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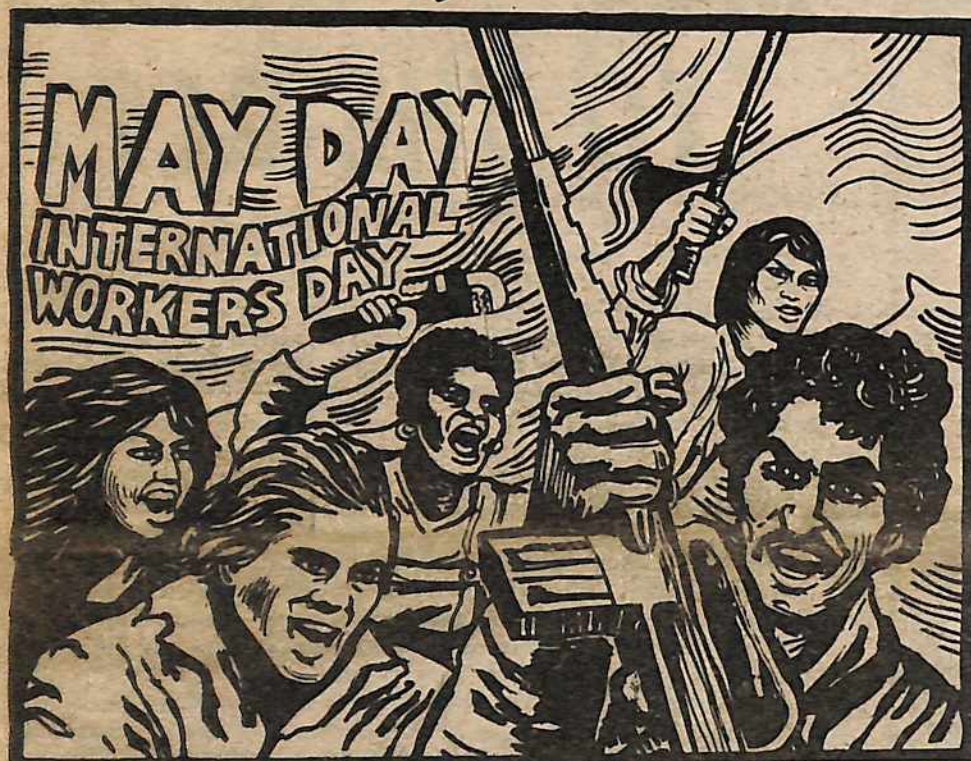
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Hundreds Rally to Defend Moody Park 3

(WPS)—Houston, April 8th. 500 yards from the recreation center, towering behind thick brush and gray stone, lurks the SWAT team and the Houston Police Dept. They hold fast their semi-automatic AR-15's and their high-powered binoculars. They remember last Cinco de Mayo and the beating they suffered at the hands of the masses. Last night in the Irvington Courts housing project a 28-year-old Chicano epileptic was fair game. Today the pigs are hiding in the bushes.

Moody Park. All around the recreation center, where the forbidden rally was to take place, there are hundreds of people from the Northside barrio. Cars are inching down Fulton St., their occupants straining to see the recreation center. In the park, on both sides of the building, are more people, gathering around the huge speakers that will carry a powerful message out far beyond the four walls of the recreation center. Everyone waiting, watching, wondering—will the rally really come off, will the pigs attack us? Silently and aloud, they declare to themselves and each other that if the pigs try to bust it up, they will be met by Moody Park Rebellion No. 3.

Inside the building, the old basketball courts are transformed into a storm center to free the three revolutionary fighters who reaffirmed and continued the spirit and power of the Houston Rebellion. Banners—some of them 10

feet tall, cover three walls—Free the Moody Park 3, Defend the Houston Rebellion—from Seattle, Hawaii, Baton Rouge, Nashville—signed by people all over the country—workers, students, youth, professionals. On the wall behind the stage, in English and Spanish, stands the bright red banner of the RCP with large white letters: It says: Moody Park—Seed of the Future—From Rebellion to Mass Armed Revolution!

Now the gym is filled with people from Houston's Northside barrio, from across the West and Southwest, from as far away as Hawaii. Two people step forward onto the stage and a hush comes over the room. "Brothers and Sisters in Struggle, welcome to the rally to free the Moody Park 3."

Pandemonium breaks out. Cheering, yelling, screaming, standing ovation. The masses surging forward in struggle. In spite of the vicious threats and cowardly attempts of Houston's rulers and their hired mouthpieces and executioners to prevent it, the rally was on.

Eleven months after Moody Park erupted into flames—right in the very park where it all started—here was a rally demanding freedom for the revolutionary fighters who had publicly upheld and cherished the Houston Rebellion. And more, these leaders had said that revolution was the only road

forward for the oppressed nationalities and the working class. This was something that the rulers could not tolerate, but this rally was going on—right up in their faces.

THE BATTLE OF THE RALLY

From the time the permit applications for the recreation center were turned in six weeks before, they had done everything in their power to prevent it from happening. Mayor McConn and the City Council brazenly buried the applications in red tape and refused to issue a permit. As more and more endorsements came in from around the country, as posters and signs went up all over town proclaiming the intention of going ahead with the rally anyway, and as the masses began to show strong support, it became clear that the ruling class had one hell of a battle on their hands.

They tried intimidation, arrests—charging one woman, an active supporter of the Moody Park 3 from Irvington Courts with "attempted murder" of the slimy police spy who manages the project. They tried harassment. The police chief even held a meeting with park personnel trying desperately to get a condemnation of the rally. He failed. One of the employees said, "That rebellion was long overdue. It should have happened 20 years ago."

One hundred twenty-eight shopkeepers in Houston, 4 out of every 5 of those asked, displayed the "Free the Moody Park 3" poster in their windows. This in answer to the lies of the rulers that the small stores had been the target of the rebellion.

A strong speech before a cheering, standing-room-only crowd at a city council meeting was the icing on the cake. The city caved in. The permit was issued.

But then, for the first time in three years, the fire dept. "mysteriously" decided to inspect the Moody Park gym, reducing the legal capacity from 350 to 260. The police department threatened to count the number of people at the rally. Mayor McConn made an official statement that the HPD would "provide security" for the park Sunday, a clear attempt to scare people away.

With 200 people coming into Houston for the action, the question of where people could be housed became another battle line. Days were spent calling 70 churches, community centers, etc. with very little results. The churches in particular exposed their role. Their contribution to the capitalist donation plate was to call on people to boycott the rally and stay away from "godless communists" and "trouble-making outside agitators" like Travis Morales.

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Build the Revolutionary Worker!

Build the Revolutionary Struggle!

On May 1 this year, on the international working class' revolutionary holiday, the new national weekly *Revolutionary Worker* will appear in the streets and factories of this country like a powerful artery pumping red blood into the gathering revolutionary movement and establishing a powerful lifeline between the Party and the masses of people.

The establishment, development and widespread circulation of this newspaper is the most important immediate task that now confronts us in order to accomplish the great goal of making revolution. It is around this newspaper that revolutionary fighters will gather and train to become leaders of the revolutionary movement. That is why the work around this newspaper right now is key to preparing to lead the revolutionary torrent of many millions that will arise when the conditions of today give rise to a revolutionary situation in this country.

This newspaper will become a powerful social force not just because tens and then hundreds of thousands read it, but also because thousands step forward to distribute it, agitate around it, write for it and use it to expand the organized force of the working class and its allies for revolution.

An organized force, a movement—that is what this newspaper must create as it awakens the revolutionary sentiments of the people.

This newspaper must establish its regular pulse throughout the working class neighborhoods, the ghettos and barrios, the housing projects, the factories and fields, the prisons and schools of this country. This will require a network, not only of Party members and close supporters, but of many more

people as well. This newspaper must be taken out among coworkers and neighbors, and among the millions of strangers who are class brothers and sisters or potential allies of the working class. It must constantly gather new readers and turn readers into distributors, agitators, correspondents and so on, constantly expanding the circle. In this way many people will be drawn in to and trained in practical revolutionary work and organized around a common, regular political task, creating an organizational structure and trained forces which can in turn develop and lead a very broad political movement.

This newspaper must be passed from hand to hand—through many hands. People will step forward to take it from door to door in the housing projects—and people in these projects themselves will step forward to organize distribution there. This artery will run deep into the factories, creating a network of regular readers and distributors whose branches reach department by department. This newspaper will be surrounded by the voices of people agitating with it, arguing for and against its points, discussing deeply and regularly all the questions that cry out for discussion. Through this lifeline both the Party and the masses will be nourished, and fighting capability and organization will grow. And in this way the revolutionary forces will grow both strong and flexible, organized to be able to deal with all the different conditions that will arise. For we're not just planning a newspaper, we're working for a revolution and a newspaper as a key weapon to help.

We are calling on people to subscribe to this paper, to arrange to receive the paper weekly through their

local *Revolutionary Worker* distributors, or by mail. Through bookstores, newsstands and other kinds of sales, through subscription campaigns and mail subscriptions, this newspaper will be able to reach broadly, both in geographical terms and in terms of different class forces and strata, far beyond the circle organized around it. This, in turn, will help to create conditions to extend that network much more widely. In this way, the *Revolutionary Worker* will be linked to and influence the pulse of all political life in this society, so as to train people with the broad viewpoint and gather the broad forces necessary to overthrow the capitalists' rule and transform all of society under the rule

of the working class.

This newspaper will be a tremendously powerful force for creating the movement and training revolutionary leaders so that the masses of people, under the leadership of the working class and its Party, can rise up in armed insurrection and put an end to this brutal capitalist system once and for all. To carry out that practical task, to make that dream a reality, today the Revolutionary Communist Party calls on all revolutionary fighters to step forward and take up the practical tasks of building the *Revolutionary Worker*, building the network and extending the lifeline deeply and broadly among the people. ■

MAY 1st WAGES TO THE RCP

(WPS)—The Revolutionary Communist Party is calling on all class conscious workers in the United States to donate the wages they earn on International Workers Day, May 1st, to the cause of the revolution. The Party is presently embarked on a major battle, a battle to raise one million dollars to finance the revolutionary work of the Party including the launching of the national weekly *Revolutionary Worker*, and to help to defend the Party and the revolutionary movement from the vicious attacks being launched on it from Houston to Washington D.C. In this country, the Revolutionary Communist Party alone is devoting its every effort to preparing for the revolution of the working class. Only the political party of the working class is capable of leading the masses in making revolution; without the leadership of such a party—the Revolutionary Communist Party—the workers will never break free of the chains of capitalism and their struggle will never advance beyond being merely a fight for better conditions in their slavery and into a war against the system of slavery—wage slavery—itsself.

We call on those who work on May 1st, not to work as beasts of burden but in the spirit of the workers in every country for whom May Day is a special day of struggle against the capitalist ruling classes, a day in which the goal of the working class—the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism and the building of a whole new world, i.e. socialism and eventually communism, is again proclaimed in every country. This year, May Day in this country will not generally be celebrated by strikes; instead many workers will be gathering in Oakland, California and in Washington, D.C. for demonstrations on Saturday, May 5. And in every major city, and in many factories, activities will be taking place on May Day itself within the very walls of the capitalists' profit mills.

The workers movement will, before too long, take a giant step forward by waging political strikes on May First. Today, the class conscious workers can lay the basis for this advance by taking the spirit of May Day into the plants and by donating a day's wages to the party of revolution in the U.S.

This May First the capitalists will succeed in sucking their usual daily mountain of profit from the labor of the workers. But far more important will be the blow, subversive and militant, the workers strike on May First. The money the workers donate, though crucial for the further advance of the Party, pales in comparison to the most important aspect of this action—that *politically* a section of the workers will be working on May 1st with their eyes not just on the clock which signals at what time they escape the confines of the factory for a day, but on the *future* that awaits the working class, and on the steps that the workers are taking today to hasten that future. And celebrating May Day in the plants themselves is exactly one such step, a step which will send fear into the hearts of the capitalists as they see workers celebrating—and preparing—the future abolition of wage slavery right in the very places where that slavery is perpetuated.

For the capitalists, discipline in their factories is built upon the threat of hunger, the tyranny of the foreman, and the dullness they try to drive into the mind of the worker, hoping to reduce him to a simple extension of their machinery. But this year's May Day will at one and the same time be a rejection of and a blow against this capitalist compulsion and will look forward to building what Lenin called "a new and higher social bond, a social discipline, the discipline of class-conscious and united working people, who know no yoke and no authority except the authority of their own unity, of their own, more class-conscious, bold, solid, revolutionary and steadfast vanguard."

By turning over their pay for May Day to the Revolutionary Communist Party, by sacrificing personal needs to the needs of the revolution, workers will be acting in the spirit of communism which, again as Lenin put it, begins when the rank and file workers labor not for what accrues "to the workers personally or their 'close' kith and kin, but to their 'distant' kith and kin, i.e. to society as a whole, to tens and millions of people..." Of course, today only our paychecks can go to the interests of the revolution, but *tomorrow*, our very labor itself will go to meeting the needs of, uplifting, and *transforming* all of society. And our paychecks that we donate May 1st, and the political statement that we make by doing so, will help to bring that future into being. ■

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THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PARIS COMMUNE ARE ETERNAL

108 years ago this spring, the workers in Paris were involved in an heroic uprising that opened a struggle that is still going on.

108 years ago this spring, the workers of Paris waged the first armed uprising of the working class. They seized and held power in their hands and in so doing began a drama—the proletarian revolution—that remains for the workers throughout the world to carry through to conclusion. From the factories and sweatshops the working men and women poured into the streets of Paris, "storming heaven," as Karl Marx described it. Within days, the capitalists were scurrying for cover, timeworn institutions which oppressed the workers were torn apart and generations of tradition's chains were broken. They raised the red flag of revolution for 72 days until the capitalists who ruled France were able to wreak their bloody vengeance on the slaves who dared to rebel.

The Paris Commune ended in defeat. But the flag of the Commune, the red flag, is carried by revolutionary workers in every country and the song inspired by the Commune, the *Internationale*, is the common anthem of the class conscious workers everywhere. Communists continue to draw great inspiration from the Paris Commune and continue to study its lessons.

STORMING HEAVEN

Countless wonders were created once the capitalists had been driven from Paris, fleeing to Versailles. On every level, schools were open to all. Rent for housing was cancelled and the factories, formerly owned by the capitalists but now expropriated by the Commune, were run by the workers themselves.

The army and the police were abolished. All citizens capable of bearing arms were enrolled in the National Guard, the only armed force and under the control of the workers.

The Commune itself, the government formed by the masses of Paris, was made up of workers or recognized representatives of the working class. Its members were all subject to recall from office at any time, and from top to bottom they all received the same wages as any worker.

The Victory Column, a monument to the bloody wars of aggression of the French bourgeoisie, was destroyed as the workers declared, "The flag of the Commune is the flag of the world republic!"

But the workers of Paris, surrounded on all sides and faced with famine due to economic blockade, could no more than begin their work during the brief period of the Commune.

The French bourgeoisie regathered its forces and carried out a "slaveholders revolt" against the victorious slaves. Communards by the thousands were killed in house-to-house fighting or shot down like dogs as prisoners. For the rulers, the additional task remained of creating public opinion which would spread the idea that a struggle like that waged by the Communards was doomed from the beginning and that it was useless for the oppressed to rise up against their oppressor. The upper classes openly gloated over the Commune's defeat and the capitalist press flooded France and all of Europe with pamphlets and newspaper articles focusing on the bloody details of the dead. Cook's Tours, a British travel agency for the rich, even organized trips to the tops of the hills outside Paris so the bourgeoisie could watch the defeat of the Commune through binoculars.

Thus the Paris Commune was smashed, this historic moment of our class defeated.

Awed by the temporary strength of the enemy, many once considered revolutionary leaders deserted to its ranks. The valiant fight of the Parisian heroes was a waste of time, said these traitors, and the main lesson to learn from it

was that it should never have been attempted. Instead, they should have passed up the rare opportunity afforded by revolutionary crisis and avoided the chance to put the capitalists and their man-eating system in the grave.

But how do true revolutionaries look at setbacks which inevitably take place in the revolutionary struggle of the working class? Karl Marx, in particular, refused to join the chorus of those who derided the heroic Communards and took up the task of summing up the experience of this first working class revolution.

"If the Commune should be destroyed, the struggle would only be postponed. The principles of the Commune are eternal and indestructible; they will present themselves again and again until the working class is liberated."
(Marx)

The institutions which arose with the rule of the bourgeoisie would have to be smashed and new ones representing the rule of the working class developed. This is because, unlike other classes which waged revolutionary struggle in the past, the goal of the working class is not simply to grab power and institute a new form of exploitation. Its goal is communism, nothing less than the complete abolition of all class distinctions and privileges and the property relations on which they rest, the destruction of all the rotten ideas which have held sway and been fostered by the exploiting classes for innumerable generations. And Marx hailed the Paris Commune, this first attempt at workers' rule, as a shining monument in the struggle of the proletariat toward its historic goal.

On the other hand, Marx analyzed the short-comings of the workers' first attempt to seize and hold political power. He saw that the Commune had failed to carry out the workers' dictatorship ruthlessly and swiftly enough. The

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ADVANCES AND SETBACKS IN STRUGGLE

History has borne out this truth. Less than 50 years after the fall of the Paris Commune, the "principles of the Commune" presented themselves again, this time on a higher level, not just in one city, but across a whole country. Learning from the lessons of history, particularly Marx's teachings on the dictatorship of the proletariat, V.I. Lenin led the Russian working class in overthrowing the bourgeoisie and establishing a worker's state that lasted for almost 40 years. But then, betrayed from within by a new class of capitalists that had grown up inside the socialist society and the communist party, the rule of capital was restored and revolution again temporarily set back.

But what did *this* defeat give rise to? An end of revolution? A permanent setback for the working class? History again provided the answer, especially with the Chinese revolution.

While the people of China captured power and ran out the imperialists in 1949—itsself a monumental accomplishment—and by 1956 succeeded in constructing socialist society, the victory in this stage of the revolution by no means meant that the struggle was over.

Mao Tsetung, the greatest revolutionary of our time, made a truly immortal contribution to the science of revolution by summing up the defeat of proletarian rule in the USSR and applying this developed understanding to the socialist stage of the revolution in China. With the spirit of Marx, Mao made this contribution in the face of wholesale desertion from the ranks of the working class fomented by the degeneration of the Soviet Union.

Mao taught that revolution must still be waged under socialism. The struggle of the working class, its strength and consciousness, had advanced to the point where the bourgeoisie was no longer capable of operating the same as in previous times. Its class nature hadn't changed, it still longed for the rule of capital, only now it would have to dress up its nature in proletarian trimmings, disguise itself as communist.

This presented new obstacles, new difficulties which Mao recognized and met head on. He worked tirelessly to arm the people with the understanding that the bourgeoisie would have to be the target of continual revolution for a long period of time. And a major breakthrough in his efforts to mobilize the masses for this struggle came in 1966 with the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

All society was thrown into upheaval as the Cultural Revolution raged throughout China for 10 years. This was a political battle the likes of which the world had never seen. Millions were mobilized to beat back the capitalist-roaders as these dogs were torn down one after another from the high offices they held and tried to use for restoring capitalism.

The masses were truly forging their own destiny. Things that were seen on only an infant basis 100 years earlier during the Paris Commune were put into practice on a broad and vast scale unimaginable. Socialist new things were created, like the revolutionary committees which brought forward the initiative and leadership of the working class and masses in all spheres of society from the factories to the universities.

The eternal and indestructible principles of the Paris Commune had again presented themselves on yet a higher level with the Cultural Revolution which represented the highest pinnacle yet achieved by mankind and the highest advance toward the lofty goal of communism yet reached by our class.

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Paris Commune, 1871



Russian Revolution, 1917



Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, 1967

DICTATORSHIP OF PROLETARIAT

The Commune expressed what Marx had projected some 20 years earlier. He had recognized that the outcome of the struggle between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat would inevitably be communism—classless society. But he also saw that this would not come about automatically. The change from a society based on the exploitation of the many by the few to one where all exploitation and oppression had been abolished would require the working class to forcibly overthrow the old exploiters and set about transforming society. Marx called this transition to communism the *dictatorship of the proletariat*.

country's main financial pillar, The Bank of France, was left untouched and instead of marching on Versailles immediately while the French bourgeoisie was still weakened from its defeat at the hands of Prussia, the workers of the Commune allowed them to escape and regather their forces.

But despite these weaknesses, Marx flew in the face of the open gloating of the bourgeoisie over the defeat of the Commune as well as the preaching of the traitors that all was lost. Even as the battle was still raging in Paris, he declared that, "If the Commune should be destroyed, the struggle would only be postponed. The principles of the Commune are eternal and indestructible; they will present themselves again

BOB AVAKIAN

RCP CHAIRMAN

ON WORLD WAR AND REVOLUTION

As Mao Tsetung put it very clearly and simply: "We are advocates of the abolition of war, we do not want war; but war can only be abolished through war, and in order to get rid of the gun it is necessary to take up the gun."

Excerpts from a speech given by Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, in Seattle, Washington in March 1979.

The subject is the question of world war and revolution, and the question of where are we going to aim the guns. So there's not a question of whether there's going to be guns aimed or whether there's going to be bullets fired. The answer to that question is very clear. We can see looming on the horizon another war, not just a war like Vietnam, a so-called police action like Korea, but we can see that they're trying to prepare the big one. They're trying to drag the whole world into world war for what reasons we'll talk about soon. At the same time we see in Iran, we see in all parts of the world the flames of revolution gathering and growing, people rising up against tremendous odds, against tremendous bloody repression to make revolution and take their destiny into their own hands.

Now these are big questions, world war and revolution, heavy questions, controversial questions, the question of what do we mean when we talk about turning the guns around, who we're talking about aiming those guns at and what for. What purpose are we going to fire bullets for, to serve whom and to accomplish what? These are the questions we're going to be talking about tonight, these are the questions we've got to continue to talk about, and do something about on the basis of a clear and a correct understanding that really represents our own interests.

Now it's obvious the situation in the world is growing more and more tense, and it's growing more and more complicated every day. Every day in the news you can check out and see something else jumps off somewhere else in the world that's heavy. This week it might be Southeast Asia or Vietnam or China, then it might be the Middle East, it might be something in Europe or something right in this country.

TURN THE GUNS AROUND

The U.S. is tightening up its bloc and the Soviet Union is tightening up its bloc and these two gangsters face a situation where the world is divided. There's not enough blood for them to suck among the people they've already got under their control. They've got to have more blood to suck, just like vampires who always got to have more blood to suck and they went down to the blood bank and it's not enough for 'em. So they've got to go and rob and get more people to exploit, more blood to suck. And this is what they are preparing to do and this is what we see on the horizon. And our stand is very clear in relationship to this. We don't like the so-called socialist capitalist exploiters in the Soviet Union any more than we like the rulers of our own country or vice versa. We want to sweep them both into the garbage can of history where they belong. And we intend to work for revolutionary war.

We don't intend and we will not be a part, a cog in the machine of their development toward a war between these different groups of slavemasters to see which one of them will control more of the world. We intend to work and to develop a consciousness among people to the point where they'll rise up in arms and make revolution. We support that not only here but around the world, including in the Soviet Union, and we'll do our part to make our contribution to that process worldwide. That's the only kind of struggle and that's the only kind of attitude and stand and action with regard to the question of the war they're preparing that can really serve our interest.

I'd like to go a little bit into some of the questions that people raise when we lay out this stand, when we talk about how we're not working for imperialist war,

we're not going to fight for the imperialists. We may go in their army. We might put on their uniforms and we will certainly take any guns they give us. But we are not going to fight for their imperialist interests. We are going to prepare to use those guns in the only good way they can be used. We're working for a different kind of war. We're working for civil war. Our slogan is not imperialist war, but civil war. This is what we're working for.

NUCLEAR WAR

A big question that comes up around the question of war is the question of nuclear weapons. This is obviously a big and serious question for people because these weapons have been developed and everybody has the sense that they haven't been developed for no reason. They've been developed not only to threaten the other side but also if maybe a showdown comes the question is, will they use these weapons. And what will be the consequence if they use these nuclear weapons? Some people have mistaken ideas about this from the one side or the other.

Some say, "Well, they're not really going to use these weapons because they'll just destroy the whole world and they don't want to do that. After all, even if they want to be exploiters, they've got a certain amount of sense, so there's no point in them using all these weapons. They'd just blow up the whole world and they don't want to do that."

Or else these people say, "They won't go to war because of the danger of nuclear weapons being used. So therefore, even though some of what you say may be true, that'll stay their hand, that'll keep them from going to war because they don't want to blow up the whole world."

But this is wrong. We have to look at the cold, hard reality, at the kind of people and more than that at the system which we are dealing with. A system that has its laws and which drives these people to be the worst, the most murderous gangsters that have yet lived on the planet earth. Because this is the way they prolong their system and there's nothing they won't do to try to prolong their rule.

Of course they want to exploit people. But when it comes down to it, if they have to go at each other and even shoot nuclear missiles across the ocean at each other, they will do it in order to try and keep themselves going a little bit longer. And we can't have any illusions about this.

Let's look at some history. Look at the end of World War 2. Now they had the atomic bomb and a lot of people said, "They won't use the atomic bomb. They don't need to use the atomic bomb." And in fact that was true from a certain angle because Japan had already offered to surrender. But there were two things that the rulers of this country were thinking about and were more concerned about that led them to use those atomic bombs on two Japanese cities and incinerate thousands of people, just dissolve the people right into the ground. They didn't blink an eye.

And why did they do it? Because there were two problems. One: Japan was ready to surrender all right but there was a danger it might surrender to the then-socialist Soviet Union instead of to the U.S. And therefore the U.S. position coming out of World War 2 might not be as strong as it turned out to be if Japan wasn't a country they could control. So they used that bomb on Japan, in large part, to force Japan to surrender right away to them before the Russian army, the Red army, arrived in Japan which it was rapidly approaching.

And second of all they dropped that bomb to say to people in China who were rising up and advancing beyond kicking out the Japanese toward making revolution completely in their country, and to say to



people all over the world, "Look at us. We don't give a damn. If you stand up against us we will wipe you out. We are going to rule this world. This is the American century. We are going to rule it and nobody is going to mess with us. We are gonna drop an atomic bomb on your ass." This is what they were saying to the people of the world. Very loud and clear.

It didn't work. People still made revolution. Mao Tsetung drove them crazy. American correspondents would always say, "Well now they've got the atomic bomb. Doesn't that mean that everything changed in the world and basically doesn't that mean that you got to give up your idea of revolution?" And Mao would say, No. The atomic bomb is a paper tiger. And the rulers of this country went up the walls. Because here was this weapon of mass destruction and yet Mao made a correct analysis.

Now he said a paper tiger has got two aspects. It's a tiger and it's paper. That means that on the one hand it could do a lot of destruction like a tiger can. In the short run it does have real teeth. It can do a lot of damage. But in the long run it will dissolve in the wind and the rain and the thunder of the people's struggle and it cannot change the course of history. And it will not succeed in either intimidating or bludgeoning people out of rising up and throwing off their oppression. And it didn't.

In China despite the atomic bomb and the fact that the U.S. was threatening to use it against China, they went right ahead and drove that flunkey of the U.S. imperialists Chiang Kai-shek right into the sea. They made revolution and continued it and supported it in other places. But the U.S. imperialists didn't drop the atomic bomb on China. Of course this was not out of any humanitarian concerns. They didn't use it for one reason: they were afraid it wouldn't stop the tide of revolution anyway and would only further expose and isolate them in that situation. So from the struggle in their own ranks they tactically decided not to use it against the Chinese people at that time.

But they had indicated in Japan that they will use these weapons. That's what they have them for, that's what they developed them for. This is their final ace in the hole. And you can look very concretely at their war plans and what's shaping up and see what they're planning to do, on both sides.

The U.S. is very clear that if it's unable to stop a Soviet thrust, for example, in Western Europe, they at least will seriously consider it. I think we have to take it that there's a very good likelihood they will use tactical nuclear weapons against Soviet troop concentrations. And the Soviets are very clear. If nuclear weapons, tactical or otherwise, are used against them, they will respond in kind. So we can't have any illusions thinking this is going to be some nice clean Marquis of Queensbury battle going on between two blood-sucking dinosaurs trying to prolong their existence and the whole imperialist system that produces all this rot and all this pus.

We have to understand the nature of it: they will stop at nothing to divide up the world and then they will go about the business of exploiting us, and rebuilding it under their own domination as they did after World War 1 and World War 2 in all the areas they controlled. They killed off 50 million people in World War 2 and if they have to kill off 200 or 300 million in this war to try and prolong their existence they will do it.

And this again is just another outrageous crime of this imperialist system that should increase our determination and our resoluteness to rise up and overthrow them before they can unleash this war and before they can do this, before they can slaughter tens, even hundreds of millions of people. But if we're not able to do that first and if this war is unleashed, if push comes to

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VVAW ATTACKED FOR TARGETING 'DEER HUNTER' AS IMPERIALISM WINS AN OSCAR

It's Academy Awards Night at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. The high point of the evening will be the "Best Picture of the Year" award and the entire evening is orchestrated for the big build-up to *The Deer Hunter*. It's a slick movie that under the pretense of "art for art's sake" promotes imperialist politics.

This is the year of the "Vietnam War and the Veteran" at the Academy Awards. The moment the rulers of this country have been waiting for to present their summation of the Vietnam War that millions will rush to see—the film of the year.

But outside the Pavilion's sacred walls, vets who fought the war and returned, determined to expose and fight against the ruling class' preparations for a new imperialist war, stand face to face with these rulers' hired thugs.

Forty people, almost all Vietnam veterans, members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), are savagely attacked by the L.A. police as they protest the big lie of *The Deer Hunter*.

"THE VIETNAM WAR FINALLY WINS"

To insure there would be no doubt as to the outcome of the evening's events, the stage had been set some months back with last-minute screenings of *The Deer Hunter* to qualify it for the awards. Countless interviews and reviews of the film acclaimed it as the film of the year. Yes, no room for doubt, especially when the honored guest of the evening is none other than John Wayne—the "Duke" himself. The "Duke" will be the one to present the award for best picture. What better candidate—this tottering warhorse of U.S. big business, who pauses as he lurches toward his grave to perform this service for his imperialist masters.

Oscar night finally begins and it's strictly a sequined gown, black-tie affair. No room for "politics" here—this is purely an "artistic" tribute to the film world. The only other tribute is reserved for the veterans. Some of those present honestly express concern for Vietnam veterans and see the government as responsible for the war and treatment of vets in this country. But statements to this effect Oscar night as well as the "fair and even-handed" attention given *Coming Home* (which despite anyone's good intentions did not expose the real enemy—U.S. imperialism—responsible for the Vietnam War) only served to help create the impression that this was indeed the "Year of the Vietnam War and the Veteran" at the Academy Awards, and set the stage for the big fanfare given *The Deer Hunter*.

It was a disgusting, hypocritical sham inside the pavilion's sacred walls while outside and in the street the truth behind the lie was being played out in all its vicious reality.

"THE 'BIG LIE' IS EXPOSED"

As the demonstrators circled in front of the bleachers set up at the Music Center, a banner, "*The Deer Hunter* Washes the Bloody Hands of U.S. War Criminals. Vietnam Means Turn the Guns Around, not God Bless America," was unfurled in the bleachers. There was an attempt by the police to break up the demonstration, but they temporarily retreated from this action that was in plain view of hundreds of onlookers. Lawyers met with the police. The upshot of it was that the veterans and their supporters had to go across the street to carry on the demonstration. Meanwhile, the police were preparing to attack again with the head of Academy security, walkie talkie in hand, supervising the whole thing dressed in full tuxedo.

Reinforcements were called in, but they waited to make their move until the demonstration was over and the vets were leaving; away from the crowd and cameras. Police confronted the head of the march and ordered people to stop while a mob of cops ran up from the rear and began swinging wildly. Thirteen people were severely beaten and arrested, including two witnesses: an active duty marine and a college professor who was grabbed as he tried to tell reporters what had happened—his charge was inciting to riot. The others were charged with felonies ranging from "assault on a police officer" to "assault with a deadly weapon." Bail was set at \$1,000 to \$2,500 each. (The charges have since been reduced to misdemeanors due to the public outrage surrounding the incident.)

As the cops drove the demonstrators away in a paddy wagon past John Wayne's mobile home, they bragged how, "The 'Duke' would have been proud of us tonight."

THE RULERS' MOVIE OF THE YEAR

No argument there. But the Duke was busy inside playing no small part in serving up the main course of the evening. *The Deer Hunter* could certainly finish the job its "Green Beret" predecessors set out to do, with its innocent claim to show the horrors of war.

This claim of innocence is a white-wash. Everything people learned from the Vietnam War is turned on its head. Every attempt is made to direct the audience's anger against the "enemy."



Vets square off with L.A. pigs after two long minutes in the center stage spotlight at 1979 Academy Awards. This "sacred cow" of the bourgeoisie was turned into a political arena to expose "The Deer Hunter"; a 'non-political' movie about Viet Nam.

Who is responsible for all the horrors of war? Why, the Vietnamese liberation fighters. They are portrayed as sadistic, animalistic profiteers. The film concocts the game of Russian Roulette as a means the liberation fighters use to force their prisoners to kill each other off.

This is a total fabrication. There is no case where the "Vietcong" played this kind of game with prisoners. But we don't have to concoct the picture of the infamous Saigon Chief of Police blowing off the head of a Vietnamese liberation fighter. This dog, along with his cronies like Marshall Ky, is welcomed in the U.S. by his imperialist masters as an honored guest. Yes, the horrors of war were there all right, and the bloodsuckers who run this country are the ones responsible. This movie attempts to remove the brand of war criminal from the foreheads of these very bankers, billionaires and corporations.

In *The Deer Hunter* the U.S. comes across as heroic and innocent while the "enemy" is portrayed as barbaric savages. This movie was the rulers' movie of the year not only because it gets them off the hook for their crime of the Vietnam War. More importantly, in summing up the war in this way, they are attempting to wield it as an ideological weapon to lay the groundwork for support among the people for another war for profits and empire—

this time a world war against the social-imperialist Soviet Union.

But the vets called it for the big lie it is. This forced the creator of the movie, (Chump) Cimino to defensively proclaim that it was only an "art" film and failing to get over with this, to then state that he hadn't intended the film to turn around what had been summed up about the war.

The action became a rallying point for many sections of the people, including a reporter who witnessed the attack, and performers in the film industry who were inside the Pavilion at the time. The next day a press conference was held which made national news. Witnesses showed up to denounce the actions of the police. People became outraged as they learned of the story.

The vicious nature of the recent attack on Vietnam veterans shows how desperate our rulers are to keep under wraps what's behind *The Deer Hunter*. The premeditated and swift brutality on the part of the L.A. police exposes how much they don't want even a breath of the truth—their increasing war preparations—to reach the American people. The veterans definitely hit a raw nerve and this only encourages them to continue to expose *The Deer Hunter* and the imperialists' moves toward a third world war. ■

EDITORIAL

CHARGES DROPPED ON EASTRIDGE 10

SAN JOSE, APRIL 17 -- The District Attorney's office in San Jose has decided it was wise to drop the charges against the Eastridge 10 -- members of the Revolutionary Communist Party, the National United Workers Organization, the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade, and the Committee to Defend the Houston Rebellion. They were arrested by dozens of San Jose cops on Jan. 29 at Eastridge Mall while spreading the word about the Houston Rebellion and the Fight to Free the Moody Park 3. Along with a number of other arrests recently in San Jose, they were part of a stepped-up campaign of harassment and intimidation aimed at keeping revolutionaries off the streets and in particular to prevent the Houston Rebellion from becoming a powerful force in San Jose.

The D.A. cited "lack of prosecution" as the reason for the decision. *The Revolutionary Worker* thinks it actually has more to do with losing more ground than gaining with their attacks. What scared them was the prospect of further exposure in their courtroom, or more actions outside their courthouse where already hundreds of *Revolutionary Worker* newspapers have been sold and a number of people have joined the fight.

We can't be sure, but we suspect that the D.A.'s decision also has something to do with what happened Saturday, April 14 when the Committee to Defend the Houston Rebellion had a car caravan through San Jose to build for the start of the Moody Park 3 trial. Early in the day, the Committee went to the Story Road Apartments, a rundown project on the Eastside. For an hour, people knocked on doors, and tenants came out to talk. Suddenly, 8 squad cars came shooting into the parking lot. As they threatened to pull the sound permit and arrest everyone, some

powerful words were blasted out on the sound system...the cops are nothing but thugs in blue who enforce the oppression of Chicano people with armed violence...and the only way to deal with these pigs and the rich class that stands behind them is by revolution. People were urged to step forward to take a stand. As more and more people came out to face off with the cops, they suddenly grumbled a few words and split.

Then, later on at Avalani Apartments, another rundown testimony to the "wonderful" rule of the capitalists, the cops showed up again. This time they were determined that they were going to take some people downtown. The same thing happened. As Officer Martinelli was writing a citation, his hand shook (when asked why, he said it always does). A man and his son were playing catch nearby when suddenly the ball slipped and caught the cop in the chest. People started chanting, "Pigs are the Tool of the Rich Man's Rule" and "Free the Moody Park 3"! Tenants stepped forward, grabbing some of the Houston Committee's banners, holding them up high. All of a sudden, from amid the tenants, a milkshake was thrown, then some coke came sailing through the air with it -- both landing all over one of the pig's windshields.

With that, the cops jumped into their cars and took off -- empty-handed. As they drove away, you could read, "Free the Moody Park 3" written by some kids in the dust on the back of the cars.

Whether or not this had anything to do with the D.A.'s decision, the lesson is the same -- everytime the ruling class unleashes their dogs, they end up paying for it. All further attempts to protect themselves and their system will only draw more people into the struggle and expose their rule even more. ■

IMPERIALISTS DEFEND JUGULAR VEIN OF EMPIRE - ANOTHER OIL CRISIS

(WPS)—Tighten your belts, America! Pull on your sweaters! Get ready for another energy crisis! This was the message of Jimmy Carter and the U.S. ruling class to the American people as Carter went on TV to announce the new national energy policy.

The main feature of this new policy is the decontrol of prices on all domestically produced oil by 1981. With the dials on the pump already spinning toward \$1 a gallon, we are being told to brace ourselves for even higher prices in the name of "ending our dependence on foreign oil" and "energy self-sufficiency." "I'll give it to you straight," said Carter without blinking an eye, "Each one of us will have to use less oil and pay more for it."

The American people are, to say the least, openly skeptical about this latest "energy crisis". The phony oil shortage of 1973-74 brought home to many the fact that the only "crisis" was a crisis of profits for the oil monopolies. Knowing this full well, the capitalists are running headlines in the press like "Energy Crisis? The experts agree—This time it's real!"

Energy Czar Schlesinger is declaring that the present situation is "more serious than the traumatic oil embargo of 1973-74." What's behind this new oil shortage hysteria? And why after years of regulating the price of domestic oil is the government taking off the lid?

It is certainly not because there is a shortage of oil. Though the capitalists scream about the cutbacks in the supply of oil from Iran since the overthrow of the Shah, the U.S. only imported 5% of its oil from Iran and the cutbacks were largely compensated for by increased production by other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). And it is certainly not because the U.S. imperialists simply want to stop importing foreign oil. Nor is it because of the bogus claim that OPEC price increases are the cause of inflation. OPEC price hikes have not even kept up with inflation since 1973, and for every nickel OPEC has raised its oil prices, the oil companies have raised their prices a dime. In fact, the government's new move to deregulate the price of domestic oil is going to send the cost of gas skyrocketing.

THE REAL "ENERGY CRISIS"

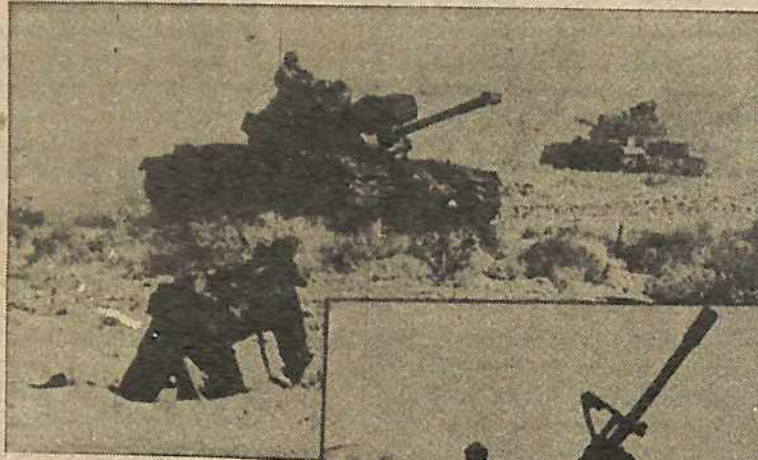
What is really behind all the hysterical banging on oil drums is that the U.S. control of the Middle East and its strategic oil reserves is being shaken by the revolutionary struggles of the people there, as well as increasingly challenged by their superpower imperialist rivals in the Soviet Union. The U.S. rulers watched in horror as the regime of their puppet Shah, their "policeman" of the Middle East and the world's second largest oil exporter, crumbled before their eyes as the Iranian people rose up in revolution.

This earthshaking struggle has been felt by every reactionary regime throughout the area—particularly by the monarchs of Saudi Arabia—and is posing a serious threat to the ability of the U.S. to maintain its grip on the Middle East's oil, two-thirds of the world's known reserves.

The U.S. rulers are freaked out because, as a major war with the Soviets looms ever closer, control of this vast supply of oil is absolutely critical for the U.S. led NATO war bloc.

Their imperialist allies in Western Europe and Japan depend on the Middle East for 50% and 90% of their oil respectively. The U.S. itself imports 20% of its oil from the Middle East—and in war, oil is the jugular vein. The U.S. imperialists will need oil—lots of it—to grease their war machine if they expect to defeat their Soviet rivals.

As Carter put it, "Our national strength is dangerously dependent on a thin line of oil tankers stretching halfway around the earth, originating in the Middle East and around the Persian Gulf—one of the most unstable regions in the world." This "thin line" of blood—in the form of oil—that vam-



U.S. troops train in California's Mojave Desert, demonstrating the U.S. ruling class' readiness to go to war to protect what they call "their" oil.



pires like Standard Oil have sucked for years is being threatened. This is why we hear screams about the dangers of dependency on foreign oil.

DECONTROL—HEDGING THEIR BETS

This is a key reason that suddenly, after years of opposition to deregulation of oil prices, the government is doing a complete turnaround. While they have always assured the oil companies a handsome profit, in the recent past the price of domestically produced oil was controlled to hold down the average price of fuel.

This was not out of any concern for the pocketbooks of the American people, but because other sections of the capitalist class, particularly the big energy users, were not about to take a slice out of their profits to foot the bill for the profits of the oil companies.

The result has been a decline in domestically produced oil as the oil companies have backed off from new exploration and production in the U.S., preferring to invest in more profitable ventures like department stores or hotel chains while importing more profitable oil from the Middle East.

They have even backed off from fully developing the great Alaskan oil fields—which were supposed to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil—because profitability has not been up to expectations. As the Treasurer of Exxon bluntly put it several years ago: "Unless and until the real nature of the crisis is understood and profit levels become such that the industry is confident that its investments will bear fruit, the supply of energy required will not be forthcoming."

The oil companies have made their good capitalist position abundantly clear: no profits, no oil. The only way

for the rest of the bourgeoisie to guarantee increased domestic production of oil as a hedge against a future interruption of supply from the Middle East is to remove the price controls on oil produced in the U.S. and let the oil companies jack up their profit rate. And at the same time they are hoping that rising prices will force the American people to use less fuel so that less oil will be required to run the country under a war economy when the time comes.

The fact that the amount of imported oil has increased dramatically since 1973—from 36% to 45% of the total U.S. consumption—indicates that the oil companies find foreign oil production more profitable. But for the ruling class as a whole, oil imports are a major factor in the U.S. balance of

payments deficit and the weakening of the dollar internationally—a situation they would like to put an end to. Further, they hope to use increased domestic production as a lever against OPEC.

None of this, of course, means in the slightest that the U.S. imperialists are giving up on foreign supplies of oil. In fact they are trying to expand these sources as much as possible. The dust had hardly settled from the collapse of the Shah in Iran when Carter hustled off to lean on the Mexican government to commit four to five million barrels a day of its own recently discovered oil reserves to the U.S.

And by no means have the U.S. rulers given up on the Middle East, or, for that matter, even Iran. As various senators and the Joint Chiefs of Staff are debating the best way to beef up U.S. military forces in the area, spokesmen for the U.S. ruling class like Defense Secretary Brown are openly talking of direct military intervention to protect our "vital interests." The U.S. imperialists are clearly willing to go to war in the Middle East to protect "their oil" whether against an oil producing state or a more direct confrontation with the Soviets.

ENERGY CRISIS—WAR CRISIS

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MASS OUTRAGE, SYSTEM MORE EXPOSED

FALLOUT FROM 3-MILE ISLAND

(WPS)—In the wake of the breakdown of the nuclear reactor which focused the nation's eyes on Three Mile Island near Harrisburg last month, a wave of protest has brought thousands of people into motion expressing mass outrage which the authorities are trying harder to cool down than their power plant in Pennsylvania.

The backdrop for this has been the insidious web of hypocrisy, lies, buck-passings and cover-ups which were woven in the days after the breakdown to convince the public that this was "no big deal" and which continue to date. A Gallup poll summed up that while some may be a little more skeptical than they were two months ago, "Most still favor pushing nuclear power." The papers even featured a story about a TMI employee who, valiantly refusing to be swept up in "all the hysteria," punched in on time every day during the crisis as he added new dimensions to the term fool.

Meanwhile, Metropolitan Edison Co. figured out a way to pay for the costly breakdown—a rate hike to its customers—but then offset this somewhat rude move a week later by announcing they had reversed a previous decision to penalize a pregnant woman in their employ for not coming to work.

From committees to politicians to commissions, all rushed to point the finger of blame at each other and a certain amount of dirty laundry started to hang out. Partly as a result of this and partly attempting to re-build its

discredited image, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced on April 12th that safety corrections were needed on a "priority basis for all light water power reactor facilities." But the people of Flatville, Colorado don't have to worry. Theirs is the only reactor in the country which is not a light water reactor. We can rest assured that the NRC will certainly handle any problems that may develop in the 71 others which are.

THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE

In the days following the TMI breakdown, demonstrations were held all over the country. Three thousand strong in Boston on April 1; another 3,000 in Groton, Connecticut six days later, protesting the launching of a new Trident nuclear submarine. Some 230 demonstrators were arrested at the Groton action when they tried to block the shipyard entrances.

The largest of these demonstrations was in San Francisco on April 7. Between ten and fifteen thousand people showed up. The action had been planned earlier as a protest against the opening of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. The plant, which is scheduled to open this spring, is located only three miles from the Hosgri Fault, an active earthquake fault in northern California.

The Three Mile Island breakdown clearly swelled the ranks of these demonstrations, as more and more people are demanding that all civilian and military reactors be shut down.

It was evident from the beginning that many of the people at these demonstrations saw that the danger of nuclear reactors is only a symptom, a particularly abhorrent manifestation of the system under which we are forced to live. "Profit first, and the masses be damned." This is how many of the demonstrators characterized the maneuverings of the ruling class which has jumped headlong into the production of nuclear reactors. It was also clear that a large majority of the anti-nuclear demonstrators associated the question of these nuclear power plants with the growing danger of war between the U.S. and USSR.

Counterposed, however, to the overwhelmingly righteous sentiments of the thousands of demonstrators was the thoroughly reformist outlook of most of the speakers at these actions. This came out clearly in speeches calling on people to put pressure on Congress to close down nuclear reactors, calling for "community control" of energy production, and stressing the virtues of alternative energy sources.

But more are beginning to see that neither organizing another commission, be it in the Congress or "the community," nor fighting this battle under the banner of substituting solar collectors for nuclear reactors, comes close to striking at the core of the problem. The criminals behind the horror which the people envisioned in Three Mile Island grow more exposed daily as their system gets more consciously hit. ■

WILL THE REAL POLICE AGENTS PLEASE STAND UP

The publication of a centerfold article titled "RCP Opens Fire on Tenants" in the April 9 issue of *Grimm's Fairytales*, known to some as *The Call*, newspaper of the "Communist" Party M-L, is laughable and ludicrous and at the same time desperate and dangerous.

Filled with distortions from its opening sentence to its end, based on one lie after another, the article charges that Revolutionary Communist Party "thugs" charged guns in hand into an Atlanta housing project to run roughshod over the tenants, going so far as to open fire, wounding one tenant.

On the face of it such charges are ridiculous. Anyone who is at all familiar with the RCP, has seen our Party's practice, is aware that we know the difference between friends and enemies, and that the residents of a low-income housing project are not among the enemies of working class revolution. Of course, the truth is that those involved in the incident *The Call* so wildly distorts are not, as presented, the masses of "the tenants" or even a "crowd" of tenants, but a small handful of CPML members and supporters.

Such contortions have long been typical of *The Call*, but now they have reached new depths. When the content of this article is taken together with the earlier appeals of CPML members in the housing project in question to bring in the cops to throw the RCP members venturing into "their" project into jail, it becomes clear that the CPML is moving from the lower levels of opportunism right into taking up provocative police action.

The Call article focuses on some recent events in the mainly Black housing project in downtown Atlanta, Capitol Homes, where the CPML and their equally opportunist predecessors the October League have for years been tolling their revisionist bells—mainly through their thoroughly reformist front group SCEF (Southern Conference Education Fund). They have called on the masses of tenants to aspire no higher than to replace the hacks in the tenants association with some new reform-promising hacks from the CPML.

REPEATED THREATS

The main highlights of what really went down recently in Capitol Homes are as follows: One weekend in March, members and supporters of the RCP spent two afternoons going door to door to every apartment in the projects, speaking over a bullhorn and in one-to-one discussions with tenants about the struggle to free the Moody Park 3 and other political issues. 150 copies of the *Revolutionary Worker* were sold and a generally enthusiastic response was received overall.

On the second day a couple of SCEF/CPML members were caught tearing down Moody Park 3 posters. One of them who resembles a psychotic wino more than anything else went berserk waving around a small caliber hand gun as if it could make the spectre of revolution disappear from in front of him immediately. His equally crazed pinch-faced wife jumped up and down screeching at him to go ahead and shoot one particular RCP member who had politically challenged her stand in tearing down the posters.

The red-eyed psycho and his wife and a third tenant who they had infected with their political rabies, had worked themselves up to the point where all three were foaming at the mouth. While his wife screeched louder than ever, psycho-man pointed his gun at a carload of RCP members and supporters and the third rabid dog discharged her 22-caliber pistol in the air.

"Stay out of Capitol Homes" they yelled, "or we'll go to the housing authorities and they'll keep you out!" Digging deep into their bag of reactionary threats, one of them screamed "Stay away from here or we'll call the police and have you all put in jail."

Even while this was going down RCP members and supporters were in the immediate area knocking on doors and exposing the opportunism of these

reactionaries in "revolutionary" clothing. One tenant told a revolutionary who approached him with the *Revolutionary Worker* while the CPMLers were out on the street brandishing their pistols, "I never liked those people (the SCEF and CPMLites) but I never knew why."

RIGHT-WING HACK POLITICS

The stand of this handful of reactionaries at Capitol Homes was a clear demonstration of the hack mentality and right-wing plumage of the CPML. Looking for all the world like a thin version of the bloated toad hacks in the unions who join with the companies to demand that revolutionaries stay away from "their workers," this psycho made it clear he was out to protect the tiny niche he has carved out for himself at the expense of the masses of tenants as a hack in the Capitol Homes tenant association.

Like a gutter snake forced to admit its real home is a sewer this opportunist claimed membership in the CPML saying he was "responsible" for the tenants at Capitol Homes and the Moody Park 3 posters plastered up throughout the projects were an unwanted eyesore dirtying up his "community." When politically blasted for his reactionary stand he whined that the cops would come down on *him* for these posters—the same cops he was only too happy to call on to kick the *Revolutionary Worker* out of Capitol Homes.

These hacks in tenants' clothing also puff themselves up so convinced of their own importance that they suffer the severe delusion of thinking that the main and sole purpose of the RCP coming to Capitol Homes was to attack and discredit them. Sorry—if we limited the areas in which we sell the *Revolutionary Worker* to those few places in which the CPML has limited influence, we would have some 50 weeks a year to twiddle our thumbs and do nothing.

Actually, even in Capitol Homes where the CPML has "worked" for years, only a handful of backward elements under their direct influence even mentioned SCEF or the CPML in all the door-to-door discussions carried on while selling the *Revolutionary Worker* there. Surely the vast majority of tenants have little or no idea who these self-proclaimed saviors are. So much for delusions of grandeur.

Refusing to be intimidated by a handful of raving psychos, frothing dogs and screaming banshees, RCP members returned several days later to continue the real task of doing revolutionary agitation among the masses of tenants and beginning to build support for key battles like the Houston Rebellion.

This time the project was also canvassed with a leaflet about the Moody Park 3 which included a brief section drawing the tenants' attention to the fact that a small number of people in the project wanted to keep the RCP and its revolutionary line out of Capitol Homes. The leaflet made it clear that these revolutionaries weren't about to be threatened by any would-be cops or go down on their knees to beg for the "right" to distribute revolutionary literature.

After most of the project had been canvassed with the leaflet the aroma of a genuine revolutionary line reached the nose of one of these rabid reactionaries and set her into a new pitched frenzy. Running door to door to plead with tenants to kick the RCP out, she finally picked up the phone to call reinforcements from local CPML cadre in other parts of town.

2-BIT VIGILANTES ATTACK

Twenty minutes later a motley ragtag crew of self-styled lynchers including three or four tenants and a handful of CPML cadre from elsewhere came running down the street to exercise the spectre of revolution from Capitol Homes. In a ridiculous imitation of the antics of the Keystone cops they had armed themselves with a strange assortment of weapons from a rubber hose, baseball bat and football helmet to a few handguns.

Contrary to the wild ravings of *The Call* editorial charging, "RCP Opens Fire On Tenants," in fact it was this motley crew that was clearly bent on doing violence to those who had dared to venture into "their turf." And with a revolutionary line no less—horrors! It was the CPML who began firing at people.

Apparently surprised that their opposition didn't immediately melt away under this attack, these two-bit vigilantes then turned tail and ran themselves. Their *Call* article, with undisguised frustration and outrage,

states that "immediately after" this episode, the police showed up. Too bad, CPML. After all, the cops certainly should have responded faster than that to your call.

As for the statement in *The Call* editorial that, "one thug was grabbed by two Capitol Homes residents and justifiably beaten," we can only repeat that these dreamers are very fond indeed of their fantasies and suggest that they check out Walt Disney Productions for a new career. And as for the CPML "tenant" claiming to have been shot in the hand, it can only be speculated as to whether this was a further fantasy or an attempt to cover the embarrassment of having been shot by one of his own comrade thugs in the panic of retreat.

In fact their view of reality has become so perverted and upside down lately that this same *Call* article describes as a "police-type provocation" the Party-led demonstration against Teng Hsiao-ping last January in Washington D.C.—a demonstration which was massively assaulted by police who beat and arrested many people. This should give some clue as to the accuracy of the CPML's Capitol Homes reporting.

Also in the midst of this wildly axe-swinging article, the CPML manages to slip in a response to a mock issue of *The Call* which appeared in late February. They limply slap at it as one of the RCP's "various 'dirty tricks.'" This mock "Call" was widely loved by revolutionaries for its demolition job on the simultaneously hilarious and counter-revolutionary line of the CPML. Their month's delay in responding to it was hardly due to their being unconcerned. In fact one of the rabid dogs right at Capitol Homes had whined openly about how its distribution at a CPML International Women's Day program in Atlanta had, in her words, "destroyed the whole event."

Perhaps their logic in raising it in this article is that if someone can make up an issue of the "Call" then they can make up a story about Atlanta. Unfortunately for them there is a difference. For one thing, the former gets to the heart of the truth about their reactionary line, while their Atlanta story is a pack of lies.

CPML's actions in unison with the armed forces of the State are nothing new. Several years ago in Boston, for example, when the ruling class was

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THE IMMORTAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF MAO TSETUNG

by Bob Avakian



Why is Mao Tsetung recognized by millions the world over as the greatest revolutionary of our time? Why did he inspire hope for the future in the hearts of people everywhere struggling for liberation from exploitation and oppression? Why does he continue to evoke such hatred from revisionists and reactionaries of all stripes? Here, for the first time, is a concise and extremely helpful summary of Mao's great contributions to the science of making revolution, to Marxism-Leninism. It draws together in a concentrated way Mao's views and revolutionary line not only on the course of the Chinese revolution, but on all the decisive questions hotly debated in every country of carrying through the struggle to wipe out capitalism and build a society without exploitation and oppression, in which the few no longer can ride the backs of the many, and to move toward classless society—communism. It is the best single book available for understanding the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism as they were developed and enriched by Mao Tsetung.

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RIGGED REFERENDUM IN IRAN

(WPS)—On April 1, after a two-day national referendum, Ayatollah Khomeini proclaimed the Islamic Republic of Iran. The results of the referendum confirmed the obvious: that the overwhelming majority of Iranian people reject and hate the Shah's monarchy. The Iranian people already made this very clear when they rose up in armed struggle and overthrew him.

The referendum confirmed another fact that is becoming increasingly well-known: the new government of Iran, led by Khomeini and Prime Minister Bazargan, is trying to shove this "Islamic republic" down the throats of the Iranian people in order to bring the revolution to a screeching halt. Though the government is claiming a 97% vote for an "Islamic republic," it is in fact facing growing opposition from the revolutionary left, from a wide array of democratic forces and from the masses of Kurds, Turkomans and the other oppressed nationalities of Iran who have battled the national army in recent weeks.

While the Khomeini forces fought courageously for the overthrow of the Shah's regime, since then the new government has resisted advancing the revolution. In fact, it has stepped up its attacks in recent weeks on progressive forces that want to push the revolution forward.

This referendum was set up to give the Iranian people the "choice" of voting yes or no on whether "to change the previous regime to an Islamic

republic." The constitution for this undefined Islamic republic is now being drafted in secret by the "revolutionary council" that reports directly to Khomeini. Since the Shah's regime had already been swept away by the Iranian people, the main objective of this referendum was to consolidate the power of the Khomeini/Bazargan government and whip up public opinion against the Marxist-Leninists and many democratic forces, who boycotted the referendum.

The whole way the ballot was set up—with the green (the color of Islam) section of the perforated ballot signifying "yes," and the red (!) section signifying "no"—was a blatant attempt to link die-hard reactionary supporters of the Shah with Iran's Marxist-Leninist revolutionaries, who fought on the front lines of the people's struggle against the Shah and U.S. imperialism and are now calling for a people's democratic republic as the next step in the Iranian revolution.

As the March 30 referendum date neared, the government started to panic about the growing opposition to the referendum. Rumors were circulated widely that those who abstained from voting (and thus would not have their identity cards stamped) would be singled out for harassment by the government in the future. In most cases the voting took place in the open, under the watchful eye of mullahs. Because of the low turnout on the 30th, the government was forced to extend the referendum to two days.

But this didn't stop government officials from announcing that 98% of the 18 million Iranians of voting age had turned out to the polls, and that 97% of these had voted for the Islamic republic. As just one example of how the government was lying through its teeth, the Iranian Consulate in San Francisco announced that 97% of the 3,000 Iranians living in the Bay Area who came out to the polls voted "yes." However, according to members of the Iranian Students Association who spent both days in front of the consulate calling on people to boycott the referendum, less than 1,000 actually voted, and many of these who firmly denounced the Shah's regime said they were going to vote "no" to demonstrate their opposition to an Islamic republic.

KURDISH, TURKOMAN PEOPLE BOYCOTT ELECTION

These inflated claims of support for the government's Islamic Republic appeared all the more ridiculous when 90% of the people in Kurdistan mounted a boycott—particularly because the still-secret constitution of the "Islamic republic" is rumored to have no provisions for local autonomy for the Kurds and other minorities in it.

Similarly, there were mass abstentions reported in northeastern Iran, where the Turkoman tribesmen have been fighting for local autonomy, seizing back land that had been taken from the people and given to the Shah's court favorites in past years, and battling army troops dispatched by the new government to suppress their struggle. On the eve of the referendum, Khomeini went on national radio to attack "leftists" and the Turkomans and other oppressed nationalities. He openly accused them of "spreading poison and disunion" and working "hand-in-hand with the plunderers of the previous regime." The Central Committee of Turkoman Councils replied, "Our abstention, contrary to the propaganda put out by reactionaries, is not in order to strengthen the rule of imperialism, of the treacherous Shah, as our claims to the lands usurped by the agents of the previous regime prove." Just one day

before the referendum, reactionary army troops launched an all-out assault on a mass meeting of Turkomans in the city of Gumbad-i-Qawus that had been called to discuss boycotting the referendum. More than 100 people were killed, setting off a new round of fighting in the region.

STORM BREWING

Though the Khomeini/Bazargan government is trying to use this rigged referendum to claim near-unanimous popular "support," there is a storm of struggle brewing among the Iranian masses, among the millions who want to push the revolution forward. This struggle has broken out recently among Iran's oppressed nationalities and among tens of thousands of women on International Women's Day. In the first week of April, 5000 workers and their families, led by the newly formed Unemployed Workers Organization, demonstrated and began a hunger strike at the Ministry of Labor in Tehran to demand work. In numerous factories and in the oilfields, the workers are spending more of their time discussing politics than in production. The daily papers and the government-controlled TV and radio are full of complaints that Iranian workers, and the people in general, are pushing for too many changes, too fast.

This is exactly the fundamental problem the new government is facing. The Iranian people did not rise up in revolution against the Shah so that Iran's industry would still be owned by foreign capitalists and big Iranian exploiters. They didn't fight to leave the rich landlords in control of the land and millions of poor peasants living in poverty. And tens of thousands didn't lay down their lives battling the Shah's U.S.-trained army to watch the new government try to reassemble it (minus a few top generals), and even request that the U.S. government send back scores of its "military advisors." In the months to come, Khomeini and Bazargan will claim this "popular referendum" as a big victory, but it will certainly turn out to be a hollow one. ■

IRANIAN STUDENTS SUPPORT CHRYSLER WORKERS

Following are excerpts from a statement by the Iranian Student Association in Detroit in support of Fred Hanks and Larry Snyder, two members of the National United Workers Organization and supporters of the Revolutionary Communist Party who were fired from Chrysler's Sterling Stamp- ing plant for their support of the Iranian Revolution.

At the time when the Shah's army with their machine guns were firing into crowds of demonstrators, into women and children, young and old, at point blank range, Jimmy Carter gave his full support to the fascist regime of the Shah. But American people, especially people like Fred Hanks and Larry Snyder, representing the fundamental interests of the working class people, condemned the actions of the Shah's army and showed that Jimmy Carter and his likes are distorting the truth of the Iranian revolution to serve not the interests of the American people but rather those of the rich and powerful in the U.S., those who benefit from the domination of countries like Iran.

American workers have supported the just struggles of peoples in other countries and Iran is no exception. The Iranian revolution is a new source of hope for all oppressed nations in the world. And it is a source of hope for all those who dare dream of freedom from misery, oppression and being ripped off by exploiters. It is a source of inspiration for the workers in this country, the U.S.A.

The U.S. media in the past has tried to distort the facts about Iran, and has misled the American people about the events in Iran and the characteristics of our revolution. Lately there has been much talk about our interest and our oil in the Middle East, so if diplomacy fails in Iran, the possibility of U.S. intervention strongly exists. There are still U.S. military advisors in Iran, and U.S. imperialism is not totally defeated. People like Fred Hanks and Larry Snyder, who are exposing the enemies of the Iranian revolution and of the American working people, have risked their jobs and their livelihood so that the American people can find out the truth about Iran. We strongly condemn the actions taken by our common enemy against our friends.

Long Live the Solidarity of the American and Iranian People!

...PARIS COMMUNE

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After Mao died in 1976, the balance of forces were such that what he warned against became a reality. A counter-revolutionary coup was staged and proletarian rule was temporarily overthrown in China. And now, every day, the newspapers testify how workers' rule and the socialist system has been smashed in China. The U.S. imperialists lick their chops over the chance to carve up China again—Bank of America, Coca Cola, porno films, *ad nauseam*. With their twisted world view and web of lies they have spun to confuse and demoralize the people, they piously declare: Your revolution is dead. It's impossible in the first place and even if you temporarily succeed,

you will inevitably be smashed or sold out.

But what is really inevitable? As long as this blood-sucking system stands, it not only continues to feed on the lives of the people, but intensifies its exploitation and oppression. It has given rise to two world wars and is in the process of preparing a third, this time involving the likelihood of the use of nuclear weapons and the resulting mass murder and destruction.

Even as the bastards who rule gloat over setbacks suffered by the working class, they sow the seeds of their own destruction. Because history has shown what their system also produces—conflict, upheaval, class struggle, *revolution*. Again and again the masses are presented with the chance—and the necessity—to take destiny into their own hands.

But the goal of communism cannot be won overnight, or without reversals and setbacks in the struggle. As Mao Tsetung once said: "Make trouble, fail,



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The Paris Commune fired the opening salvo of a whole new era of human history. The great struggles of the pro-

letariat since those days in Paris in 1871 have, through twists and turns, brought us ever closer to the realization of this era. Through successive battles the science of revolution has been deepened by the experience of millions and the lessons of these battles have not been lost as revolutionary leaders have stepped forward and standing on the shoulders of those before them have armed the masses to advance the struggle to an even higher level.

The indestructible and eternal principles of the Paris Commune shoot forth, and sure as the sun will rise tomorrow, the capitalist slavemasters will be vanquished, not just in one city and not just for 72 days, but around the world and forever. ■

CRANK OUT NUKES FOR WW 3

The mass uproar over the "3-Mile Island" near catastrophe has shed a lot of fall-out on a far deadlier nuke facility - the U.C. nuclear weapons lab at Livermore.

Here is the university showing its true colors. U.C. like every school likes to wrap itself in the myth of academic freedom whose only master is "Truth"...But this is no ivory tower nestled in the hills of middle class Livermore. The University as its weapons lab clearly shows, is up to its elbows in the blood of the people of the world. Since World War II, when UC helped to secretly develop the A-bombs which incinerated the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, their weapons labs at Livermore and Los Alamos, New Mexico, have designed every one of the 30,000 nukes in the U.S. arsenal today.

The Dr. Strangeloves who run these labs are obedient servants to the U.S. war machine. They cater to their every demand. In recent years Europe has become the prized meat for the U.S. and Soviet

Union to fight over. So the UC labs have been quick to crank out the "right" nukes for the U.S. to win in Europe, with its highly developed industry, and vulnerability to Soviet land attack. They came up with the Neutron Bomb. Its appeal is that it will kill every living being within a one-mile radius, but leave the factories and highways intact. In the same vein, are their plans for a particle charged beam, known as the "Deathray". The drawing boards are overflowing - nuclear cannons - nuclear depth charges, an unbelievable underground railway for continuously moving hidden ICBMs. For as the official lab newsletter, *Newsline* warned recently, "the job is far from finished", "it is hard to foresee an end to our work."

So the Strangeloves work at a feverish pace, trying to out distance their counterparts in the Soviet "Livermore Labs". The government is shovelling \$600,000,000 into the UC weapons labs this year, to fuel what they regard as "the vital part" of the arms race. Madness - but with a definite and coldly calculated purpose. For the imperialists have long relied on their nukes to blackmail and bully the rest of the world, and they are perfectly willing to annihilate hun-

dreds of millions to defend and expand their empire. Imperialism's very future rests on its nuclear 'sixguns'.

The University has made no bones about where it lines up. For years it tried to keep its weapon labs hushed up.

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In 1977, when the government's five-year contract with UC came up for renewal, a group from the academic community politely challenged

UC's role as gunsmiths for the U.S. military. The UC Regents politely told them to get lost, and wasted no time renewing the contract.

These are the same "champions of academic freedom" who banned the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade for daring to being the realities of the world into the classroom. Of course, this is a crime, while its fine and "in the best traditions of the University" to supply the biggest reactionaries in the world with nuclear might.

But all is not well for the capitalists and their weapons labs these days. With the growing awareness of war, and such incidents as "3-Mile Island", the mass movement against nukes has quickly expanded to tens of thousands. Livermore Lab itself will be the site of a number of mass actions in the coming weeks. While the current movement suffers from much utopian dreaming that the government can be pressured into peacefully converting its war machine to "peaceful uses" nevertheless, the imperialists are uptight. For with the quickening collisions with the Soviet Union, they want no interference with their all out effort to strengthen their already bloated war arsenal. The battle against the nukes is certain to sharpen up. ■

...OIL CRISIS

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with the Soviet rulers accelerates toward the final showdown, the energy hysteria whipped up by the bourgeoisie is taking on a sharper edge. Carter exhorts us to walk to work. Schlesinger threatens gas rationing and closing down gas stations on weekends. New gasoline taxes are proposed. People are admonished to turn down their thermostats even further.

While these measures reflect the bourgeoisie's desire to reduce the demand for fuel in preparation for war, they are mainly political attempts to bludgeon people into a belt-tightening mood and to create a frenzied atmosphere of "Let's all get ready to sacrifice for the country." The creation of such public opinion is an essential ingredient of the imperialists' war preparations. All this, we are told is "good for us in the long run." Good, that is, if you just love the prospect of being cooperative cannon fodder in the U.S. war machine.

At the same time, however, the government does not want it to appear as if the latest energy moves such as decontrol of prices are a complete giveaway to the oil companies. This is why Carter has proposed his "windfall profits tax" on new oil revenues to supposedly recover billions of dollars and create an Energy Security Fund to lessen the "undue burden on people who can hardly make ends meet as it is."

But this bill is not that likely to pass as the oil companies are already complaining that their profits would not be high enough to stimulate the desired domestic oil production. Carter assures us that he will ask states to pass laws "protecting Americans from arbitrary cutoffs of heat to their homes." But only a fool would believe that the government will pay people's heating bills or that the oil companies are going to supply fuel to customers who cannot pay.

Is there an oil crisis? Yes, in the sense that there is a profits crisis for the oil companies if they are to deliver the required grease for the wheels of the U.S. war wagon. But the crisis the capitalists are really yelling about is more than a crisis of fat oil profits. There is a whole world of profits at stake to be defended from the "nervy" masses, who demand to control their own resources and destiny, and from the competing exploiters in the Soviet Union. The U.S. imperialists are beating their oil barrels over a political crisis for their empire of world domination—and that banging has the distinct rhythm of war drums. ■

...CPML'S FOAMING FANTASY

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using a busing plan to sharpen divisions between Blacks and whites and Black people particularly were under attack, what was the CPML's response? They called for the armed forces of the state to come in and "protect Black people." As any revolutionary could have predicted, when the armed forces of the state—Boston cops—did enter the scene under the banner of "protecting people," they concentrated on

beating up Blacks, while also occasionally thumping on a few white masses as well to further stir up divisions.

Now, however, CPML has moved beyond merely offering confusing political cover for the pigs. With their actions at Capitol Homes, their open calls for all to unite to fight the RCP and the very publication of this lying, reactionary newspaper story of theirs, they have joined the pig assault.

Anyone with the slightest bit of experience in the progressive and revolutionary movement knows that the publication of an article like theirs is an open invitation for every imaginable sort of police action against revolutionaries. So in response to the CPML's lying charges about our actions, we can only say "CPML, will you, the real police provocateurs, please stand up so the masses can clearly see and deal with you." ■

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...BOB AVAKIAN

shove, there is no guarantee, and in fact there is a likelihood that they will use these weapons.

Then some people say in response, "Yeah, that's right and that's it. We might as well go off and disco and have a good time because it's all over. As soon as those nuclear weapons start flying, you can forget about all this talk about revolution." Khrushchev, when he was taking the Soviet Union back down the road to capitalism and kissing up to the U.S. rulers, he said this in a little bit different way. He said that atomic weapons or nuclear weapons don't adhere to any principles, they don't recognize any class, they'll blow up capitalists and workers alike. And this was his excuse for kissing ass to the U.S. ruling class and for not standing up to them and supporting people making revolution in the world, because atomic bombs might come down on everybody and blow up the world.

We have to understand that on the one hand, there's a likelihood that if they go to war, if we're not able to stop them through *revolution*, they will in fact use these weapons. But on the other hand they will not destroy the world. There are billions of people in the world, and people will survive this use of nuclear weapons. As the Chinese Communist Party under Mao's leadership once very powerfully and beautifully put it, in the end, it will not be nuclear weapons that will destroy mankind, but through revolution and advancing society it will be mankind that will finally destroy nuclear weapons.

This is not just well-wishing or good thinking. It's like Mao said about the atomic bomb. Nuclear weapons on this level are much more powerful than what they dropped at the end of World War 2. They can do a lot more destruction, and the imperialists will be held accountable. There will be a blood debt on their part. They will be held accountable for all the suffering that they will bring down, but nonetheless they cannot succeed in destroying the whole world and all the people in it.

But even if they could blow up the whole world and all the people in it, there's nothing we can do about that except to make revolution. It still comes back to the same thing. All that should do is once more intensify our determination to rise up and overthrow them and prevent them from doing that. And Mao Tsetung, once again, just like he said the atomic bomb was a paper tiger, he went even further and drove these bourgeois rulers up the wall—in fact, probably over the wall. Because in 1956, he was talking to another diplomat, who said to Mao, well, you know, don't you think with all these weapons—(they had developed the atomic bomb, now ten years later even more)—don't you think with all these atomic bombs they could blow up the whole world? And Mao's orientation was very clear. No, I don't think so, he said, there's a lot of people in the world, and even if they do succeed in blowing up a lot, there'll still be people left and they'll still make revolution and be even more determined to bury this system once and for all, to prevent this from ever happening again, by moving society beyond this stage.

But he said, even if they do blow a hole right through the earth, "That would hardly mean anything to the universe as a whole, though it might be a major event for the solar system." Now what he was saying by that was, look, the world goes on, life goes on, things would regroup. You know that the earth is after all not the center of the whole universe, and it wasn't that some god put it there and made it the center of the universe. It's one little speck in the whole universe and we have to have a universal attitude towards this thing. Even if that did happen it still wouldn't change the course of history and the development of things forward through struggle.

This was an extreme way on his part of saying, look, you have to maintain the same orientation, the same revolutionary stand in the face of this. And he wasn't somebody who's never been through this stuff, he wasn't just somebody who was talking off the top of his hat or never had to deal with it. He was a dude who fought 30 years of revolutionary war and faced down the atomic bomb and everything the imperialists threw at him. And his orientation was correct and it has to be our orientation.

It's our Party's position and line and dedication and programme and our constant activity that even if they blow up everybody but 500 people in the world, we know that among those 500 people there's still going to be class struggle, they're still going to struggle about how they're going to organize the society. Given the level where we're at, there's still going to be about 50 people that are going to jump up and say, "Let me run the whole thing and the rest of you work for me." And we're going to do all the work so we've got 50 communists organizing the rest of the 450 to rise up and overthrow the system.

Because as long as there are people, even 50 people left or 500 people, they can't destroy all this technology that's been built up. Even if they do destroy a good part of it, we have the knowledge and we have the basis to rebuild it and the question will emerge, as we struggle among people—on what basis is this society going to be organized. Are we going to let a handful of people once again grab us and put us through the whole nightmare all over again or are we going to advance to another stage?

Now this is an extreme way of making a point that's very important and very fundamental. No matter what destruction they bring down to us, this is only a further exposure and indictment of their whole system. It should make us, it must and will make us, even more determined to build up and accelerate the revolutionary movement to expose this system, to rip its mask off, to educate the people to show them where their suffering is coming from. More determined to expose the towering crimes these people have already committed and are further preparing to commit and to bring closer the day when we can rise up and abolish their system once and for all.

NO WAY FORWARD EXCEPT REVOLUTION

Now in the face of this, some people say, well, this is all heavy, but somehow I'm going to escape it. I'm going to Canada—or I'm 40 years old so they won't draft me—or I'm 15 so they won't mess with me. Or, well, you're already out here on the West Coast but when they're on the East Coast or Midwest, they all go to California, or I'll go out to the West Coast. And I don't think it's accidental that the West Coast has one of the highest suicide rates around, because after you run away, to the West Coast, besides the ocean, there's nowhere else to go. And if you don't start dealing with the problems, you're just going to go into the ocean.

CONFERENCES Called to Debate These Questions IS WORLD WAR 3 COMING? WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT IT?

Today, even as the media coos like a dove over the latest Mideast "peace" treaty, Congress is debating how to bring back the draft. The SALT II talks wrap up—as worthless as SALT I; the stockpiles of nuclear weapons grow ominously higher. With the recognition of China, there was promised a "lessening of world tension"—within weeks Indochina exploded with the U.S. supported Chinese invasion of Soviet-backed Vietnam.

We are staring dead on at the growing threat of the most massive and destructive war in the history of humanity—World War 3. The U.S. imperialists are hell-bent on keeping and expanding every square foot of their worldwide empire. So are the Russian rulers. U.S. vs. USSR—they want us to play imperialist roulette—for us, a bullet in every chamber.

What should the American people do? The RCYB is initiating conferences to debate and discuss these issues on 20 campuses across the country on the weekends of April 14 and 21. There is much concern and many different ideas about what's behind these events and what can be done. These conferences will bring together spokespeople from differing viewpoints to thrash out these questions. Such "teach-ins" played a vital role in the '60s educating thousands of students and others about the vicious nature of the Vietnam war. The campuses were turned from isolated ivory towers to centers of resistance to the war.

Today the stakes are much higher. While the conferences will be held on the campuses, workers, veterans, and many others will take part. Hard questions face all of us. The events shaping up today will have a profound effect on our lives. It is crucial to take part in these conferences to understand where things are headed in the world and what we can do about it.

The local conference will be held the weekend of May 12. For more information contact:
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Now this sort of answers itself when people say, "I'm going to escape all this. I'm gonna somehow fly by all this." Because you can say c'mon man, let's be serious. You're going to escape this? I mean this shit is already coming down heavy on everybody all over the place right now and you've got to recognize the developments toward a world war, a whole upheaval, a revolution—and you're gonna escape this?

First of all, why do you want to escape it? This is the greatest thing to go on in the history of the whole human race. People are on the threshold of overthrowing and abolishing the last system where one group of people exploits another. We don't want to escape it, we want to be part of it and push it forward, but even if we did want to escape it we couldn't. And that question like I was saying pretty much answers itself.

But some people stare and look you right in the eye after you've said all this and say, "You mean to say you really won't defend this country?" They say, "Look, I don't dig this system either. I might even agree with you that it should be overthrown but hey, nobody's gonna come in here and take over our country. Nobody is gonna push us around." And people will say, "Look, maybe we just have to have a war to try to straighten out this mess." You know people are taught and have drummed into their heads not to think much beyond the next meal and what's immediately before them, and some people get caught up and they say, "Look, maybe we have to have a war to straighten out the economy and get the country strong again. And besides that I work at Boeing and, whatever else, if we don't have all these war preparations and if we don't have all this war production, I'm going to be out of a job."

Now there's some truth to this, looking at it in the short run, but this brings to mind a story that was told to me by a comrade who was down at the unemployment office one day. She ran into this Black worker about 60 years old. Obviously he'd been through a hell of a lot. So she went up to him and started talking to him about building the struggle against the capitalist system and how the capitalist system is responsible for unemployment. He was nodding his head and he said, "Well listen, I want to tell you what happened to me. I was working at G.E. for 25 years and they came along (this was in the early 1970s) and they laid me off and said that I didn't have a job any more because they were cutting back on the war production from Vietnam." But this comrade, she's thinking *how am I going to deal with this one, this is a pretty hard contradiction*. The dude just smiled and said, "You know what I told 'em?" She said, "What?" And he said, "I told 'em, listen, this is a hell of a goddamn way to have to live—that I have to have a job off the blood and bones of somebody else and that's the only way I can live is with blood-soaked money—*fuck that blood-soaked money*."

Now we know that people have to eat and live and that under this capitalist system many people are forced into a situation where if they don't take these jobs, they're not going to live. And our point is not to tell everybody quit your job and don't be impure. But the point is this is another indictment of the capitalist system. Look at this system where people can't live

unless they produce things for slaughter and destruction and to help the imperialists murder people so they can grab up more wealth in the world. That's the only way in this system. The system is telling them straight across—that's the only way you can live is if you produce these things.

We went down, our Party and the Iranian Students Association went down to this port in North Carolina in Wilmington. Some of you might have heard about the Wilmington 10, about the political repression going on there. This is also a port where they had been sending a lot of the arms from the U.S. to the Shah of Iran. So even though the Shah had been overthrown, we had a demonstration down there to say, look, we know what you've been doing and if you try to pull any more of this shit, sending any more of these weapons over to Iran to support the reactionaries, the American people are going to be alerted and we're gonna be right in your face.

And people went down and talked to the longshoremen down there loading the stuff and they got a lot of support. And what happened? The goddamn union leadership, which is nothing but a bunch of capitalists, lying in bed with the capitalists and trying to be a whore for the capitalist system, sent out a letter saying, if you workers won't handle this military cargo for Iran when you're called on to do so, then the troops will come in and handle it.

This is the kind of blackmail, the kind of situation people are facing. But this is just another indictment of the imperialist system, of a system which says that if you don't live off the blood of other people, you can't live. If you don't live by helping us rob and plunder all over the world, then you can't live. This is all the more reason to replace this system and sweep it into the garbage bin of history and replace it with a system where people don't have to and in fact won't and can't live off the exploitation of anybody else and off the blood of anybody else.

OUR CLASS, NOT OUR COUNTRY

They say, and they tell us every day, "This is your country. You may not like it, but it's your country." Sometimes they try to say, "My country right or wrong," but that don't make it, that don't get over a lot of times, because people say, "Well, there's more wrong than right." So then they say, "Well, O.K., maybe so, but this is your country, you grew up here, you eat hamburgers and speak the English language, and wouldn't you rather have somebody who speaks English tell you what to do and dictate to you and exploit you every day? This is your country, you grew up here and at least you can understand the Man when he tells you what you got to do to live."

Well, this reminds me of an ad I saw on T.V., watching the basketball game. They had this ad on for Prudential Insurance. They got all these ads on that expose the system, and in this one there was this woman, this little old lady who was driving this car, leading these pigs on a chase and smashing into everything. You've probably seen this ad. They all pop up and say, "We're covered, I got a piece of the rock." But the best part of it is when this flunkey, this chauffeur whose Cadillac has been smashed by the fallout from all this mad driving, turns to the boss as he calls up Prudential and says, "Hey boss, we're covered." And I said to myself, *we're covered!* Damn it, all you do is drive the thing, you don't own even a hubcap, what do you mean, *we're covered?*

See this is the same kind of thing about "this is our country." What do you mean, "our" country? This reminds me of being in jail in Washington D.C. Now how do you think people in there would react if the goddamn jailers came around and said, "Somebody's trying to invade our jail." Well, I know what they'd say, they'd say, "Shit, I live in it, but it ain't *mine*." And that's the whole way we've got to understand this country, we are here but it's not ours. We are the people who don't own anything in this country except our ability to go to work and slave and make these people rich.

We are the proletariat, the propertyless class, we don't have a country. We live in it but it's not ours. And it's not going to be our country until we liberate it, not just for ourselves, but make revolution and make it a base area and a place of support for the proletariat, our class of people internationally, and use it to strengthen not only our own advance but also to make it a base area to strengthen revolution throughout the world. Then it'll belong to us and then we can talk about defending it from imperialists and reactionaries who might try to steal that back from our class of people.



THE MOODY PARK THREE--MARA YOUNGDAHL, TRAVIS MORALES & TOM HIRSCHI

KANGAROO COURT DELAYS CONVENING

(WPS)—On Monday, April 9th, trial judge Jo Keagan summoned the lawyer representing the Moody Park 3 to the courthouse and informed him that the trial was postponed for one week. When the lawyer demanded to know why, she responded, "We have secret evidence that communists are planning to disrupt the proceedings and I won't allow my courtroom to be turned into a circus."

But a zoo, a pig sty, a kangaroo court, her honor does not mind. She advised that Chief of Pigs Caldwell had uncovered this secret evidence and advised her to postpone the trial, a suggestion she accepted with little reluctance. The real reason prompting Houston's authorities to delay the trial became clear when the judge produced this "evidence"—two leaflets distributed in the Black community, calling on people to pack the courtroom during the trial and to demonstrate on the opening day.

The plan had been to carry out the proceedings in a shroud of secrecy. But the mass support demonstrated for the Moody Park 3 at the rally a day earlier threw a wrench in their plans. The last thing they needed was a demonstration on the opening day of the trial, exposing the railroad scheduled inside the Harris County Courthouse. The stage had been set, the actors were all in place, but what the judge-a-roo and the other animals running the Houston sideshow hadn't counted on was "audience participation."

Activists fanned out across Houston on Monday to expose this latest tilting of the scales of injustice. What the authorities couldn't accomplish with the banging of her honor's gavel, they attempted to accomplish with the other arm of the law—the Houston P.D.

People spread the word of the postponement and exposed the schemes of pigs behind it. As they called on the masses to join the demonstration the next day which was *not* postponed, ten police cars pulled up outside the Northside barrio housing project of Irvington Courts. Seven activists were busted for a variety of "offenses" ranging from failure to show ID, to public intoxication (agitating at a neighborhood bar) and impeding pedestrian traffic (leafletting on a sidewalk). Seemingly endless in their willingness to enforce law and order, these efforts of Houston's "swines" were topped later Monday night when, after leaving a meeting which was surrounded by undercover cops, a brother was hauled off to jail for "making an unsafe lane

change."

While Caldwell had prayed that postponing the trial would call a halt to the April 10th demonstration, he and his masters were bitterly disappointed. Over 200 people marched through downtown Houston that day accompanied by two huge trucks and a powerful sound system that carried the message of the march to thousands. Hundreds of police hid in the basement of the courthouse, well out of sight of the people. An undercover oinker cruised by the march and, as everybody pointed a threatening finger at the butcher, a chant fired out, "Put the Pigs in the Bayou and the People in the Street."

The cordial relationship between the Houston P.D. and the local media was less than subtle that evening on the 5 o'clock news. One TV station showed a film clip that began with demonstrators jumping off trucks chanting, "Moody Park, It's Right to Rebel—Capitalist System Go to Hell." This was followed by a clip of hundreds of riot equipped police in the courthouse basement, fapping their batons on the pavement, slobbering in anticipation of attacking the demonstration. The sharp contrast between the militant activists and these slovenly beasts hidden in the basement would win few supporters to the side of the Houston P.D. Suddenly a test pattern interrupted the film clip and moments later, the news came back on with a completely different story.

Later that night, Houston's Chicano community was no doubt pleased to learn that it had won a new friend in high places. Instead of running the film clips aired at 5 o'clock, the same station featured Chief Caldwell who reported that Tuesday's demonstration was really "no big deal" and that the activists had been "rejected by the Mexican-American community." Apparently Chief Caldwell is now a "Chicano community leader!"

The ruling class is desperately trying to put away the Moody Park 3. They would actually prefer to simply dispense with the trial and proceed immediately to the sentencing. They hope that by postponing the trial, the movement to free the three revolutionary fighters will be confused and weakened, unable to make a powerful statement when the trial does begin. But they are dead wrong. For the people of Houston and the whole country, it will be their blood-soaked system that stands trial inside and outside the courthouse on Monday, April 16th. ■

FREE THE MOODY PARK 3!

DEFEND THE HOUSTON REBELLION!

.... HUNDREDS RAL TO DEFEND MOODY

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But the masses responded and opened their doors to the activists, and everyone was able to be housed indoors. One woman who opened her home to people told of the controversy it had created in her family. "My older children don't understand. I have a son studying to be a doctor and he don't want nothing to do with mama no more. But my younger sons, they're different. They know where and when the

cops take their coffee break. And put Moody Park stickers on their car. My youngest is 8 years old. He's trouble, he's for the people. He's a communist."

A community center in the 3rd ward, one of the Black ghettos in Houston, opened its doors to 60 activists from California. The night they arrived, the director of the center called the youth of the area together and told them, "Look, we're not just putting people up because no one else will. They stand for the people against the pigs. I want you guys to put the word out on the streets." Later that night, a teenager from the neighborhood took up a post across the street with his dog, keeping an eye out for trouble. When one of the out-of-towners told the director of the center that the pigs would undoubtedly vamp on the center for the stand he had taken, he said, "Hell, we knew that before we did it."

This was the scene in Houston at the start of the rally, and the capitalists knew it. All their attempts to prevent the rally, isolate the three leaders and intimidate the people had only brought more people forward. And it was the people who were insuring that the rally would take place.

RALLY FANS THE FLAMES

Failing to stop the rally, the bourgeoisie hoped to wall it up inside the gym. But this rally had no walls. Everywhere, fists flew in the air as the P.A. systems blasted outside. The revolutionary band Firebrand sang the song of the Soweto Rebellion in South Africa. "Burning is the fire, burning is the spirit of Soweto." And after the beginning of the song, a telegram from over 300 residents of Watts "To our brothers and sisters in Houston" was read. "Just as the Watts Rebellion in 1965 sparked off the powderkeg of burning anger, your rebellion reminds us that the oppressor bleeds too, and his days are numbered."

The Houston authorities had tried hard to prevent this spirit from



MOODY PARK -- SEED OF THE FUTURE --

FROM REBELLION TO MASS ARMED REVOLUTION



POLICE TERROR, THREATS & ARRESTS ONLY SPURRED ON PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE REBELLION AND THE 3 EVEN MORE. (LEFT) CHIEF PIG CALDWELL SHIT IN HIS PANTS AT THE SPECTRE OF THE PEOPLE RISING UP UNDER COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP.

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spreading, especially to Black people. Cops had gone into the Black ghettos like the 3rd ward saying, "White outsiders are coming to incite Black people to riot." One Black man laughed and told people who were building for the rally, "We don't need anybody outside to incite. We've got enough here to riot about." The "outside agitators" quickly scribbled a support statement saying "Free the Moody Park 3, Kick Capitalism Flat on Its Ass!" 38 people signed it on the spot. "You stick that in the chief pig's face," an older woman said. A Black man with his face all bandaged up came over. He walked with a limp, the result of a gunshot wound the cops gave him years ago. Last week, he said, as he was walking into his house, cops saw him limp and decided he was drunk. "Come here, nigger," they yelled, and suddenly he was thrown to the ground and beaten with night sticks. His swollen hand had difficulty holding the pen, but defiantly he signed the statement and told his buddies, "Come on, you sign too."

As the RCP speaker said at the rally, "The bourgeoisie worked for the last 10 years to smother rebellion. But here it was again. Moody Park symbolized the breaking of chains, standing on your feet, we ain't gonna be your goddamn slaves no more."

When the emcee at the rally announced that the film of the Rebellion was going to start, dozens of people sitting outside listening, poured into the building. They had to relive those two nights of freedom.

Inside the gym, scenes of the Rebellion flash across the screen. Orange-green cop cars are overturned. Flames are lighting up the night (cheers go up). A cop gets hit by a car, he writhes on the ground in pain (the room explodes).

Outside an undercover pig nicknamed "Blondie" drives by the rally, passing young Chicanos sitting in a car listening. This "Blondie" is the most notorious hated pig on the North-



side—responsible for many arrests of Travis Morales and others. Suddenly a beer bottle appears out of nowhere. Direct hit. The car joits to a stop. Tires screeching, it speeds away.

Solidarity statements had come in from everywhere. People standing with the 3 revolutionaries who had upheld this "shameful act." Marxist-Leninists in Canada, the mother of a Black man murdered by Seattle police, health professionals in Houston who are members of the Medical Committee for Human Rights—who fought against the views of some that Travis could have "helped these people more by becoming a doctor instead of a revolutionary inspiration," Safeway workers in Oakland who had been on strike. Eighty-five organizations and individuals had endorsed the demands of the rally. Three hundred lawyers, law students and legal workers had signed a petition printed in the *Houston Post*. The bourgeoisie's lies be damned—not only the Chicano people but people from all walks of life were stepping forward to defend the Moody Park 3.

Mexican maids, day laborers, and their supporters who had liberated several bridges on the El Paso/Juarez border sent a solidarity statement. "Vicious exploitation is legal, rats but no bathrooms is legal, kids turning into alcoholics at 15 or junkies at 13 is legal—but undocumented workers looking for a way to keep their families alive is illegal, to rebel at Moody Park is illegal, to be the Moody Park 3 is illegal, to make revolution is illegal. As long as this vicious imperialist system exists, the masses of people will be forced to live illegally, but only as long as we permit this system to exist." The spokeswoman points to the American flag—the symbol of degradation here, in Mexico, and around the world—and defiantly rips it up. The audience goes wild.

The capitalists and their pigs received a righteous slap in the face from this bold political rally on the eve of the most significant trial in this country in years. Their terror, threats, and arrests had only resulted in even more support and participation from the people—not only in Houston, but around the country. The sight of the Houston Rebellion 11 months before had become the sight of still another defeat for the enemy, as the battle to free the revolutionary fighters who upheld that rebellion gained more ground and pointed the road forward for the future.

We will not allow them to rip off our leaders who have stood on the side of the people. We will not allow them to squash the people's ability to organize against oppression. During the rally, undercover pigs go up to the sister of a man they had beaten the night before. They whine, "These communists are trying to start a war here." She looks them right in the eye. "Right on, and I'm going to be part of it." ■

STATEMENT ON TRIAL OPENING

By the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA

APRIL 7, 1979

Under attack in Houston, with the trial of the Moody Park 3, is the daring of the oppressed to smack the face of their tormentors. The Moody Park rebellion is on trial—on trial is a spirit, a vision that our rulers constantly work to kill. Puffed up with their own arrogance, they have declared it dead hundreds of times, only to see it rise again and again.

Houston's Chief Executioner, Police Chief Caldwell, spilled out their wishful thinking into Travis Morales' jail cell when he said to Travis that the Revolutionary Communist Party would never get over with the people of this country, that people here would never buy revolution, because the people had it so great—all these freedoms and such a high standard of living. Slavemaster talk about his "happy slaves."

But the "freedoms" so well symbolized by the police murder of Joe Torres, and the "high standards" of *barrio* living gave rise to a rebellion of the Chicano people in Houston that made these pigs choke on their own garbage. They had worked for a decade to smother the spirit of rebellion symbolized by Watts, Detroit, Newark, the Chicano Moratorium and the rest—and now here it was again.

These sewer-stench lies about this system's "freedom and justice" were tried, convicted and sentenced to a good two days of running-for-their-lives at Moody Park. Such a rebellion is something our rulers can never tolerate, and they must move, as they are moving with this trial, to pour out their poison about it and try to stomp out all it stands for.

Their hatred for the people's rebellion is increased a hundred times when revolutionary leaders, like the Moody Park 3, step forward in the face of attack and say that rebellion is fine and we need still more—revolution.

When Houston's authorities leaped out raging at the rebellion, unleashing pig terror and cursing the air blue against those who had fought them, the Moody Park 3 could have jumped into the nest of vipers, hustlers and pimps who joined in this reactionary chorus. But these 3 stood firm with the Chicano people in revolt and raised the banner, "It's Right to Rebel!" When the mayor of Houston publicly broadcast death threats to Travis Morales, Travis and other revolutionaries could have stood on the sidelines in silence, trembling, criticizing and apologizing. Instead they stepped forward and said still more—that from rebellion, people would surely go on and finish the job with revolution. When 60 and more arrests, charging everything from attempted murder on down, were cooked up against those who defended the rebellion, it was a crass and open attempt to scare any and all away. But revolutionaries did not seek miserable excuses to slink away from the struggle. Not only did the Moody Park 3 hold firm, more people have come forward and today the struggle to Defend the Rebellion and Free the Three is broader and stronger than ever. This, more than anything, is testament to the fact that the masses will always bring forward new leaders and revolution will never be crushed.

The rebellion is on trial in Houston. But even more is on trial than that. For the Moody Park 3 symbolize all those people who hold a revolutionary vision. People who are determined not to let the fires of rebellion rage and then burn down to mere embers, but work to spread these flames to every corner of the country. They symbolize the growing numbers of people who are not satisfied with only one or two days of revenge on the murdering pigs, but want to put these beasts and this whole system of capitalist oppression under the ground for good. This is the vision that fires us to free the Moody Park 3, and this is the vision that we will surely make into reality.

**Free the Moody Park 3!
Defend the Houston Rebellion!
Moody Park—Seed of the Future—From Rebellion to
Mass Armed Revolution**

Central Committee, Revolutionary Communist Party

***** UPDATE ***** RAILROAD OF MOODY PARK 3 BEGINS

HOUSTON, TEXAS, APRIL 18 (WPS)—On the heels of two postponements in the last two weeks, the state revved up its engines and the railroad of the Moody Park 3 began. On orders from Chief of Police Caldwell, Judge Joe Keegans postponed the trial from April 10 to Monday, April 16. Next the judge conveniently caught viral pneumonia, informing the defense lawyers at the last minute on the morning the trial was to have begun. How convenient that "her honor" caught the bug just after thousands of leaflets calling for a noon picket had been distributed in Houston. How convenient that this illness required day to day delays of the trial. Of course when the trial began on Wednesday morning, this sick judge puffed away all day on cigarettes and never coughed once—achieving her place in medical history for the fastest recovery from

viral pneumonia known to science. Now after these delays, two defense lawyers probably won't be able to finish the trial because these postponements have wreaked havoc to their schedules.

How convenient for the ruling class—a great excuse, they thought to confuse and demoralize the growing movement to Free the Moody Park 3. But they were wrong. On Wednesday morning as the gavel banged, the courtroom was filled with supporters. TV cameras were stationed outside the door and the entire courthouse buzzed with news of the opening of the most significant political trial in the last 5 years.

Kangaroo court began. Every motion from the defense—for continuance, so that all the lawyer could be present for the entire trial; a motion for dismissal based on selective

prosecution because the 3 were picked out for trial because they are revolutionaries who stood up to defend the Houston Rebellion; a motion for Travis Morales to be co-counsel—all these motions were answered by the white-jowelled carcass—"DENIED". Each time the prosecution objected to anything from the defense it was "MOTION SUSTAINED" from the honorable mummy. When Travis was arguing for his right to be co-counsel, he pointed out all the postponements in the trial including the embarrassing fact that the former D.A. had to leave the case because he was implicated in cattle prod torture to get confessions out of prisoners. While this well known fact had been reported many times in the local press, the prosecution popped up and said, "See, your honor, he's not bound by the rules of the court, he'll say any old radical thing he wants to."

After the HPD has been red-baiting for months, calling press conferences, to denounce the Revolutionary Communist Party and holding up the Party newspaper and leaflet on TV, suddenly on the opening day of the trial, it was a "criminal", not a political case. A parade of pigs oinked from the witness stand that they had never heard of the Revolutionary Communist Party. (Except for one puffed-up pig from Criminal Intelligence who bragged that he had known about the RCP for "all his life". Since the Party was founded in 1975, this pig is either a fool or has the mentality of a four-year-old.) When court moved to a larger courtroom, for jury selection, the bailiff announced that the jury panel would be conveniently enlarged to 120 in order to fill all the available seats in the courtroom. No supporters allowed. Of course the dogs from the Criminal Intelligence Division were standing all around. In front of the court, the words on the T-shirts worn by the Moody Park 3 put the court on notice of their continued strong stand against this railroad—"FREE THE MOODY PARK 3, DEFEND THE HOUSTON REBELLION." ■