THE EVE OF BATTLE

**A Major Rally on
Sunday Nov. 18**

**A Demonstration as Court
Convenes on Monday, Nov. 19**

**Stop the Railroad of Bob Avakian!
Free the Mao Tsetung
Defendants!**

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Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants
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to the U.S. of the Chinese revisionist leader Teng Hsiao-ping. Within eyesight and earshot of the White House, many were beaten and 78 arrested including Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party. Since this initial police assault the government has both concentrated its attack, especially against Bob Avakian, and repeatedly escalated the terms of the

battle--from the misdemeanor arrests of the 78 to the indictment of Bob Avakian and 16 others on multiple felony charges to their reindictments on 26 counts, carrying a maximum prison sentence of 241 years each.

The deadly serious nature of this attack on the RCP and its Chairman has been responded to in kind. The Party has been keenly

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Statement to the FBI, CIA, D.C. Cops, et al...

Ah yes, the Shah had his SAVAK; the U.S. has their FBI. As soon as our spirited troops hit the streets of D.C., it was obvious the capitalists hadn't been idle. We weren't going to be 'allowed' to set up camp, go into training and come out fighting when the bell rang! They want to deal with this battle on their own terms. They want to make the rules and it's clear those rules are intended to bind us, not them.

Just imagine the great despair of the high and mighty when they read about the 150 class-conscious volunteers 'descending' on their citadel of capitalism! Imagine these sneaky little weasels tying up the Hot Line to their FBI with a conversation something like this: "Oh shit, we're being invaded! No, dummy, it's not our Russian look alikes...we've got nuclear weapons to deal with that. It's worse! It's our own working class. Now you've got it. Those revolutionary workers led by Avakian and the Revolutionary Communist Par-

ty (RCP). Take care of it, but don't be too open just yet!" So, they set about shifting into high gear another of their infamous whispering campaigns...psst! Psst! The RCP this and the RCP that!

Suddenly, things were different here. Progressive church and institutional leaders who had previously agreed to house our troops turned us down and drew the line with this battle. Rentals for office space and a bookstore were first agreed to and a few hours later withdrawn. Seems like we were "too hot to handle". Even the legal realm of the battle assumed a different pose. November 19th, originally scheduled for a hearing to dismiss the entire trial was now watered down to a dismissal of the identification procedure.

Should we say you sure threw us into a quandry? That we just couldn't put our finger on who was behind it all? C'mon fellas! We can hear the clicking of our telephone lines, we've seen your late model Chryslers hot on our tails and we've spotted your ca-

meramen lurking around the corners! REALLY! Who are you trying to fool? Why hide it? Yes, yes, yes, you're forced to do it. Your masters wouldn't sit still for you slacking up on THIS one! You all know we're not just talking about making revolution here, we're laying the foundation to DO it!

See, the people of this country know you for what you are and it's part of the reason why we hate this damned system so much! And yes, our agitators are in the streets exposing you every step of the way. Know what? Each time we drag out your hideous picture, you make more and more enemies among the people.

You're damned if you do this in your usual underhanded way because we're here to continue the unveiling with each repressive

step you take. In fact, the more you do, the more you prove our point for us--that the trial of Bob Avakian is not a criminal case but a political railroad.

And you're damned if you don't sneak and hide and you come out more openly with it. Face it...you're damned either way! This battle is not YOU vs. Bob Avakian and the RCP...it's YOU vs. the masses of people. Your fatal flaw has always been to underestimate those you oppress. And these are the people who are supporting and joining with us in thousands of ways you'll never know and never stop! These are the people who will ultimately come forward to stop your political frameup of Bob Avakian!

We said it at the beginning: "The Shah HAD his SAVAKI!"

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aware that, while it must wage and has waged a tit-for-tat struggle against the government in the courtroom, fundamentally this struggle would only be won outside the courtroom by activating and rallying increasing numbers of people to stand with the RCP in the face of the government assault. It was in this context that in late September, as the opening date of the trial grew near, the Central Committee of the RCP issued a call to Party members and supporters to come to D.C. and stay through the course of the trial. Why? As the call stated, volunteers would be selected "to gather their combined force where the trial is to be held, in the very political capital of our imperialist rulers, and through their united efforts to take the issue of this trial and the crucial political issues it concentrates, out to the hundreds of thousands of people in the Washington D.C. area so that by the time the trial starts, and even more so through the course of it, this will become the major political question in that area and indeed throughout the country, known of and talked about on a daily basis by the masses of people. We aim at nothing less than turning that area into a major political battleground, and in doing so and through the support built in every major area, to rock this country to its foundations..."

POLITICAL ARMY

While the trial itself was postponed until February--now literally the first political trial of the 80's--the maneuver-

ing of the government, both in the courthouse and elsewhere, made clear the absolute necessity to send the volunteers to D.C. now. And the massive surveillance, escalating harassment and arrests carried out by any number of local and federal police agencies since Monday's arrival of the volunteers has made something even clearer: that the government is well aware of the danger posed by the presence of these "picked troops" to their plans to carry through with the railroad of Bob Avakian and the 16 other Mao Tsetung Defendants. Why? Because the "picked troops" are essentially a political army--and this is an army unlike any motherfucking army the bastards who run this country have ever seen. In its ranks are politically conscious men and women who are fired with a vision of the future--a revolutionary solution to the daily madness this system breeds--as well as a sharp and deep grasp of the crucial and decisive nature of this battle now in D.C. But more, the enemy is acutely conscious of where the strength of this political army fundamentally lies--among the masses of people who hate and despise this system, long for a way out, and can themselves be won to actively support and join the ranks of "picked troops" to defeat this government attack on Bob Avakian and the Revolutionary Communist Party.

In fact, no sharper example exists of the glaring contradiction in this country than this city itself--where in the very shadow of the Capitol building people freeze to death for lack of heat. Certainly the authorities know that this is the basis for thousands to join the struggle. As Bob Avakian



said recently in a speech here in D.C., "look at this city... this city is blasting powder waiting to go off...politically!"

Are the "picked troops" armed? Yes they are--armed with an understanding that great storms and upheavals lie in the decade ahead, that the real possibility of a revolutionary crisis developing has forced the ruling class to intensify its political repression against the only organization seriously working for revolution and to aim the spearhead of all this at the leader of that organization, and that this calls for a life or death struggle to be waged and won right now in Washington D.C.

Are the "picked troops" organized? Indeed. Ranks of agitators are fanning throughout this city, from the neighborhoods of East Capitol to the courthouse of Judiciary Square to the campuses like GWU and Howard. Cultural workers, actors, musicians, and filmmakers have come as volunteers and will be performing on the street corners and all throughout D.C. Revolutionary journalists, activists among youth and activists among professionals--all this has been

combined into one united force which will make our rulers sorry they ever heard of the RCP.

Are the "picked troops" serious? Dead serious. Among the ranks of the volunteers are people who have sacrificed a great deal to join the front lines. They are veterans from the class struggle from every part of this country, like Travis Morales who was convicted earlier this year on felony riot charges for standing with the rebellion of Chicano people in Houston, they are revolutionary workers from the coal mines of W. Virginia and the auto plants of Detroit; they are people from the ghettos and barrios of New York City and Chicago; and; they are "fresh troops", people who have only recently come forward because they recognize the critical stakes of this struggle.

While the U.S. government is dead serious about railroading Bob Avakian and jailing the Mao Tsetung Defendants, 150 "picked troops" are dead serious about preventing this. But though it numbered 150 on Monday, this political army won't stay that size for long. ■



Traducción de la Edición Especial en D.C.
sobre el juicio de Bob Avakian
y los Acusados Mao Tsetung

150 Voluntarios Llegan a D.C.

Organicemos Para Parar el Complot Contra
Bob Avakian y Liberar a los Acusados Mao Tsetung

Lunes, 5 de noviembre. Washington D.C. Según varias personas presentaron agudas y enconadas declaraciones en una conferencia de prensa frente a la corte de Distrito de Colombia, varios autobuses medianos llegaron en la calle. Dentro de éstos había un arma de alto calibre. Esta arma se expuso cuando las puertas de los autobuses se abrieron; una hemorragia de gente, joven y adulta, negra, blanca, puertorriqueña y chicana salió a través de la calle para unirse a sus camaradas que hablaban a la prensa. Una cámara de NBC enfocó de cerca una pancarta que proclamó el propósito de ésta gente: "Alto al complot contra Bob Avakian, Libertad para los Acusados Mao Tsetung". 150 "tropas escogidas" seleccionadas por el Partido Comunista Revolucionario para pelear en las filas del frente de una batalla histórica, han llegado.

Batalla Crítica

La presencia en ésta ciudad de 150 "tropas escogidas" representa un salto significativo en una batalla crítica que se ha intensificado en los últimos meses, entre la clase dominante de éste país, por un lado y el liderazgo revolucionario de la clase obrera y las masas de gente, en el otro. Ya el gobierno, desde su más alto nivel hasta el más bajo, no ha dejado dudas de que quiere sangre, con la punta de su lanza apuntando hacia el venidero juicio de los Acusados Mao Tsetung. En enero pasado la policía de D.C. atacó una demostración de miembros y apoyantes del Partido Comunista Revolucionario (PCR), protestando la visita a EEUU del líder revisionista Chino, Teng Hsiao-ping. Frente a Casa Blanca, muchos fueron golpeados y 78 fueron arrestados, incluyendo a Bob Avakian, presidente del PCR. Desde éste ataque original de la policía, el gobierno ha intensificado su ataque, especialmente contra Bob Avakian y escalonando repetidamente los términos de la batalla: desde los cargos menores iniciales contra los 78, hasta la acusación de Bob Avakian y los otros 16 de cargos de felonía múltiple, hasta la re-acusación de 26 cargos, sumando una sen-

tencia de prisión máxima de 241 años.

La mortal seriedad de la naturaleza de éste ataque contra el PCR y su presidente ha sido contestada a su altura. El Partido ha estado bien consciente de que aunque tiene que lanzar una lucha de golpe por golpe contra el gobierno en la corte, y así lo ha hecho, fundamentalmente ésta pelea será ganada solamente fuera de la corte activando y organizando creciente número de gente para defender al PCR frente al asalto del gobierno. Fue en éste contexto que al final de Septiembre, según se acercaba la fecha del Juicio, el Comité Central del PCR lanzó un llamado a miembros del Partido y a los apoyantes para que vinieran a D.C. y se quedaran a través del juicio. ¿Por qué? Según se dijo, los voluntarios serán escogidos "para reunir su fuerza combinada a donde el juicio se llevará a cabo, en la misma capital política de nuestros dominantes imperialistas y a través de sus esfuerzos unidos, para llevar el asunto de éste juicio y los asuntos políticos cruciales que éste concentra, a los cientos de miles de gente en el área de Washington D.C., para que, para cuando comience el juicio, y aun más a través del curso del mismo, éste se convertirá en la cuestión política mayor en esa área y así mismo a través del país, conocida y hablada cada día por las masas de gente. Nos proponemos nada menos que convertir esa área en un campo de batalla política mayor y al hacer ésto y a través del apoyo organizado en cada área mayor, remover todo este país hasta sus raíces..."

Ejército Político

Aunque el juicio mismo fue pospuesto hasta febrero - siendo literalmente el primer juicio político de los años 80's - el manipuleo del gobierno, tanto en corte como fuera de ésta, hace claro la absoluta necesidad de traer los voluntarios a D.C. ahora. La vigilancia masiva abusos y arrestos crecientes lanzados por agencias locales y federales de la policía desde el

lunes con la llegada de los voluntarios, ha hecho algo aun más claro: que el gobierno está bien consciente del peligro que representa la presencia de dichas "tropas escogidas" a sus planes de llevar a cabo el complot contra Bob Avakian y los otros 16 Acusados Mao Tsetung ¿Por qué? Porque las "tropas escogidas" son esencialmente un ejército político--y éste es un ejército distinto a cualquier puñetero ejército jamás antes visto por los bastardos que dominan éste país. En sus filas hay hombres y mujeres políticamente conscientes, prendidos con una visión del futuro: una solución revolucionaria a la locura diaria que respira éste sistema, tanto como un agudo y profundo entendimiento de la naturaleza crucial y decisiva de esta batalla actual en D.C. Pero aun más, el enemigo está claramente consciente de donde se basa fundamentalmente la fortaleza de éste ejército político: entre las masas de gente que odia y desprecia éste sistema, aspiran a salir de éste y que pueden ser ganados a apoyar activamente y a unirse a las filas de éstas "tropas escogidas" para derrotar éste ataque gubernamental contra Bob Avakian y el PCR.

De hecho, no existe más claro ejemplo de la punsante contradicción en éste país que ésta misma ciudad--donde a la misma sombra del edificio capital la gente muere de frío por falta de calefacción. Las autoridades saben ciertamente que ésta es la base de que miles se unan a la lucha. Según dijo Bob Avakian recientemente en un discurso aquí en D.C. "mire a ésta ciudad... ésta ciudad es dinamita caliente esperando explotar... políticamente..."

¿Están armadas las "tropas escogidas"? Si lo están--armadas con el entendimiento de que grandes tormentas y revueltas se avecinan en la próxima década, de que la posibilidad real del desarrollo de una crisis revolucionaria ha forzado a la clase dominante a intensificar su represión política contra la única

organización seriamente trabajando hacia la revolución y a dirigir su puntería al líder de esa organización y que ésto llama a una lucha de vida o muerte a ser lanzada y ganada ahora en Washington D.C.

¿Están organizadas éstas "tropas escogidas"? De hecho. Destacamientos de agitadores se están regando por toda la ciudad, desde los vecindarios de East Capitol, hasta las cortes de Judiciary Square, hasta las universidades como GWU y Howard. Trabajadores culturales, como actores, músicos y productores de película han venido como voluntarios y estarán actuando en las esquinas y en todo D.C. Reporteros revolucionarios, activistas entre los jóvenes y entre los profesionales--todo esto ha sido combinado en una fuerza unida que hará arrepentirse a nuestros dominantes de siquiera haber oído acerca del PCR.

¿Son serias éstas "tropas escogidas"? Absolutamente serias. Entre las filas de los voluntarios hay gente que ha sacrificado muchísimo para unirse a las filas del frente. Son veteranos de la lucha de clase desde cada rincón de éste país--como Travis Morales que fue convicto al comienzo de éste año con cargos de felonía de motín, por defender la revelión del pueblo Chicano en Houston: son obreros revolucionarios de las minas de carbón de W. Virginia y las fábricas automotrices de Detroit: son gente de los arrabales y barrios de la ciudad de Nueva York y Chicago: y son "tropas frescas", gente que se han envuelto sólo recientemente porque reconocen lo crítico de lo que está en juego en ésta lucha.

Mientras que el gobierno estadounidense está mortalmente serio acerca de fabricarle un caso a Bob Avakian y encarcelar a los Acusados Mao Tsetung, 150 "tropas escogidas" están mortalmente serias acerca de prevenir ésto. Y aunque sumaban 150 el lunes, éste ejército político no se quedará de ese tamaño por mucho tiempo. ■

EN WASHINGTON D.C. LA VISPERA DE BATALLA

Manifestación Mayor
Domingo 18 de Noviembre

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Corte Se Convoca
el Lunes 19 de Noviembre

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