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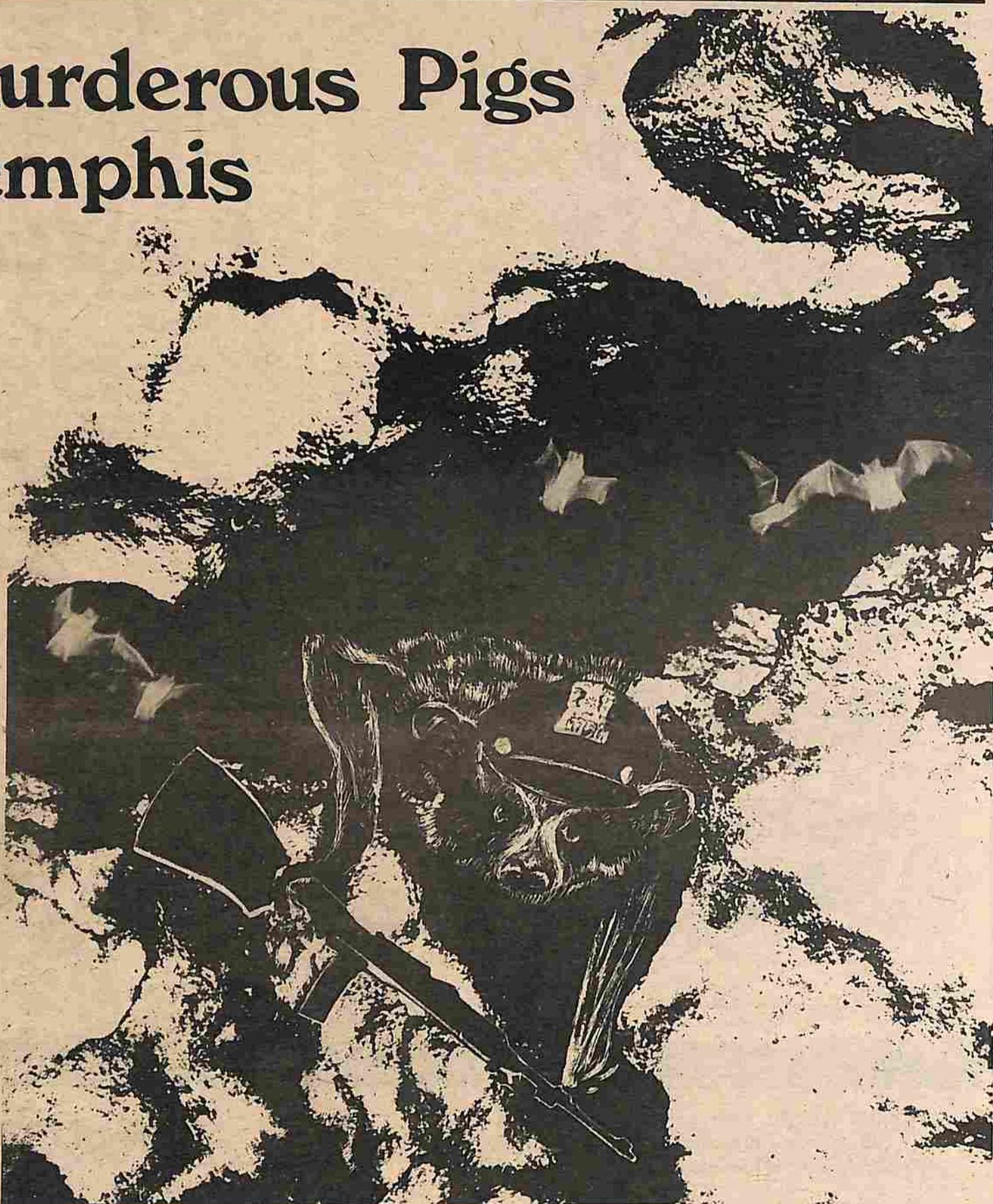
The Murderous Pigs of Memphis

Lindberg Sanders, a 49-year-old man living on the north side of Memphis, Tennessee, was the leader of a group of twenty-five or so youth from the neighborhood who frequently gathered on weekends in his home to study the Bible together. Sanders also hated the cops—and he was Black. The cops said Lindberg Sanders was crazy, a religious nut—but they took him quite seriously. On his lawn was posted a large, very readable sign: "Wanted for Murder. Mr. Hog. Known aliases: Pork, Swine, Hog, Pig." In the all-Black neighborhood where Sanders lived, a man who told it like that was dangerous. A man like that had to be taught a lesson. On the morning of Thursday, January 13, following an encounter with the police in which a cop was seized and held in Sanders' home, the police delivered their lesson: Sanders, his son, and five other youth in his group lay in a pool of blood, murdered by the Memphis police.

From the point when one of "their own" was taken and held in Sanders' home, on Tuesday afternoon, the aim of the cops was clear. Siege was laid to the house, the neighbors for a block around were evacuated, the area sealed off, the telephone and electricity to the house cut, and the press kept away from the police operations center established in a school directly across the street from Sanders' home. The men in Sanders' home were isolated, cut off; surrounded by over 100 cops with automatic rifles. And when the police were ready, they struck, and they made sure to leave no one alive to talk.

Despite the extraordinary efforts of the

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Decision Expected Soon

Bob Avakian's Case Argued in France

On Wednesday, January 12, an important legal proceeding took place in the struggle to obtain political refugee status for Bob Avakian in France. The hearing took place before the commission of the French government (Commission de Recours) which has the responsibility of ruling on the appeals filed by applicants for political refugee status whose initial claims have been rejected by the OFPRA (L'office français de protection des réfugiés et apatridés).

From the beginning it was clear that the French authorities were paying serious attention to comrade Avakian's case. The commission was presided over that day by its president who handles personally only the most important cases. In addition the delegate in France of the High Commission for the Protection of Refugees, affiliated with the United Nations,

served on the three judge panel. The hearing lasted longer than usual.

The commission had been presented with an impressive and voluminous documentation of the history of political repression directed against revolutionaries and progressives in the U.S. and of course against the RCP and Bob Avakian in particular. Hundreds of pages of testimony from people of all walks of life spoke of the COINTELPRO program, used most notoriously against the Black Panther Party in the 1960s; the history of the outrageous attempt to send comrade Avakian to jail for several lifetimes in the aftermath of the demonstration against Deng Xiaoping in Washington in 1979; the murder of comrade Damián García with the direct connivance of a secret police agent; the thousands of arrests of members and supporters of the RCP; the

exposure of murder and torture in U.S. prisons directed against revolutionaries; and the multiple and continuing threats on the life of Bob Avakian. All in all the commission had before them one of the most thoroughly documented and irreproachable cases of political repression ever, which clearly demonstrated that Bob Avakian meets the requirements of the Geneva Convention which states: "the term refugee applies to any person who, reasonably fearing persecution as a result of his race, religion, nationality, membership in a certain social group or his political beliefs, finds himself outside of the country of which he is a national and who cannot or, as a result of this fear, does not wish to claim the protection of that country."

Nevertheless it was clear from the very beginning of the process that the French

government was dead set against giving the status of political refugee — however justified — to an *American*, a citizen of that "great democracy" with which France, in the words of its government officials, is "a most reliable ally." It has also been clear from the beginning and was demonstrated in the hearing that the French government is bitterly opposed (naturally) to the revolutionary politics of Bob Avakian and the RCP, USA and thus seeks any grounds possible for denying him the political refugee status.

A "No" Recommendation

The official charged with manufacturing a reason for rejecting Bob Avakian's appeal was a court "reporter" for the commission, who is supposed to review all the evidence in the file and present a

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Remarks from Secretary of Interior Custer



Last week Interior Secretary James Watt was quoted as saying, "If you want an example of the failures of socialism, don't go to Russia, come here to America and go to an Indian reservation."

Thank you, Mr. Watt, for your brief history of "handouts" from the U.S. government:

- Smallpox blankets.
- The Trail of Tears, including the forced relocation and mass murder of thousands of Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, and Seminoles.
- The Long Walk, including the forced relocation and mass murder of thousands of Navajos.
- Innumerable massacres, including 200 men, women and children shot and left to freeze to death at Wounded Knee in 1890.
- Mormons kidnapping native children and subsequently "civilizing" them.
- BIA teachers and administrators beating native children for having Eagle feathers or speaking their native language.
- The murder of 200 American Indian Movement activists and supporters on the Pine Ridge Reservation between 1973 (following the occupation of Wounded Knee) and 1979.
- The framing of Leonard Peltier and his continued imprisonment.
- Over 80% unemployment on the Navajo reservation.
- Uranium poisoning.
- Violating every treaty ever signed with any tribe.
- The murder of Bobby Gene Garcia who helped in a Peltier escape attempt and was subsequently hung in an Indiana jail.
- Destroying the salmon in the Northwest; "stock reduction" by killing most of the Navajo's sheep; wiping out the buffalo in the Plains.

Of course, this is just an abbreviated and highly selective list.

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Bob Avakian on Radio WRFG World War, Nuclear Weapons, and Revolution

The following is the third in a series of excerpts from an interview with Bob Avakian conducted by Rob Gibson on radio station WRFG in Atlanta. This interview was done in June 1982, but for various reasons was not aired until Nov. 19. This series of excerpts comes from the first part of that interview; more may air in the future. They have been transcribed from a tape and Bob Avakian's comments have been edited.

RG: Speaking about the Soviet Union as an imperialist country might surprise many people, especially in the United States, where people have been brought up to believe that the so-called Russians are communists and therefore they are bad guys. Mr. Avakian speaks of the United States and the Soviet Union as imperialists in the same breath simply because, like the United States, the Soviets are heading up an imperialist bloc for war. Here's a quote from the party's *Programme*: "The masses there, those within its socialist camp and under its international domination as well as those oppressed by and fighting against Western imperialism, are told by the Russian rulers to swallow the same basic swill — but with a Russian flavor. The only way to secure peace in the world and bring progress for humanity, according to this version of imperialist gangster logic, is to depend on, and sacrifice millions of lives in the service of, the expansion of Russian 'influence' and the replacement of the United States by the Soviet Union as the dominant world power." This, then, is the reason that the United States and the Soviet Union, according to Mr. Avakian, are very much alike.

BA: In terms of the danger of nuclear war, and the responsibility for that danger, some people say, "well, look, even Reagan doesn't really want a nuclear war, nobody wants a nuclear war." Even people who don't like Reagan and think that he's a cowboy and so on with his six-shooters and everything else trying to ride roughshod over the rest of the world, a lot of them still insist on the point that Reagan really doesn't want a nuclear war either. Caspar Weinberger gets in front of the media and says "I don't want a nuclear war;" Alexander Haig (he's not the Secretary of State any longer but he's an influential figure in the ruling class nevertheless) and Henry Kissinger and all the rest of them, well, they don't really want a nuclear war, do they? And people ask us, are you saying these people really want a nuclear war? Are you saying Brezhnev, for example, or other imperialist leaders, really want a nuclear war? The answer is I don't know, frankly, speaking of their subjective wishes

about nuclear war. But whether they really *want* one in whatever they have instead of a heart of hearts is not really the decisive question. The question should be phrased another way and people have to think deeply about it. In fact the question should be put directly to these imperialists and their spokesmen: don't they in fact prefer nuclear war to seeing the U.S. and the Western bloc and Western civilization (as they often call it) be reduced to a second-rate power in the world, and still worse seeing it overthrown by revolution? And I think if you put the question that way — and that's the way the question is going to be posing itself in the real world — then they will answer in practice, *yes*. And in fact they have all made statements that make it clear that that's what they think and what they're going to act on, because it is their top-of-the-world position and their whole order that's at stake.

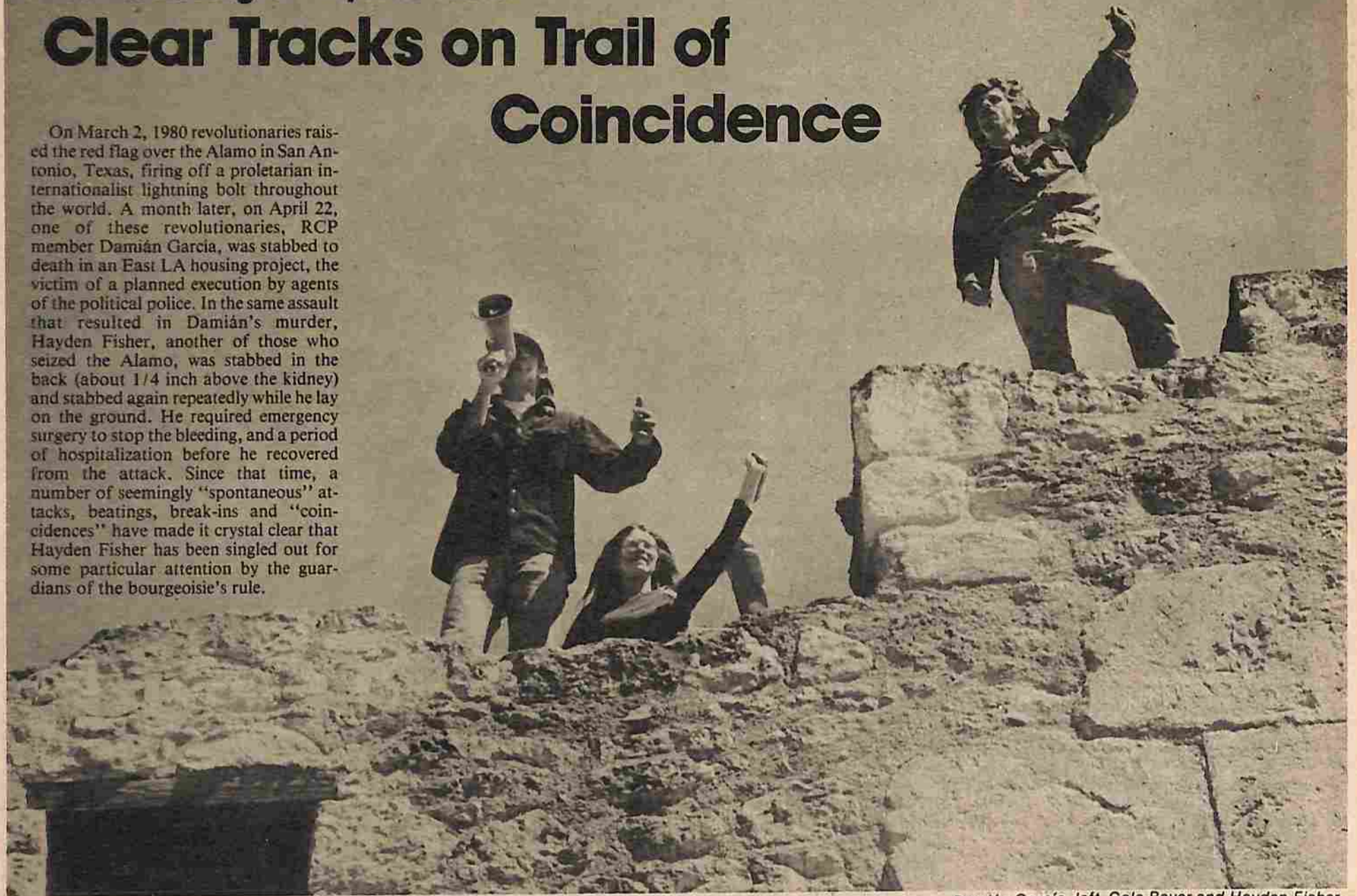
For the masses of people throughout the world, this is always a horrible order. It's always an order full of tremendous suffering — and needless suffering — I mean, literally millions of people, hundreds of millions, are starving every night in this world of ours where the imperialists in the meantime are putting up space shuttles for military purpose. And this — people have said before and maybe it's almost a cliché but it's true nonetheless — this is genuinely obscene. But what indication does anyone have that Reagan and the rest — all these ruling class figures in the Western and Eastern blocs — would *want* to change all this, or in fact *could* change it even if we could imagine that they wanted to? They are only the representatives of a system which has its inherent logic and laws and which is built upon all this. And so it's going to come down to this, they've gotten to the point where they have to redivide the world, the one bloc fighting the other, to get the system going again on a new, reorganized basis only to have it plunge the world into even more destruction the next time around unless we break through this with revolution. So that's why it's impor-

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The Hounding of Hayden Fisher

Clear Tracks on Trail of Coincidence

On March 2, 1980 revolutionaries raised the red flag over the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, firing off a proletarian internationalist lightning bolt throughout the world. A month later, on April 22, one of these revolutionaries, RCP member **Damián García**, was stabbed to death in an East LA housing project, the victim of a planned execution by agents of the political police. In the same assault that resulted in **Damián's** murder, **Hayden Fisher**, another of those who seized the Alamo, was stabbed in the back (about 1/4 inch above the kidney) and stabbed again repeatedly while he lay on the ground. He required emergency surgery to stop the bleeding, and a period of hospitalization before he recovered from the attack. Since that time, a number of seemingly "spontaneous" attacks, beatings, break-ins and "coincidences" have made it crystal clear that **Hayden Fisher** has been singled out for some particular attention by the guardians of the bourgeoisie's rule.



Damián García, left, Gale Bayer and Hayden Fisher

The most recent incident occurred in the wake of the publication by the *LA Times* of a significant article about Los Angeles Police Department undercover agents operating against the RCP, including the information that one of these agents was standing about five feet away from **Damián**, this cop's principal "target," at the time of the murder.

In light of these disclosures, **Hayden Fisher** has been actively speaking to the media and others about the murder and the other ongoing attacks on the RCP and its supporters by the political police. In the midst of this activity, a car that **Hayden** drives was broken into one morning, and a briefcase was stolen out of the back seat. Nothing else in the car was taken. The *RW* has since learned that the LAPD now has this briefcase in its possession.

But "burglaries" in the style of the infamous COINTELPRO type are only one aspect of the attention that **Hayden** has received over the past period. Direct physical assault has been another. Some of this was concentrated around the period leading up to May Day, 1982, and particularly the preparations for and carrying out of **Damián García Day** on April 22. Ten days prior to this occasion, **Hayden** was attacked on a streetcorner in East Los Angeles by a man who said, "This is the great United States of America. I fought for this country." This attacker ripped a red flag from **Hayden's** hand. Thus, he displayed a remarkably similar *modus operandi* to that of the agents who had confronted **Damián**, **Hayden** and others two years earlier, who also had grabbed red flags and whose leader had stated, "You hate the government, I am the government. Your flag is red. Mine is red, white and blue." In the more recent incident, the attacker suddenly picked up a metal rod from the ground and pounded **Hayden** with it, breaking **Hayden's** arm in the process. When **Hayden** was joined by another comrade, the attacker quickly left the scene.

Could this have been simply the action of an outraged resident of East LA? Hardly. This same attacker had just the day before confronted **Gale Bayer**, the third revolutionary who had stood atop

the Alamo, saying, "What is someone from Houston, Texas, doing in LA, doing this?" Neither the fact that **Gale** was in LA nor the city she was from had been publicized, and even people who worked closely with her did not necessarily know who she was. Obviously, this attacker had to have certain connections with those who keep files, photographs, etc., in order to have known this information.

Ten days later, **Hayden** was once again assaulted by reactionaries posing as "residents." The setting was a memorial rally for **Damián García**, held on the site of his murder. Also present at the scene was a small core of thugs who were attempting, unsuccessfully, to whip up some youth and others from the housing project to attack the memorial rally. Among this crew was a male who had been seen wearing an LAPD jersey from Hollenbeck Division (the unit that patrols this neighborhood and conducted the "investigation" into **Damián's** murder) and two other males who had been spotted getting out of a police car before the memorial rally began. During the course of the rally, one of the assembled thugs heaved a baseball bat towards the area where **Hayden** was standing; it hit **Hayden** on the head, causing a concussion and requiring him to stay overnight in the hospital. The bat-thrower had previously confronted **Hayden** in the housing project, and had also been spotted burning May Day leaflets. A number of youths in the projects have recently informed the *RW* that the police had been very uptight about the scheduled memorial rally and had come out in force trying to goad some youth into attacking the rally by saying that the revolutionaries were "invading your turf" and offering money for such an assault. It is not known whether this particular bat-thrower is on the permanent or more temporary police payroll.

While the political police certainly had a vested interest in making such attacks appear to be the reaction of "angry residents," the assaults on **Hayden** in this period were not limited to the non-uniform variety. On April 15, **Hayden** and two others were arrested at a junior high school in East LA. During this arrest a school security cop put a choke-hold on

Hayden, stopping only when a nearby student screamed as **Hayden** was losing consciousness. However, when this pig got **Hayden** into an office out of the view of the students, he proceeded to beat him severely. This same approach continued after **Hayden** was taken to the Hollenbeck police station. Because his arm was still broken from the street-corner attack, the police were unable to handcuff him and ordered **Hayden** to keep his hands in his pockets. As they maneuvered him near a staircase, one of the Hollenbeck officers stuck his foot out in a serious (and nearly successful) attempt to trip **Hayden** down the stairs. **Hayden** was the only one of the three arrestees subjected to such treatment. However, the police did attempt to interview all three for the LAPD's Public Disorder Intelligence Division, the unit which the undercover pig on the spot at **Damián's** murder worked for; the initials PDID were written across the top of the interview sheet. And throughout the entire booking process, different cops repeatedly made reference to **Damián's** murder with comments such as "Damián got what he deserved," and a Latino pig offering, "No recuerdo Damián" (I don't remember **Damián**).

Another attack on **Hayden** occurred a couple of months later. During this time, **Revolution Books** in LA was twice attacked by the "Jewish Defense League" and/or the "Jewish Defense Organization," and there were a number of phone threats from these types on RCP chairman **Bob Avakian**, the RCP's Central Committee, and the RCP in general. Shortly after the first JDL/O attack on the bookstore, **Hayden** was walking down a street in another part of town when he was suddenly accosted by a man who sneaked up from behind and began slugging him. There were a number of people in the area, but by shouting, "That will teach you to mess with my stuff," the attacker made it appear as though this was a personal quarrel. In fact, **Hayden** had never seen this man before. However, there are plenty of reasons to believe that the attacker knew a lot about **Hayden**—especially since he made a pointed effort to kick **Hayden** in the location of the knife wound he had

received a little more than two years earlier. When it became clear that the attacker wasn't going to stop, a number of people in the area intervened and the goon quickly ran off. What a "coincidence" that **Hayden** should be singled out in a seemingly unrelated attack, precisely at a time when the political police and their hirelings were stepping up their overall attacks on the party.

And speaking of hirelings, one of the JDL/O leaders, who always makes a point of including some mention of the RCP among his seemingly crazed rambles in front of the media, was also involved in a "coincidence" with **Hayden**. About a year before the incident described above, the JDL/O leader just happened to "run into" **Hayden** at a location near where **Hayden** worked, at the time that **Hayden** always got off work — late at night. This JDL/O leader then rattled off a number of political events where he had supposedly seen **Hayden** and attempted to get **Hayden** to take a sheet of paper that supposedly contained the address and phone number of a local Nazi leader. This particular JDL/O'er has tried such obvious provocateur tactics on RCP supporters before, and it has always been rejected — as was this feeble attempt. But his running into **Hayden** in just such a spot was hardly coincidental. Neither was the fact that he started off by listing all the various political events that **Hayden** had been at. This same *modus operandi* was directed towards **Hayden** a number of times in 1981, including at a demonstration against martial law in Poland, where a reactionary threatened him while listing a number of political events at which he had seen **Hayden**.

There are other suspicious incidents and other "coincidences" that one could mention, but they really are all cut from the same cloth — the unmistakable style of the old COINTELPRO. Indeed, some of these actions bear the well-known particular COINTELPRO stamp of letting the target know that he is in their sights, while overall hiding behind the undercover darkness of their operations.

But the spotlight is shining on the political police and their gangster efforts against **Hayden Fisher**. □

"The basic values underlying our society are no longer held by young people." So spoke a New York City Board of Education official last May as he addressed the deep and profound problems the rulers are facing with the youth in this country, especially those who are Black or other oppressed nationalities or among the foreign-born. In 1980, the Carnegie Council on Policy Studies warned that the city's youth were not participating in or contributing to a "democratic society." Both of these statements were expressions of the increasing alarm of the henchmen of "democratic society" at the growing rebelliousness and burning hatred for the authorities' program among the city's nearly 1 million school age youth, 73% of whom are Black or Spanish-speaking. The fact is, the forces of the clampdown are confronted with a most explosive and dangerous enemy and acutely aware of the threat that young proletarians pose to law and order and the American way of life.

For example, when a weapons search was conducted a few months ago in Brooklyn's predominantly Black Jefferson High School it quickly erupted into a mass charge out of the school with youth holding off the police for hours with bottles and bricks. At Erasmus High, also a mainly Black school and considered "dangerous," no one but seniors are allowed out of the school for lunch and all students are required to carry photo I.D. cards. Franklin High in Harlem was deemed so "bad" that the Board of Education funneled Harlem's youth to other schools forcing Franklin to close down. At Madison High last year hundreds of Black youth defended themselves in the streets from racist attacks. At a Manhattan alternative high school where youth with persistent "behavior problems" are sent, a student strike broke out last April. And it was at Wingate High with a large number of Haitian, Jamaican and West Indian youth along with other proletarian youth where a May Day breakout occurred in 1982.

For some time now, New York authorities have been trying to deal with these youth, whom they clearly regard as an enemy that must be attacked in the same way as all enemies of "democratic society," with armed force, prisons and brutal coercion — in a concerted and methodical way through a public school program best described as "GET IN LINE, STAY IN LINE." A recently released report from the Task Force on School Safety (here "safety" refers to the protection and safety of the system from those it oppresses) represents a further step in the implementation of this program for the suppression and repression of youth. On November 30 the Task Force issued 23 recommendations designed to further integrate the schools into the apparatus of

the police and the courts and virtual prisons for holding youth during the school day. The composition of the Task Force itself indicates the nature of what is up. It is composed of 16 government agencies including representatives from the mayor's office, the Coordinator of Criminal Justice, the police department, all five Burroughs' District Attorney offices, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Probation and the fire department in conjunction with the Board of Education, the teacher's unions, community school boards, and parent associations. And the report recommends that the Task Force continue to exist as a permanent "single oversight committee" to "monitor the implementation of the recommendations...analyze data on trends in city-wide school crime...(and) make proposals for enhanced inter-agency cooperation."

"Enhanced inter-agency cooperation," of course, means giving the pigs and the courts a bigger hand than they already have in the schools and streamlining the methods of bringing the full force of law and order to bear on youth while in school. This "enhanced cooperation" means that school authorities will become even more direct extensions of the police and court system. Presently the police can come into the schools and interrogate youth on in-school related incidents and they can of course arrest them, as can the ever-present Board of Education "peace officers" and the special mobile force of guards dispatched to trouble spots which the *New York Times* has proudly called a "scholastic SWAT team." The Task Force recommendations will now extend the school system's cooperative little claws some more by opening doors to the city pigs to come into the schools and drag students (either charged with a "Crime" or potential witnesses) out for immediate court appearances. Beyond this, and here is where it becomes even clearer just what kind of services the

school can render, for the first time the schools will hand over youth "suspected" of being involved in *out of school* felonies.

An attorney from each Burroughs' District Attorney's office, which houses among many things the government prosecutors in court cases, will now be assigned to work directly with the Task Force, the police department and the Board of Education "to ensure the most effective handling of school-related cases."

The Task Force also calls for enforcing the immediate filing of incident reports to the police, enforcing a standing regulation to turn over student records to the Supreme Court and to widen access to those records to also include the Family Court Division of the Department of Probation. The schools will become an even more integral part of determining jail sentences. The school administration and the authorities will now work more closely together to determine where youth coming out of jail will be placed and how they will be monitored. Tri-annual meetings between school principals and local police precincts are to be enforced and minutes are to be recorded.

On top of this, it is recommended that the schools develop a more structured network of junior pigs in the form of school and city-wide student committees whose purpose is to aid authorities in the "implementation of school safety policy" i.e., enforce discipline and act as snitches. Clearly, many of these "model students" will be found in witness chairs as state's evidence in court cases involving youth. These committees are to "meet regularly with juvenile and criminal justice agencies and school personnel" and will be "monitored by the Division of Pupil Personnel Services, the Office of the Mayor's Coordinator for Criminal Justice, and the Office of Student Affairs in the Division of High Schools." The student enforcers also will

work with school officials in implementing the newly-acquired detailed discipline code which each school is to draw up specifying appropriate and inappropriate behavior and a "range of sanctions" for a "range of behaviors" deemed to be violations of the code of "good citizenship." Records of all infractions will be kept and will, of course, be readily available to police, judges, and the Department of Probation.

All of these measures go hand in hand with the report's stress on going all out to keep youth off the streets and imprisoned in jail-like conditions in the schools if not in regular prisons. Throughout the '70s the public school system tried to deal with the problem of rebellious youth in the schools in part by kicking them out or allowing them to stay away. This did little to solve the authorities' problems with the youth, and with their greatly increased need to clamp down going into a period of greatly heightened upheaval and turmoil, the ruling class is keenly aware that more rigid systems of control and suppression are necessary. Thus the Board of Education has been going all out to get youth into the schools and keep them locked up. The first priority of the high school division has been the development of "holding power plans." "Drop out retrieval" was listed as the No. 2 priority. "Holding power plans" ranged from alternative high schools where students who exhibit ongoing "behavioral problems" are thrown, to wake up calls "reminding" students to get their ass to school, to programs like Erasmus High's "operation success," where youth who have left school are "given" a second chance if they are punctual, cooperative and in school everyday. For the many who don't cooperate, the Board of Education has guards with vans stationed outside and nearby schools in the mornings to pick up and haul in youth.

The Task Force surveyed the various programs and methods developed at different schools in order to institute what they hope will be the most effective measures of incarceration city wide. Its recommendations include requirements for modifying school buildings to make them more "secure" lock-ups. For instance, all city school entrances and exits not needed to meet fire codes are to be sealed. Further, the Task Force directs that any new construction of schools follow guidelines that "...will result in new buildings which are more secure. Special emphasis should be placed on the design of exits, staircases, entrances, corridors and on design elements that are preventive in nature." Perhaps the blueprints from Attica or Sing Sing would do the trick.

All schools are being directed to institute "alternative programs" if they don't have them already. "Alternative programs" are designed for the chronically malcontent. What they do is remove the most rebellious or uncooperative students from the rest of the youth but at the same time keep them in a school setting where they can be watched. The practice of suspension from school as punishment isn't quite achieving the desired result and the Task Force has summed it up as a rather counterproductive means of coercion. They explicitly stress that the schools enforce suspension *prevention* procedures. For the first time the schools are going to implement in-school suspensions or "the hole" so to

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BLACKBOARD TAILS



A breakout at Wingate High in Brooklyn, the day before May Day, 1982.

Low-life Visits, Black-robed Innuendo

January 14, two seedy-looking white men planted a fake "bomb" in the New York Revolution Books store. While the full intentions of this act aren't entirely clear, there are several possibilities, all with the same reactionary purpose — either as a direct threat or, if found by "others," a shabby way of trying to implicate Revolution Books and the RCP in such activity. (The head of New York City's Red Squad has been known to personally "visit" the bookstore.)

This was not the first visit this seedy duo had made to the store. Last summer they came in asking for "The Anarchist Cookbook" and other "How to do it" books. When the store's staff insisted they had no such things, they bought Mao's *Military Writings* and left.

December 18 they returned. They asked, "Did you get in any of the books we wanted yet?" and insinuated that

"maybe it's inside one of these other books." Then, though they undoubtedly understood what is well-known about the RCP, that it is not a terrorist group, they asked "Can't you help us out under the counter or something?" No.

On their last visit, one asked with a smirk, "What do you know about the bombing of police headquarters?" (referring to one of the well-publicized New Year's bombings in the city). And while walking out the door, the other one said, "They must learn their theory to do that from somewhere." To make it quite clear where these two were really coming from, one with a southern accent, "offered" the information that he had been in a "survival camp" "down there," implying the vicinity of Atlanta where there are known reactionary para-military training camps. They expressed an "interest" in the opening of the Atlanta store. And

they left behind a suspicious looking package — a fake "bomb."

These none-too-clever comments and the fake "bomb" are even more revealing when reviewed alongside those made by a purportedly dignified perpetrator of truth and justice. On January 7 during an appeals hearing for a case connected with preparation for last year's May 1st, a New Jersey judge in the course of upholding the original misdemeanor conviction, launched into a tirade about not "forcing your views on people." Originally claiming no knowledge of what "Pick up the red flag" meant, he said, "If you did this in another country, where they celebrate May Day, you might be sent to Siberia, maybe executed."

Then he made a specific reference to the New York New Years Eve's bombings, insinuating that the defendant might have been linked to these events.

When even the D.A.'s jaw dropped at this, the judge quickly sputtered, "But that has nothing to do with this case."

All this is very interesting in light of the methods being employed through the RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) statutes to try to railroad revolutionary nationalists and others. As was said in the *RW* "The purpose of invoking RICO statutes all along has been to concoct a grand criminal conspiracy in order to round up any number of political activists." One method employed in these fabrications has been to float out "possible links" in the press, et al., then a year or so later, "confirming" these "links" by issuing indictments.

All of this puts these "little incidents" in a framework that has all the earmarks of being concocted and orchestrated in high places. □

Pigs of Memphis

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cops to draw a veil down around their brutality and cover it with a multitude of lies, the basic truth about what happened on Memphis' north side can be told. Early on Tuesday afternoon, before the cop was taken hostage, two Memphis police paid a visit to Sanders' home. Youth in the neighborhood related how these cops were notorious for a history of racist harassment and attacks. The police claimed that they were checking out "an anonymous phone tip about a purse-snatcher." What was really going on is apparent to anyone familiar with the anatomy of pigs. One of Sanders' brothers, speaking afterwards, said, "They (the police) had to come in there rowdy. There had to be some foul play somewhere."

An hour or so later, the cops returned—this time with a back-up—supposedly to deal with a complaint from Sanders about their earlier visit. They claim that it was a set-up, that guns were pulled on them, the one cop, Hester, seized, and the other two lucky to escape with their lives. In fact, Sanders and the youth in the house had no guns—as the neighbors repeatedly insisted—and now the police themselves have had to admit that the only guns recovered after the massacre were a couple of police pistols—Hester's and one belonging to one of the cops who fled. No guns, no ambush—again the police story is exposed as sheer fabrication.

Perhaps it was an effort to deal more seriously—permanently—with Sanders and his group, much as the Arizona pigs dealt with the Black Christians of Miracle Valley when they dared to stand defiantly against police terror there. For one thing, dozens and dozens of off-duty white cops appeared, frothing at the mouth, at Sanders' house with suspicious speed. And then it was on the eve of the birthday of Martin Luther King, and it was Memphis. . .

Whatever their plans, the tables were suddenly turned on the cops—one of their own was now in the hands of those whom they'd tormented and suppressed for so long. A member of that "thin blue line" that enforces the way things are through systematic terror was now in the hands of his victims. For the authorities, the situation was intolerable: It was not a moment for negotiations, it was not a time for compromise, it was a time for bullets. No relatives of anyone in the house were allowed to speak to the men inside, not Sanders' wife, nor his brother, nor anyone else. His only request—to speak to a DJ from WLOK—was flatly denied. The operation was to be airtight—even loyal Black city officials were apparently kept away, as were Black cops who were relegated to re-routing traffic from the area. As night fell on Wednesday, an all-white SWAT squad prepared for action. Over half of the SWAT team had records of murdering their suspects. It was a crew hand-picked for mass execution—a firing squad.

What took place next was yet another massive display of pig power, of the mailed fist of the state. Tear gas cannisters

were thrown in, then smoke grenades, after which the SWAT team itself stormed in. They carried M-16s, with high-intensity flashlights strapped to the rifles to blind the men in the house. Supposedly the SWAT team approached the house and met a "barrage of gunfire," which they merely returned. There was no "barrage," since there were at most two pistols in the house. With the men inside choking on tear gas, blinded by the high-intensity flashlights, up against dozens of M-16s—who doesn't know what happened next? The cops carried out a massacre. It has come out since then—from the medical examiner, from a funeral home employee, and others—that six of the seven men died from a single gunshot wound to the head at "close range." The authorities refuse to say whether the wounds were to the front or back of the heads. It is quite possible that the cops simply lined the men up and executed them.

The official version of the assault itself was rife with lies and changed practically from day to day. Supposedly the cops went in—this was the *first* version—to save Hester's life. Later, when it came out that the house was electronically bugged and they knew every word said inside, they stated that they went in only after they knew Hester was dead. First they claimed Hester was brutally tortured to

death—a claim dutifully repeated in almost every media account. Now the official version is that he died from a "single blow from a blunt object to the head." It is quite possible that the pigs themselves killed him in their mad-dog assault.

The news of the outcome swept through the city and country. Predictably enough, what filled the pages of the press were photos of shotgun-toting cops, fresh from their execution, clasping each other, wailing for their fallen brother. *Newsweek* reserved its mourning for Hester, in an article entitled "A Cult Murder in Memphis," as did *Time*, which ran an article entitled "Holy Terror," featuring cops whining that the only mistake was that they didn't go in soon enough. Seven Black people were gunned down in cold blood, and the United States of America mourns a pig.

Outrage swept through the north side neighborhood of Memphis, and the Black firefighters for the system appeared. One city councilman praised the police's "professional manner." The best the NAACP could muster was the pitiful, wretched whine that "It had to be stopped. . . But I would think a well-trained police unit could have captured the (cultists) without killing them all." They failed to go on and state what the proper number of executions would have

Bob Avakian's Case Argued in France

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synthesis to the three judge panel and make a recommendation. His recommendation, not surprisingly, was to reject the appeal.

The principal argument of the reporter was that, prior to coming to France, Bob Avakian had made a speaking tour, given press interviews and in general had played a public role in the U.S. and thus could not claim that he was unable to live safely in the U.S. despite, admittedly, the danger of violence directed against revolutionaries, including the RCP and Bob Avakian. (Never mind, of course, the conditions under which Bob Avakian made these speeches, etc. — including, but not limited to, the threat of a couple hundred years in jail over his head — and never mind the fact that his last public appearance in the U.S. was just a few days after the first dismissal of these charges — followed immediately by the announcement of a Secret Service "investigation," a.k.a. manhunt, and many other less official threats.) As for the Mao Defendants case, the reporter argued that the eventual dropping of charges was a "model of democracy" (!) and showed that Bob Avakian had nothing to fear from these trumped-up and outrageous legal proceedings at the time he made his appeal for refugee status.

The commission reporter also went out of his way to create a false impression of Bob Avakian's political views and activities, in essence trying to present them as terrorist. In particular he made an outrageous misquote from a document submitted by Bob Avakian's lawyer, Maître

Madelaine Terrasson of Paris. In the document, Maître Terrasson had made reference to continual efforts by the authorities and the press to manufacture false charges against Bob Avakian, and had cited one particularly outrageous newspaper article that tried to link Bob Avakian with the alleged discovery of explosives — a decade-old charge which was made in this newspaper and never heard from again. The court reporter tried to use this very same information to claim that Bob Avakian had been "accused" of trafficking in explosives. This is the same tired trick used by the OFPRA in their original rejection of Bob Avakian's claim when they used the now-infamous "citation" in the *L.A. Times* accusing Bob Avakian of threatening Jimmy Carter, and for which the *L.A. Times* was forced to publish a partial retraction.

After the presentation of the "recommendation" by the reporter, Maître Terrasson spoke before the commission, demonstrating on the basis of the facts submitted that Bob Avakian and the RCP are indeed victims of systematic political repression by the ruling class in the U.S. She refuted the pathetic attempt of the reporter to falsify her own document; she pointed out that in the U.S., trumped-up legal charges, police harassment and outright assassinations are the preferred means of silencing political opponents, even while "democracy" and "freedom of speech" are hypocritically flaunted.

In the discussion that followed the two presentations another very interesting development took place. One of the judges

been. Despite this, and despite a boycott of Black official leaders, at least 50 people in the neighborhood gathered to march in protest of the police murders. Another "community leader" observed, "More than a few have told me they think what the police did amounted to murder. Those are the people that I am most concerned about, and I hope they keep cool heads." All the firefighters agreed on the need for a federal investigation.

And the Justice Department will be investigating. The Memphis Police Chief welcomed the announcement, saying that he wanted it because he was sure it would show the police acted properly. "I have relived these hours many times," he went on, "but I don't know of a thing we could have done differently." The Justice Department added that the investigation was "routine." Everyone knows what that means.

The press—though kept far from the scene—nonetheless had plenty to say about everything, as they regurgitated every police lie they were fed. Most notably, they played up the angle of the "bizarre religious cult," "fanatics," and "crazed zealots." The main evidence of this was the police story that Sanders' group believed that cops were "agents of the devil." Sheeet!! Any good Christian boy in this Christian land knows that pigs are the messengers of the Lord. □

quoted the *Joint Communiqué* of autumn 1980, "To the Marxist-Leninists, the Workers, and the Oppressed of all Countries," and attempted to argue that it was a "call to violence" since it said that the only way to prevent a third world war was to wage revolution. No attempt was made to show any direct relationship between this document (which was not submitted by comrade Avakian or his attorney) to the case at hand. Furthermore the use of the *Joint Communiqué* was an effort to confound two different questions: the need to prepare for revolution along with a general discussion of its necessary paths, and, on the other hand, a specific call for the commencement of armed activity in some particular country or countries which, of course, the communiqué does not do. This very argument was along the same lines of the previous hatchet job by OFPRA which took two different sections of the programme of the RCP, USA, one concerning the tasks today and another concerning the eventual need for an armed uprising and joined them together with the use of ellipses (. . .) to make it appear that the RCP and Bob Avakian were advocating a terrorist strategy of revolution. Maître Terrasson exposed these efforts and pointed out that a belief in the necessity for revolution is by no means contradictory to the demand for refugee status and in fact a large percentage of those presently benefiting from such status have issued "calls" for revolution. Of course the implied point being made by the authorities is that revolution is not a legitimate political activity in a "democracy," especially one that is allied with France. The use of the *Joint Communiqué* is particularly worthy of note in this light.

The decision of the commission will be made public in one or two months. □

The Testing of Birth Control Poison in Atlanta

Last week the *RW* ran an article on the attempts by the U.S. imperialists to intensify their worldwide attacks on women through the widespread promotion and use of the female hormonal contraceptive Depo-Provera — a drug known to cause cancer and a long list of other dangerous "side effects." The use of this drug has supposedly been banned within the U.S. since 1978 and the current moves by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Upjohn Drug Co. and the U.S. medical establishment to legalize its use in the U.S. is a key instrument in the intensification of these attacks. The article pointed out that while the drug has mainly been used on women in oppressed countries, there also has been limited use of Depo-Provera within the U.S. Over the last week the *RW* has come upon testimony presented to the FDA hearings in support of the moves to legalize Depo-Provera — testimony which vividly illustrates just what the use of Depo-Provera within the U.S. has actually meant.

In a study entitled "a descriptive analysis of women using Depo-Provera

at Grady Memorial Hospital Family Planning Clinic — 1974 and 1978" it has been revealed that over 12,000 mainly Black women in Atlanta, Georgia, have been used as human guinea pigs in connection with the use of Depo-Provera. Grady Memorial Hospital is the main public hospital in Atlanta and as such provides the only medical care available to a very large number of the masses of Black people in Atlanta, particularly those on welfare and those who cannot afford to receive medical care anywhere else. According to this study, Grady's Family Planning Clinic added Depo-Provera to its list of available contraceptives in April of 1967 and since that time an estimated 12,685 women, over 90% of whom were Black, received at least one injection of the drug at the clinic.

Of course, as is the style of all such imperialist medical programs, the study assures one and all that the "proper" and "safe" medical protocol was carefully followed in administering the drug. According to this study the women who received Depo-Provera as opposed to other forms of birth control were those

who for medical reasons should not get pregnant, heart patients for example; those with medical problems associated with menses or who had experienced medical problems with other forms of birth control; and those who had gotten pregnant while using two of the other various types of contraception. Supposedly all of these women also had no desire to have any more children but did not want to be surgically sterilized. The medical history of each patient was taken at the time of each injection and a pelvic and breast exam was administered at each injection. A pregnancy test was administered to each woman on a yearly basis. And last but not least, each woman supposedly took the drug on a "voluntary" and "fully informed" basis.

However, with the formal stating of these niceties out of the way, the study goes on to paint a picture of who actually received the injections and what all this protocol means in practice. In reading the study it becomes quite clear that many of the various aspects of the oppression of women and the national oppression of Black people under imperialism were

brought into play and taken full advantage of in order to facilitate the supposedly "voluntary and fully informed choice" made by these women. According to the study, in 1978 the average woman receiving Depo-Provera at the Grady Clinic was Black, 27 years old, most likely single and the head of a household which included 2 children and had an income of \$100 per month per member of the household. This "average user" was also subsidized for family planning services by either Medicaid or Title XX. Her average educational level was the completion of at least the 9th grade but no more than the 12th grade. And, she would not succumb to the well-known pressures to be surgically permanently sterilized. Nor did she exhibit any health problems at all. (The picture presented of the "user" in 1974 differed very little from that presented for 1978.) Overall, although many of the dangerous effects of Depo-Provera had already been discovered by the early and mid-'70s, still, the number of women receiving the drug at Grady almost doubled between 1974 and the first 6 months of 1978. In 1974 37% of the "users" were 24 or younger and by 1978 48.5% were 24 years or less. Teenagers — aged 10 to 19 years old — increased to 15.5% of those given the drug in 1978 as opposed to 8.8% in 1974. In summing up the significance of the

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THE BABY KILLERS

"42,000 Children Died Daily in '82, UN Estimates." That was the headline of a short article on page 6 of the *Miami Herald* on New Year's Day — but no big news to them, certainly not when compared to the Orange Bowl parade. I was visiting two women friends, both of whom are now professionals and were politically active in the 1960s, and all of us were immediately drawn to the story by the headline. The article, based on figures released by UNICEF in their annual year-end report was explicit and graphic: "Every 6 seconds somewhere in the underdeveloped world, a child dies of diarrhea — ten per minute." Happy New Year! Diarrhea, mainly a messy inconvenience to mothers like us in countries like this, is killing millions of children each year. The completely unnecessary deaths of children worldwide from this diarrhea, starvation, and infection from the common and terrible childhood diseases totaled 15.3 million in 1982. UNICEF went on to report that, "For each child that died, six now live on in hunger and ill-health which will be forever etched upon their lives."

UNICEF was also quite clear on exactly where the vast majority of these children are dying. Of 10.3 million deaths of infants up to the age of one year, 10 million occurred in less-developed countries. Of the remaining 5 million deaths — in the 1-to-4 age group — almost all happened in these countries." From the total 15.3 million children who died last year, the largest number, 3 million, died in India, "free and democratic" India as Indira Gandhi and the U.S. imperialists are so fond of pointing out, "liberated" by that non-violent soul we are seeing so much of on the movie screen these days. Another 3 million children died in other parts of Asia, excluding Japan and China. 2.6 million other children died in Africa, 1 million in Latin America.

As my friends and I kept talking about this report we got even madder. Here were the vivid descriptions of deaths of children of monstrous proportions that are all purported by UNICEF to be the simple result of poverty. Not some incurable plague that is mysteriously ravaging only certain parts of the earth — the "less developed" parts. No, just poverty. As if that was the end of the story.

At least as far as UNICEF would have you believe. But you don't have to dig too deep to start figuring out what causes this poverty and why UNICEF would hope you would not even try. It was imperialist logic at its best. And imperialism at its worst. For while it may be hard to comprehend the full extent of

this worldwide carnage of children, it is not hard to comprehend what is the blame for it. Imperialism, with the criminal lopsidedness that goes hand in hand with what is called the most civilized of systems. And that was the most outrageous part of their story, one that prompted some personal testimony to the depths of these imperialist crimes.

One of my friends started telling us about another friend of hers who had grown up in Liberty City, but then recently visited Haiti with her Haitian husband. The U.S.-born Black woman had been appalled at the poverty and disease she had seen in the U.S. imperialist-dominated island and come back to tell everyone how "even the dogs and chickens were starving." But

when she got back to the U.S. and Miami, she was confronted with front-page headlines about a "heinous crime" committed by a Haitian woman refugee who had just been sentenced to life imprisonment in Miami. The Haitian woman's crime? She had smothered her own starving new-born baby in hopes of saving the life of her older child. A most desperate and heart-breaking choice that is fairly common practice in much of Haiti, where the Catholic Church forbids both birth control and abortion, and the masses live in almost complete destitution. And such conditions of life have not been much different for the thousands of immigrants who have survived the trip to south Florida; conditions that forced the Haitian woman in Miami to take the life of her baby.

The U.S. judge at the trial of this woman was so very sanctimonious in making a big example out of her. How dare she commit such practices of the "underdeveloped" world in such a civilized place as Miami! And how dare she not let "nature" take its course, as it is doing with such dispatch throughout the world! Only the imperialist system has the right to murder 42,000 children a day. But the judge had a "cure" — sentence her to life, so the rest of her children can starve to death.

As we finished that discussion on New Year's Day, quite a different cure, global in scope, definitely was in order.

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U.S. Imperialism "lends a helping hand" to a severely malnourished African child.

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But on the morning of January 11, the fairytale city was the scene of what Danish press and international wire services described as Denmark's "worst upheavals since WW II." The unrest had actually begun a week and a half earlier as on New Year's Eve police began to carry out a campaign to evict youthful squatters from a number of condemned buildings in the Nørrebro District and "a series of disturbances" ensued. This morning, however, as 800 police — many specially trained for riot duty — surrounded two large properties in Nørrebro where some of the most militant squatters resided, the authorities were well prepared. As one Danish newspaper described the scene: "The actions were initiated with military precision, as a large police force at nine in the morning

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Above: Scenes from later that day.



moved into the area. Olive-drab uniformed police and a group of canine patrols were wheeled into the quarter in a large truck, where about a hundred went into action blocking off the area to hold back the anticipated crowds of the curious. Bus routes were detoured and the police occupied themselves covering the windows of various shops with primitive shutters, while two large mobile cranes roared their way up the Korsgade."

The cops were now ready — literally drooling over a rare, if not unprecedented, chance to test their stuff by carrying out a major police operation against "anti-social elements." The captain yelled at the BZers (a popular acronym for Danish squatters taken from the letters of the alphabet which, when pronounced, duplicate the words "building occupier") over a megaphone to surrender voluntarily. Not a sound came from the house. Dozens of riot-clad police were then hoisted by crane in huge containers to the third story where, using air hammers and drills, they blasted their way through a wall to outflank the expected defenses. After unleashing a barrage of smoke-bombs into the house, police stormed in as the bullhorn barked ominous warnings to squatters not to take to the roofs to fight back. A few minutes later, the perplexed cops were leaning out the windows and swearing. No one was home — the "sparrows" (as one account put it) had flown the coop!

To their chagrin, the police realized they had been outfoxed. The BZers had dug underground tunnels leading to buildings across the street. Emerging on the other side of the police lines, they proceeded to furiously attack the police who were "bombarded by pipe music, small objects and cursewords" (as one paper put it) and driven from the area leaving behind at least one flaming patrol car. By noontime, several hundred police had been forced to abandon the Nørrebro District without making a single arrest of the occupiers.

That evening the rebel youth upped the ante. Around midnight youths in small bands began to converge on the city

center armed with bags of paint and cobblestones. Forming into a single attack force of at least hundreds (and possibly thousands) they raged through the Strøget — Copenhagen's main shopping and tourist district — and trashed this showcase from one end to the other upsetting clothing displays, destroying phone booths, and causing thousands of kroner worth of damage. They particularly targeted such hated symbols as the Danish Bank's main office and the venerable landmark of Denmark itself, the Radhus. "There are not many windows left anywhere in the center of the city," remarked one police spokesman after a day and night of street fighting which resulted in at least 130 arrests and some 40 police injured.

Decomposition of "Social Compact"

This is something new for Denmark, though there has been street fighting in recent years even in Copenhagen like the squatter "riots" on May Day, 1980. In evidence is the decomposition of the longstanding "social compact" in the country, according to which the "one big happy Danish family" could resolve any disputes peacefully, democratically, amicably and largely at the initiative of the rulers through a pervasive system of state supports. The position occupied by Denmark (like other Scandinavian countries) in the overall imperialist chain has allowed for all this. But now this chain itself is under unprecedented strains and, consequently, the "welfare state" is exhibiting more than a few cracks; the tightly crocheted blanket of Danish society is starting to unravel.

A sharp expression of all this is the government's heavy-handed attacks on the squatters (and, of course, the squatters' response). In the last decade or so,

there have been thousands of youth, jobless and often homeless, concentrating in big cities like Copenhagen. Many have come from crisis-stricken rural areas. The phenomenon of squatters is not that new. In fact, the official Social Democratic policy for a long time had been to literally cede certain sections of the city to the squatters. Over 10 years ago, when squatters broke into and oc-

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 ty," remarked one police spokesman
 after a day and night of street fighting
 which resulted in at least 130 arrests and
 some 40 police injured.

Decomposition of "Social Compact"

This is something new for Denmark,
 though there has been street fighting in
 recent years even in Copenhagen like the
 squatter "riots" on May Day, 1980. In
 evidence is the decomposition of the
 longstanding "social compact" in the
 country, according to which the "one big
 happy Danish family" could resolve any
 disputes peacefully, democratically
 amicably and largely at the initiative of
 the rulers through a pervasive system of
 state supports. The position occupied by
 Denmark (like other Scandinavian coun-
 tries) in the overall imperialist chain has
 allowed for all this. But now this chain
 itself is under unprecedented strains and,
 consequently, the "welfare state" is ex-
 hibiting more than a few cracks; the tight-
 ly crocheted blanket of Danish society is
 starting to unravel.

A sharp expression of all this is the
 government's heavy-handed attacks on
 the squatters (and, of course, the squat-
 ters' response). In the last decade or so,

there have been thousands of youth,
 jobless and often homeless, concen-
 trating in big cities like Copenhagen.
 Many have come from crisis-stricken
 rural areas. The phenomenon of squat-
 ters is not that new. In fact, the official
 Social Democratic policy for a long time
 had been to literally cede certain sections
 of the city to the squatters. Over 10 years
 ago, when squatters broke into and oc-

cupied an unused military barracks on
 the city ramparts overlooking
 Copenhagen's harbor, the government
 declared it to be a "youth zone" and
 allowed it to develop unmolested.

What is new is that now the traditional
 methods of controlling, co-opting and
 generally encompassing any such protests
 are being increasingly abandoned in
 favor of a more naked and visible force of
 bourgeois dictatorship.

At the same time, the underlying
 contradictions are fueling spats within
 the ranks of the rulers. The Social-Demo-
 crats, now out of office, having been
 deposed nationally by the conservative
 coalition, are invoking the spectre of a
 Danish version of the "rise of the right,"
 pointing an accusing finger at those *in* of-
 fice and attempting to rope in the protest
 and direct it toward Social Democratic
 ends. Additionally, the field is marked by
 revisionists who, as the squatters'
 rebellion in Copenhagen was unfolding,
 unleashed a strike by the CP-run harbor
 workers against some proposed legisla-
 tion by the national government.

In a word, recent events indicate that
 the situation is far from tranquil in Den-
 mark and recent events indicate a deepening
 polarization in society. There are
 schisms unseen in decades and
 unavoidable today. And to top it off, a
 horrified Denmark has witnessed the en-
 croachment of its long-cherished "Nor-
 dic purity" by thousands of immigrants
 from Turkey who have streamed into
 Copenhagen in particular for much the
 same reasons as in West Germany. The
 presence of these proletarians have sent
 shivers up many a respectable spine.
 Ominous indeed — and in more ways

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**Cracking
 "Social Compact"**



"Employed" and Unemployed in Houston's Tent Cities

A short drive eastward from the gleaming skyscrapers of downtown Houston took us into the heart of the dismal, swampy terrain characteristic of the Texas Gulf coast. The stench from the numerous refineries and chemical plants pervades the atmosphere here, and the wastes from these same plants long ago poisoned the Houston Ship Channel, part of the San Jacinto River, and other area waters. In the past few years, the operation of these plants and refineries at or near full capacity helped contribute to the widely popularized myth of Texas generally and Houston in particular being "recession-proof."

To tens of thousands of people throughout the U.S., any slender hope of being employed was worth pursuing; about a year ago it was estimated by the Houston Chamber of Commerce that approximately 1,000 people a week were moving to Houston from other parts of the U.S., mainly looking for jobs. And now, in many of the dreary marshes surrounding the city, and under the meager shelter provided by highway overpasses, makeshift camps are being set up by people who have run out of money, work, and places to go.

As we turned into the state park on the banks of the San Jacinto River, we were greeted by a sign reading "Welcome to Tent City, Population 2,000." A population of laid-off construction workers, oil field "roughnecks," steel workers, housewives abandoned by their husbands; people from New York, Colorado, Massachusetts, the backwoods of Mississippi and Virginia, and many other places. People with a wide variety of experiences and viewpoints, but now all living in tents, or simply draping plastic sheets over 2' x 4's to keep the rain and wind off of themselves. The river, which regularly floods the camp, is where everyone bathes, and the trees in the woods nearby are the source of firewood for the only warmth most have. As the temperature dips into the '40s and '30s, many of the children have no shoes or socks, or jackets, and only one

T-shirt. Many people there have completely run out of money, and can no longer put gas in their cars to look for work. Most of the food people eat is whatever they happen to receive in donations.

As Tent City has begun receiving some notoriety in the local media, it has become a local attraction for some of the national media also, respectable suburban philanthropists, sociologists, and numerous vultures viciously eager to enrich themselves on others' desperation. As one Tent City resident told us, "When we first got here we used to get a few jobs from people that would come through the camp to see who would work. One time we worked for four days straight, and on the fifth day they never came back, either to pick us up or to pay us."

Another man, from Ohio, spoke of how he had wound up in Tent City. He was working in Ohio as a mechanic, and he said, "That's when things started to turn sour for me. I was sitting in the passenger seat of a truck when a crane started to fall. So I jumped out of the truck just as it hit, and when I landed I tore the ligaments in my leg, and I've been crippled like this ever since." He said the company fired him for "carelessness." He went on, "I've been doing jobs like dishwasher, washing cars, sacking groceries. But I lost everything, and here I am."

When we arrived there, we began taking out the *RW* and trying to dig more into what people were thinking. Small groups of 4 to 8 would gather round, telling us how the Houston newspapers and TV stations described them as "traveling nomads, people too lazy for work, just looking for handouts." Almost all of the people in this camp were white and more than one person pointed out that this was exactly what they had thought of the unemployed, especially unemployed Black people, till they had wound up jobless, homeless, and with nothing to fall back on. Others saw things more broadly. As one older woman put it, "We're a thorn in their

side, just like the people in the ghettos are a thorn in their side. Only there's no rug big enough to sweep this under." She went on to talk about how she was in a local "public" hospital the previous night, and watched a Black woman bleed to death in the emergency room from a gunshot wound. She said, "You know why she died, don't you? Because she was Black, they do that to Black folks." Her daughter added, "They told us she shouldn't have been in a situation like that where she could have been shot!"

The *New Programme* of the RCP states that, "Overwhelmingly, the unemployed, including the more or less permanently unemployed, are, in their family connections and in their conditions of life, including the search for work, a part of the working class under capitalism — an indispensable part. But more than that, they are an extremely explosive part." And the potentially explosive situation in camps like the Tent City is definitely no small concern to the forces of law and order, who are working in various ways, both overt and covert to deal with it — as we soon found out.

Shortly after we arrived in Tent City, that day, a rabid ex-Green Beret appointed himself as a reactionary "guard", and tried to stir up others to keep revolutionaries from coming into the camp. On a subsequent visit, while we were talking to one guy in his tent, he indicated that he was concerned for our safety. This time, the Green Beret was not around, but a reactionary little committee soon appeared trying to create an incident. Immediately after this happened, a feature story on a local television station appeared. The TV story on "Communists Get Run Out of Tent City" described how humanitarian Houstonians had opened up their hearts to these people down on their luck, but now the people in Tent City were being subjected to a new form of "exploitation" — "communist rhetoric." This "news item" ended with a short interview with a man who said, "I don't think

that there is one of us here who hasn't fought in either World War 2, Korea, or the Vietnam conflict. We're not going to tolerate communism here. No matter what anyone says, we've still got the greatest country in the world." Now there are certainly enough die-hard patriotic assholes around who will still be saying such stuff even as they are driven to live in tents, but the orchestrated instant replay here indicated some organized and orchestrated goings on. Residents of the Tent City themselves had mentioned that there were some suspicious characters who hang around there, who sometimes even spend the night, but do not live in Tent City. Shortly thereafter, while visiting another such camp where many unemployed now live, a friend of mine discovered another interesting example of how humanitarian Houstonians had opened their hearts to the unemployed: camped among the unemployed was a Houston cop, well known for his activity in arresting revolutionaries on May Day 1980! Apparently some people in the tent cities are employed.

More than a few champions of the current order are clearly concerned about the loyalty of all the residents in these camps. And while they plant spies and puff up reactionaries, other humanitarian moves are being plotted. Two Texas state legislators are threatening to take the children in the camp away from their parents. The *Houston Chronicle* has editorialized that, while this is an "upsetting question," the United States "is not some undeveloped country where overpopulation and awesome economic problems result in sprawling tarpaper and cardboard cities built by poor squatters around the larger cities," implying that such a blot on the image of world-class imperialist power should be removed. As the patrols of state and county police increase around and in the encampment, several people are saying that the line has to be drawn here and now, there is nowhere else to turn or run. Texas

Tunnel Warfare

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than one: bourgeois commentary has warned of the "dangers of young Danish women dating Islamics."

Attacks in the Press

In the week preceding the beginning of the campaign to oust squatters in Nørrebro, there was evidence of some concerted public opinion work being done in the Danish press reflecting a possible high level government decision to deal more decisively with the nagging "squatter problem" and, perhaps, eliminate it as an endemic fixture of the country's social life. For example, on New Year's Eve, an article entitled "Flight from the Capital City" appeared in a major Danish paper ostensibly about the situation in Amsterdam (where, as we reported in the *RW*, open rebellions broke out in October in which police stations, banks, etc., were attacked). Featuring a picture of Dutch youth vamping on police, it pointedly described the phenomenon of "white flight" from Amsterdam's city center "which has long and tolerantly housed flocks of outcasts and refugees and is now paying the price for this with street disruptions and rampant criminality." The article went on to raise the spectre of "a growing army of building-stormers," "addicts who account for a considerable part of street crime," the emergence of "large ethnic minority groups," etc., etc.

The message being delivered to respectable Danes was clearly, "Don't think it can't happen here!" And in fact this article was most interesting not only for what it said about Amsterdam, but by implication about Copenhagen as well, revealing that the Danish rulers are quite aware of the forces at work here and the intertwining of the youth and squatters

movements throughout Western Europe. The article's conclusion was that: "The police passivity when confronted by this opportunity called forward the necessity to strengthen the rules governing society to reach the upholding of peace and order."

Along with this, news accounts of the New Year's Eve street fighting in Copenhagen was carefully sandwiched between descriptions of routine New Year's violence — e.g., a knife incident involving a worker from Turkey and five Danes at a beach, etc. Two days before the concerted, but unsuccessful, police raid in Nørrebro one paper featured a box complete with a picture of a masked street-fighter next to the headline "They Await New Streetfighting With The Police" and a subhead noting that "Police fear that new outbreaks in Copenhagen will end with deaths."

This approach is in vivid contrast to what was characteristic of the past. Before, it was "let's understand the social roots of the problem." Now it's "let's go get the anti-social/rioter/drug addict/criminals!" And more it is obviously meant to create a public consensus — or at least prepare public opinion — for more vigorous action by the state, for increased police terror and for, yes, "deaths" if necessary (it is also a none-too-subtle warning and threat to the squatters themselves). All this is quite stark and genuinely shocking, not to mention jolting, to a society where nostalgia for more peaceful and orderly times is often still phrased in a popular expression about getting back to "the days of old King Eric the Good" (a benevolent Danish despot of the Middle Ages). But re-cementing the "social compact" isn't on the agenda. If anything, this is being driven home by the winging of elusive "sparrows" and the complexities of tunnel warfare in, of all places, Copenhagen. □

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speak. Here the troublesome youth will be put in a room to "receive intensive counseling" and grilling until their "behavioral performance" improves. This is supposed to result "in a monitorable agreement or contract agreed upon by the school, the parent and the student covering objections for the student's future academic and behavioral performance."

Along with the above forms of enforcing respect for the rule of law and the American way of life, the Task Force calls for expanding indoctrination programs in the curriculum from kindergarten onward on "law and citizenship" (already 15 schools have law classes in which none other than the New York police assist). An indication of the problems they are having inculcating the values of good American citizenship in the proletarian youth, especially the foreign-born, is provided by an incident at a grade school in Queens which has the largest concentration of immigrant youth from over 50 countries. There a fifth-grade teacher asked a class of 37 students how many of them considered themselves to be American — 10 kids raised their hands. With situations like this one and with a scene of growing turmoil and rebellion among the youth in New York, lessons in how to be an upstanding citizen of this imperialist monstrosity will hardly be of much use. The Task Force clearly realizes what the bottom line is in dealing with its enemy as shown in the recommendations already spoken of here. But there is still more. Also included in their plan is a pilot program on new security systems installed in 15 schools from grades kindergarten to the 12th year. Five schools would get closed-circuit TV

surveillance systems, five would get talk back intercom systems for security forces, five would get both. A big obstacle for the bourgeoisie is that when something jumps off in one school it can and does very quickly spread and in the city's high schools you are talking about concentrations of thousands of youth, the majority of them Black and Spanish-speaking with an increasing number of foreign-born. To try and carry out better surveillance in the schools and to prepare for a more rapid response the Task Force wants to install the following: "Silent panic buttons connected to a central monitoring station for use by principals or secretaries in emergency or threatening situations; the provision of intercom telephones (portable hand sets) to security guards at main entrance of school buildings for communication between guards, the general office and teachers who have interior phones within their classes; and the installation of interior panic alarm systems for use by employees in general offices to signal throughout the school buildings that an emergency situation exists." And, oh yes, they even call for a study on how to prevent the ubiquitous false fire alarms turned in by students to disrupt the daily prison grind.

The issuance of this report, the measures it seeks to institute coupled with the many articles in the press on the "sorry state" of the schools, indicates that overlords in New York are indeed very, very worried about rebellion among the youth and that they are more and more unable to bring it under their control. But here they are caught in a deep dilemma. The Task Force is calling for a bigger dose of the big stick, more of the same brutal and suffocating suppression that the youth are rebelling against in the first place. The problem is that the lessons the youth will learn from this certainly aren't the ones that the guardians of law and order are trying to teach. □

Documents Reveal High Level Frame-up of Darnell Summers

From the Horse's Mouth...

A series of dispatches between the U.S. Secretary of State and the American Embassy in West Germany has recently been "declassified" by the State Department and obtained by the defense for Darnell Summers. Among other things the dispatches suggest an elaborate division of labor; the messages from the Secretary of State appear to have come initially from the Department of Justice/Office of International Affairs, and all correspondence as a matter of course was also directed to the immediate attention of the FBI. (The FBI's own role in this case has yet to come to light and the Bureau has thus far refused to release any of its own documents concerning the case.)

The time period of the released material is from February 18th to July 15th, 1982, the period in which the extradition of Darnell Summers was carried out. And the content of these dispatches are but the tip of the ice berg — as the dispatchers themselves make clear, INTERPOL and unnamed "informal" channels were apparently more heavily relied upon in the ongoing surveillance and subsequent arrest and extradition of Darnell Summers. But the contents of the dispatches do shed light on the political thinking and machinations involved in securing and assuring full U.S./West German cooperation in the railroad of Darnell Summers.

The first dispatch of this series, sent to the American embassy in Bonn and signed by (then) Secretary of State Alexander Haig, instructs the embassy "at the instance of the U.S. Justice Department" to "request soonest provisional arrest of Darnell Stephen Summers for the purpose of extradition." The dispatch then goes on to inform the embassy not only of Summers' whereabouts, but that "B.K.A. Agent Pohl, based in Wiesbaden, has been keeping Summers under surveillance." (The B.K.A. is a West German equivalent of the FBI; earlier Michigan State Police documents revealed that Agent Pohl has been a principal INTERPOL contact between the Michigan State Police and the West German authorities.) The dispatch continues: "DOJ (Department of Justice) also requesting Summers' arrest via INTERPOL channel and asked that arrests be made expeditiously as Summers may flee," a line consonant with U.S. efforts throughout this period to portray Summers "as a fugitive from justice."

Darnell Summers was arrested February 19th, the next day; however, according to the next American Embassy dispatch, they were not informed of this until March 5th, when: "We received a diplomatic note dated 3 March informing us that Summers had been arrested..." This delay evidently created a good deal of consternation — the extradition treaty between the U.S. and West Germany allows for a 40-day period following the date of arrest during which the U.S. would have to submit the formal extradition request together with supporting documents. Thus the American Embassy officials "immediately contacted JusMin (West German Justice Ministry — RW) to ascertain the exact date of arrest (and to discover why we had not had immediate informal notice in the usual manner.) Our JusMin contact (Schnigula) said that he did not know the date of arrest but that he presumed that notice had gone out through INTERPOL as is customary. We responded that we could not rely on this presumption and insisted on knowing the arrest date ASAP. We noted that from the information already in hand it was clear that we had lost 10 days of our 40-day period.

"Schnigula called back promptly to say that the date of arrest had been 19 February repeat 19 February. He also

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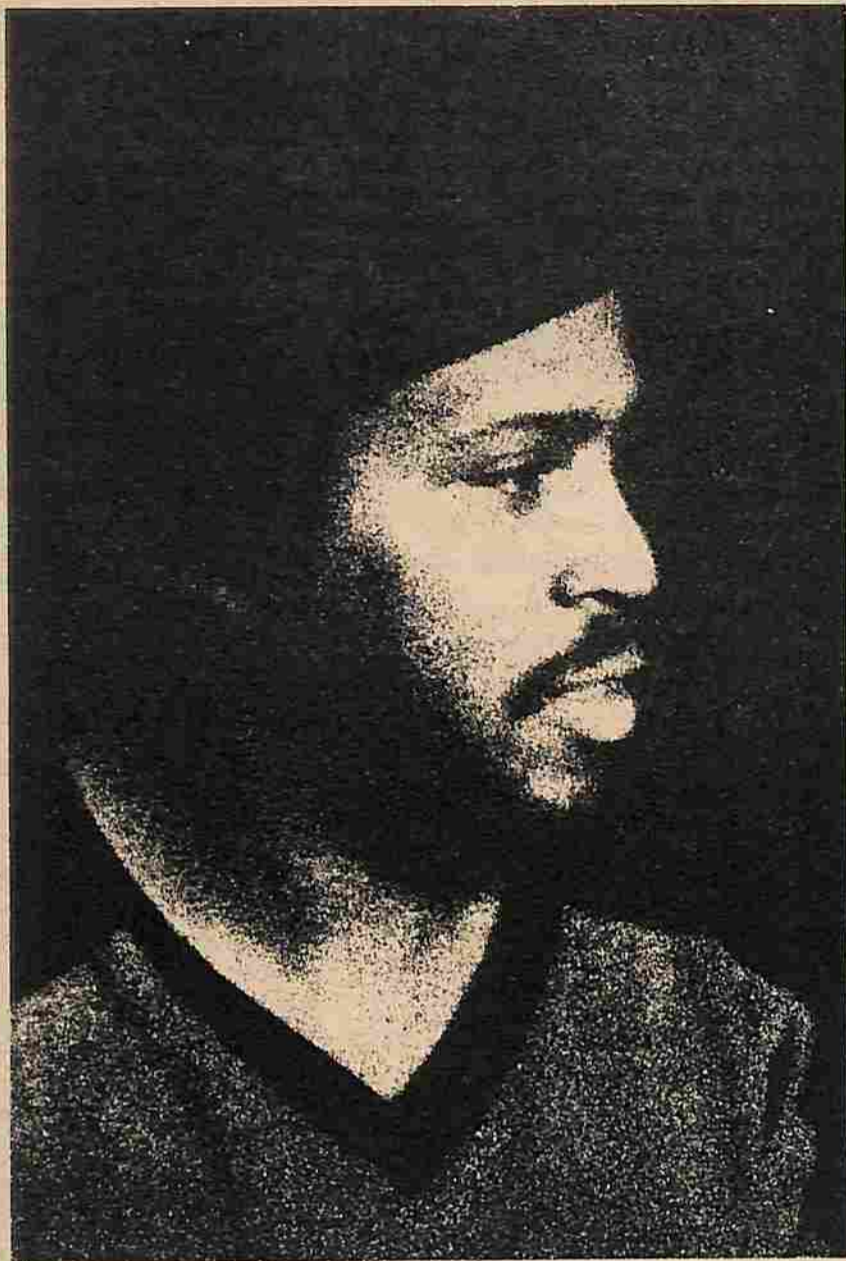
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2. REGARDING PARA 2 REF A, WE CONCUR WITH DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATE OF FRG REACTION TO POLITICAL OFFENSE EXCEPTION. IN ANY EVENT, THIS ISSUE WILL BE ONE FOR THE FRG COURT SEIZED OF THE SUMMERS CASE AND WE CONSIDER THAT IT MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO RAISE THE ISSUE PROSPECTIVELY WITH THE JUSMIN AUTHORITIES. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE NOT DONE SO.
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1. UPON RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS SENT BY ARECOS POUCH OF MARCH 18, EMPASSY IS ASKED TO REQUEST SUMMERS' EXTRADITION. DOCUMENTS IN ENVELOPE BEARING REGISTRY NO. 5057445 AND MARKED FOR MCQUADE.
2. EMPASSY WILL NOTE THAT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CABALAN STATES IN HIS AFFIDAVIT OF FEBRUARY 9, 1982 THAT SUMMERS WAS AT MEETING WITH THREE OTHERS ON AUGUST 3, 1958 WHEN A "DECISION WAS REACHED THAT THEY WOULD GO OUT ON THE STREET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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AND SHOOT WHITE PEOPLE AT RANDOM." SEE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE PARAGRAPH OF AFFIDAVIT BY GALE SIMMONS FOR MORE DETAILS. ALSO NOTE THAT VICTIM OF SHOOTING WAS IN UNMARKED POLICE CAR, AND NOT KNOWN TO SUMMERS AS POLICE OFFICER. GIVEN THIS CONTEXT OF CRIME, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT SUMMERS' DEFENSE WILL INVOKE POLITICAL OFFENSE EXCEPTION. IN LIGHT OF FRG'S OWN PROBLEMS WITH VIOLENT MILITANTS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS DEFENSE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO FRG AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, EMPASSY MAY WISE TO DISCUSS THIS POSSIBLE PROBLEM WITH JUSTICE MINISTRY.

6. FOR FRANKFURT: IN LIGHT OF SUMMERS RESIDENCE IN FRG SINCE EARLY 1970'S AND PRESUMED GERMAN NATIONALITY OF WIFE, PLEASE ASK LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR URGENT VERIFICATION OF HIS HAVING APPLIED FOR AND OBTAINED GERMAN NATIONALITY (1977 U.S. PASSPORT NOTWITHSTANDING). ADVISE.
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This statement was circulated in Houston, Texas in a neighborhood of immigrant proletarians, mainly from El Salvador, and signed by 11 residents.



Los cargos falsos de homicidio contra Darnell Summers es un ataque contra el pueblo oprimido en el mundo. Darnell Summers esta luchando por y representa nuestro futuro; de un revolucionario nacionalista en los 60's a un revolucionario internacionalista en los 80's.

¡DENANDAMOS QUE SUELTAN LOS CARGOS AHORA!!

WE DEMAND YOU TO DROP THE CHARGES NOW!

The false murder charges against Darnell Summers is an attack against all oppressed people across the globe. Darnell Summers is fighting for and represents our future; from a revolutionary nationalist in the 60's to a revolutionary internationalist in the 80's.

Speedy Trial Hearings Held in Darnell Summers Case

Two and a half days of an evidentiary hearing on the defense motion to dismiss the charge against Darnell Summers on the basis of pre-arrest delay and lack of speedy trial concluded this week in Detroit and final arguments are expected to be made early next week. A full report will be made on the hearings then. But it can be said that 13 1/2 years after the original dismissal of the charge of first degree murder against Darnell, the prosecution was not able to present a single shred of justification as to why the charge should be reinstated. Incredibly, the prosecutor even complained about the fact that he was required at this hearing to show any such justification at all; and at this point, over a month after receiving the defense briefs, he has still failed to respond in writing to the defense arguments. However, much was revealed in court. Witnesses among the cops and the prosecutor who formerly guided the railroad in the 1960s contradicted each other over and over. The more the current prosecutor got each witness to recite their favorite chorus of, "This is not a political case," the more was disclosed about surveillance at the time on Darnell, "Red Squad" files, etc. And when questioning got too hot, the cries of "I don't recall" were thicker than the "Amens" at a Sunday prayer meeting. At one particularly intense point, the former prosecutor from 1969 admitted that the testimony of Milford Scott had been perjured back then and that it would have been "ethically and morally wrong" to use Scott's testimony in any way after Scott had admitted he'd previously lied in his earlier 1969 statement implicating Darnell in the shooting of Red Squad cop Gonser. When one of Darnell's lawyers then asked, "Is there any grounds for using the same testimony 13 1/2 years later?" the current prosecutor jumped up to object. The judge had to remind him that this was precisely the question that the hearing was supposed to decide. Of course, curbing some of the excesses of this rather rabid prosecutor only enhances the appearance of "fairness" by the judge and the court. Thus, if the judge eventually rules that the charges against Darnell should not be dismissed on the basis of the unprecedented 13-1/2-year delay in prosecution, then all of this will have been quite useful in trying to dispel the widely held verdict that the reimposition of the murder charge is nothing but a politically motivated frameup. Yet this is exactly the question that recharging Darnell puts on center stage and is the reason this railroad has broadly attracted so much interest amongst many people.

Letters of protest of the railroad of Darnell Summers can be sent to:
Judge Joseph B. Sullivan
 18th Floor
 Wayne County Circuit Court
 City-County Building
 Detroit, MI 48226

New Coalition Broadsheet

A new four-page broadsheet that carries in-depth exposure of the railroad of Darnell Summers has just been published by the Coalition to Free Darnell Summers. It is an excellent exposure for building support for the battle to free Darnell and copies are available in bulk for \$2 per 100 copies. Also a statement of opposition to the railroad of Darnell Summers to be printed as a major ad in a Detroit daily paper is being circulated for signatures. Financial donations are needed to print this ad. For copies of the broadsheet and the statement contact:

The Coalition to Free
Darnell Summers
 P.O. Box 206
 Inkster, MI 48141

From the Horses Mouth...

Continued from page 11 confirmed that information of the arrest had been provided through INTERPOL. He solicited our request for an extension of the period during which we may perfect the extradition request, and said that JusMin would recommend that the court approve it."

As it turns out, no extension was to be necessary, though the solicitous cooperation of the West German Justice Ministry was no doubt appreciated. The necessary papers arrived in Bonn March 25th, proceeded by the following political advice from Secretary of State Haig delivered to the American Embassy in Bonn:

"Embassy will note that Prosecuting Attorney Cahalan states in his affidavit of February 9th, 1982 that Summers was at meeting with three others on August 8th, 1968 when a 'decision was reached that they would go out on the street and shoot white people at random'. See first substantive paragraph of affidavit by Gale Simmons for more details. Also note that victim of shooting was an unmarked police car, and not known to Summers as police officer. Given this context of crime, it seems likely that Summers' defense will invoke political offense exception.* In light of FRG's (Federal Republic of Germany — RW) own problems with violent militants, we do not believe this defense will be acceptable to FRG authorities. However, em-

bassy may wish to discuss this possible problem with Justice Ministry."

The State Department here clearly indicates that this is indeed a highly political case and must be handled with the appropriate political tactics. Such tactics include slandering the politics involved — "shooting white people at random" is an outrageous and very "upside down" account of the 1968 struggle to maintain and defend the Malcolm X Cultural Center, a struggle which Summers helped lead. And such tactics are based on a strategic confidence in the West German government's ability to recognize and act upon its own reactionary class interests (evidenced by its problems with the violent suppression of its own "violent militants") in all this. Extradition treaty? Political offense exception? Not to worry — surely the West German authorities can be counted upon to sidestep such trifles with the same contempt as their U.S. counterparts.

Indeed, a subsequent dispatch from the U.S. embassy back to the State Department contains affirmation for this assessment: "We concur with the Department's estimate of FRG reaction to political offense exception. In any event, this issue will be one for the FRG court seized of the Summers case and we consider that it might be counterproductive to raise the issue prospectively with the JusMin authorities. Accordingly we have not done so." Perhaps this was a matter to be taken up through the aforementioned channels "in the usual manner."

In any event, the State Department's assessment of their West German compatriots proved correct. As has been previously noted in these pages, the extradition process in Germany was an ex-

ceptionally perfunctory affair, the gaping holes in the U.S.'s flimsy case for extradition notwithstanding. Darnell's appeal to the German Supreme Court was denied July 19, 1982 only 8 days after it had been filed, a process which usually takes 3 to 4 months. In fact, a dispatch from the American Embassy on July 9th suggests that the matter was already fully decided before the appeal was even filed: "We have now received a FRG FONOFF note stating that the extradition of Summers is approved... per prior guidance we have received from JusMin, we suggest that U.S. authorities proceed promptly to coordinate with German authorities (via INTERPOL Channel) the time of turnover." As it turns out, this time of turnover was conveniently arranged so as to whisk a handcuffed Darnell Summers out of the country 6 hours before a scheduled press conference was to be held in Frankfurt exposing the whole railroad.

Throughout the railroad of Darnell Summers, the U.S. government has maintained, in the courtroom and in the media, that politics are not at issue. They have sought to carry out their political persecution under the cover of a "criminal case," pure and simple. Yet the disclosures above suggest something quite different — in effecting the fullest cooperation between the U.S. and West German authorities in this case, it has been precisely their commonly shared perceptions of political interest and necessity that constitutes the bottom line. □

*Political offense exception refers to Article 4 of the U.S./West Germany extradition treaty, wherein it is stated that "Extradition will not be granted if the offense... is regarded by the Requested State as a political offense, an offense of a political character or as an offense connected with such an offense."



Harvesting a landlord's grain by hand.

The following article is reprinted from the December 1982 issue of the Indian Marxist-Leninist newspaper Mass Line.

It depends on from which point you start counting. Floods may come first or drought may come first. Which ever comes first the other will invariably follow. No time of the year is free from any one of these so-called natural calamities. If you have any doubt just snatch a newspaper at random and look into it. Either flood or drought is there right in front of you in big black letters. The man in the wilderness of Indian countryside knows it fully well that there is no respite from any of these "calamities" and generations of cumulative memory does not prove otherwise. Starvation with the resultant death due to "undernourishment" is his way of life, sorry, his way of death.

Let us not be under any misunderstanding. Not every one in the vast Indian countryside starves perennially. Only the majority starve to death. Others are fine, especially if there is a drought or flood. Even the so-called normal years are marked by this characteristic. The majority starves which in turn fattens the minority. The more the majority starves, the merrier the minority is and the fatter they become. The countryside in India is predominantly characterised by permanent conditions of starvation/near starvation which is a reflection of total backwardness also. The majority of villagers at below subsistence level is a necessary condition for the overall stability of the system in its predatory equilibrium. The optimum point for this stability is the maintenance of the vast number of people at the margin between life and death. But unfortunately enough, this equilibrium gets lost at times. And as long as the basic stability criterion is forcibly maintained, the frequency of disequilibrium increases, each time with more ferocity. These disequilibria are known under the pet names of "famines" or "natural calamities."

It is interesting to note that the frequency of these "famines" have increased many fold after the 1947 "independence". As an illustration, let us take the case of Andhra Pradesh. According to the official data on "famines" the last 100 years of direct colonial rule saw only 12 "famines" while the 35 years after 1947 recorded 22 "famines." Out of this 22, 20 occurred after 1956. The same trend is valid for most parts of rural India. But all this is actually only past history. Now the rule is that there is no gap between one famine and another, it is an ever present cycle of droughts and floods, starvation and more starvation. The available chronicles will not give you a single gap, not even as a consolation.

Not to be called very abstract let us just see what the newspapers say about the present situation (all these reports are entirely based on the government handouts).

One report categorically states that over 10 million people in the Rayalaseema area of Andhra Pradesh are facing total starvation. It is a more disheartening repetition in the Telengana region. On 21 October the state government of Gujarat declared 10,000 villages as "famine" area. This comes to about 60% of the total number of villages in the whole state. On the same day the Rajasthan state government came out with the statement that there is a 70% fall in the Khariff output and more than 20,000 villages (out of a total of 33,300) are under the same situation. The same report said that all the districts of the state are affected and there is no available means at the hands of the government to alleviate the conditions. 5 million people in eight districts of Orissa lost their crops and property due to the floods that ravaged the state in September. A much larger number of people got washed out by floods in Uttar Pradesh.

The entire Chhatisgarh area in Madhya Pradesh is reeling under severe drought conditions. More than 70% of the paddy crop in the area (Chhatisgarh is known as the "rice bowl" of MP) is ruined and large scale migration of the starving agricultural labour population is reported. On 20 October it was reported that more

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The Majority Starves While the Minority Fattens

than 15,000 villages in the state are without drinking water. Water for the standing crops became a fatality much before.

Starvation deaths were reported from Bankura district of West Bengal. For the whole state the *aman* crop is estimated to have declined by three-fourth. From Purulia to Tiljala, extreme conditions of drought and starvation exist in West Bengal. This is complemented by a steep rise in the prices of essential food items, especially that of coarse varieties. More than 20,000 villages in the state are without any source of drinking water supply. Out of the remaining half, 10,000 villages have only partial facilities which ceases to exist when drought steps in. This means that three-fourth of the West Bengal rural areas is subject to "natural calamity" right now.

Bihar has put up the best performance. In Bihar it is not just the destruction of the Khariff crop. This was preceded by the total destruction of the earlier maize crop. The public distribution system of food grains was buried even without any funeral rites at the onset of crop failure. People are undergoing a slow but painful death in the Santhal Pargana and Chhota Nagpur regions. Champaran area is no exception. More than a hundred starvation deaths are said to have happened in Santhal Pargana alone. We know it very well how scanty is the information that comes out through the monopoly press. Large scale migration of the poor in search of food is reported from the districts of Samastipur, Nawada, Gaya, Giridh, Monghyr, Madhepura, Santhal Pargana and Champaran. Many of these landless peasants who tried to migrate to Punjab in search of food were illegally arrested by the Punjab police and made to

work without any pay in the jails when there was a large number of Akali prisoners. In the Jamtara block of Santhal Pargana district several people were reported to have committed suicide because of starvation. The tribal population is the worst hit because their traditional sources of living are being deliberately wiped out under one scheme or the other. *Bhukmari* (= death due to starvation) is a household term in the tribal belt of Bihar. The young people in these areas are running away from starvation, leaving the old and helpless to reach heaven.

How is the government reacting to the starving millions? In their characteristic manner the state is raining bullets and lathis* on the starving people who ask for food. On 7 October about 2000 tribals assembled at Palojodi in Bihar to meet the Block Development Officer and ask him to declare Santhal Pargana as a famine area so that they can expect to get at least a meagre quantity of coarse food grains. The crowd was unarmed and slow moving. When the procession reached the chowk** the police stepped in.... When the crowd started shouting slogans demanding drought relief the police went in for a short spell of lathi charge. As soon as the lathi charge began, bullets also started flying from the guns of the cops. Eight innocent and starving tribals were murdered and scores seriously wounded on that day. The police re-

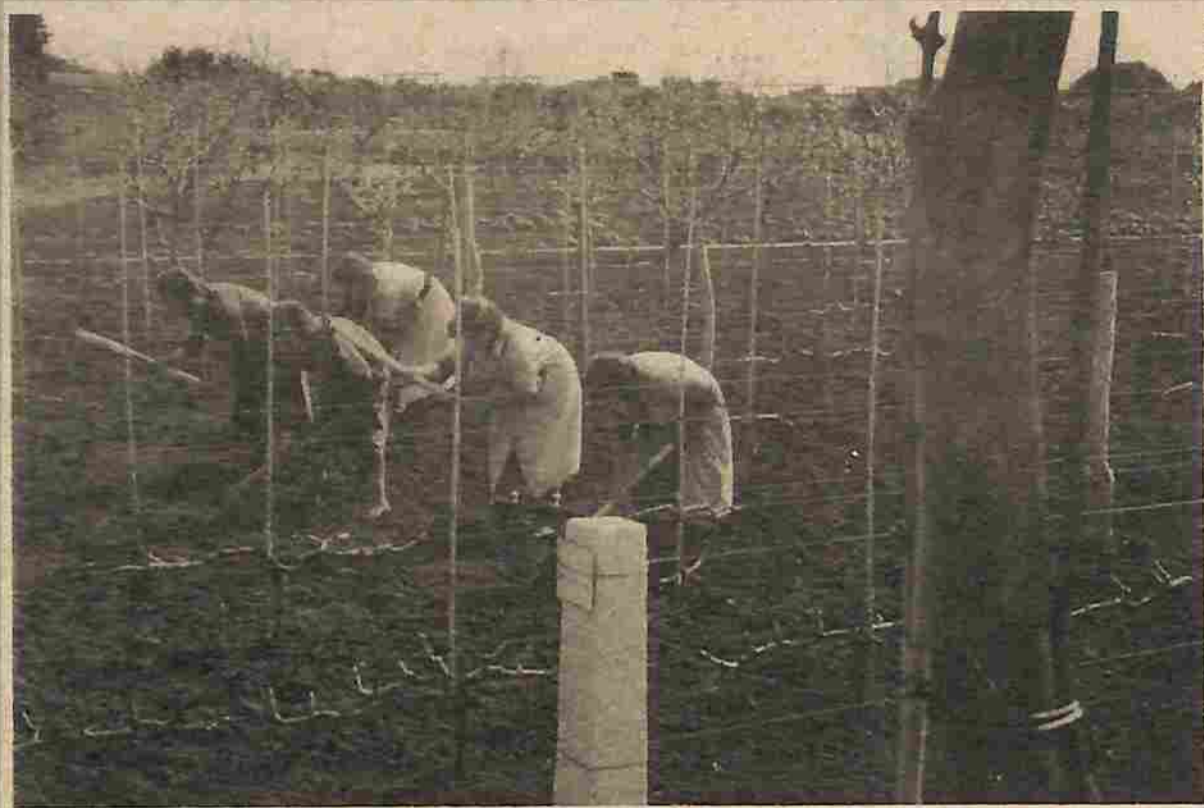
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* Lathi: A long heavy stick, usually made of bamboo bound with iron.

** Chowk: The choke point of the road.



A demonstration of farmers in late 1980, at a time when plummeting cotton prices were driving many into deep poverty.



A revisionist's way of seeing: Above is one of Tito's favorite photos snapped personally by the Marshal himself. An avid photographer, he submitted this and two other photos to Life magazine in 1979 at their request. The subject? The field workers at his vineyards in Brioni on the Adriatic, where he produced red and white wines.

Minority Fattens

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moved the dead bodies to the police station as soon as the firing was over and no one ever saw the dead bodies after that. Four days later another tribal demonstration was planned in Dumka, the district headquarters of Santhal Pargana, to demand the declaration of the district as a famine one. More than 15,000 tribals gathered in the outskirts town and when they tried to march into the town, a heavy police force blocked their way and brutally lathi charged. Within a short time the brutality of police prevailed over the tribals and they ran with their starved lives. In the third week of November many hundreds of landless workers gathered at Jahanabad, the sub-divisional town of Gaya district in Bihar to ask for free ration and drought relief. The protesters who included a large number of women and children were mercilessly beaten up by mounted police. The demonstrators retaliated by going over to the railway track and pelting the mounted police with stones. When the police fired into the air to terrorise the people, one old woman shouted: "We are dying of starvation anyway, why do you not shoot us down straight away?"

In West Bengal two trains carrying food grains were taken over by the starving people and looted. On 12 October an Assam bound goods train carrying wheat was stopped between Nalhati and Chatra in Birbhum district and stripped of the food grains. On 14 October the incident was repeated in the same area. Subsequently the police raided the neighbouring villages and tortured and arrested many landless peasants. A reign of terror is reported to be perpetrated on these people ever since they plundered the food trains.

Another goods train carrying food grains was looted at Nawadah in Bihar in the first week of October. Almost the entire Bihar state is under prohibitory orders to deter anyone from asking for food. The message is simple enough. People have absolutely no right even to say that they are starving. They have only the right to starve to death. Anyone who refuses to meekly starve himself to death will be killed by lathis and bullets. The government, especially in Bihar, is practicing this time honoured custom in all its bloody details.

But the people are not ready to take it just like that. They know that starvation is not gift of the gods. It is much more down to earth and man made. Even under normal conditions they are semi-starving. The "independence" of 35 years has increased the periodicity and intensity of vicious food shortages and depletion of purchasing power. In the tribal areas this normal rule is further accentuated through various other deliberate measures. Deforestation which gives quick money to the timber contractors and their political bosses leave the tribal belt totally at the mercy of weather god. Forests are the sole means of livelihood of the tribals and if the forests are not there, total starvation is the only alternative. In other areas the existing forests are being replaced by commercially viable trees meant for industrial purposes. The Jamtara area in Bihar is one such example. Here the *mahua* trees, which give its fruit, flower and juice as food to the tribals, are systematically destroyed and eucalyptus trees are planted for supplying raw material to the paper industry. Indiscriminate felling of the trees, total lack of any meaningful infrastructure for cultivation purposes in most of the rural areas, are all on the ascending level. And there is the ever tightening plunder of the rural poor by the money lenders and traders who see to it that at the slightest threat of monsoons, the prices of essential items consumed by the poor become very precious. The politicians are an integral part of this horror drama and many times they themselves are the chief local contractors, landlords or traders.

Tail Piece

In the parliament Dr. Krupasindhu Bhol (MP) repudiated the charge of starvation deaths by saying: "Starvation deaths" would give the country a bad name. He further asserted that the term "starvation deaths" must be redefined.



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Behind the Prison Walls

The Revolutionary Communist Party receives many letters and requests for literature from prisoners in the hell-hole torture chambers from Attica to San Quentin. There are thousands more brothers and sisters behind bars who have refused to be beaten down and corrupted in the dungeons of the capitalist class and who thirst for and need the *Revolutionary Worker* and other revolutionary literature. To help make possible getting the Voice of the Revolutionary Communist Party as well as other Party literature and books on Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought behind the prison walls, the *Revolutionary Worker* has established a special fund. Contributions should be sent to:

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Dear RW:

I just would like to say that I enjoyed your paper and wish I could get a subscription to it but don't got the proper funds. But would very much appreciate anything you can send me. I really enjoyed articles such as Hüseyin Balkir and Miracle Valley. I felt very disappointed and angry. I'm at the time incarcerated in TDC Wynne Unit. And I'm a writ-writer. I got a civil suit against TDC for brutality. I'm in solitary confinement. This is my 16th day and it's full of mentally ill. All night and day I hear them cry, and yell in anger, other inmates make fun of them, guards ignore them. I believe they need medical attention which is very hard at times to get. They got them confined under psycho observation. I believe they should be in a nut ward. Also, in addition to all of this I would like to say U.S.A. prisons are getting as bad and cruel as prisons such as ones like Turkey!

Huntsville, Texas

Dear RW:

My name is X and I am a prisoner. I am an avid reader of publications of your work. However, I am strongly interested in knowing the truth. I am curious about books advertised in the RCP newspaper which I often receive. The titles of these books are: "There is Nothing More Revolutionary than Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought" and the "Science of Revolution." I am unable to pay for this material at this time but if possible can you bill me at a later date? The reality of the things I know now would not have been possible without your help. It has given me an unquenchable thirst for this knowledge and any other material concerning this matter.

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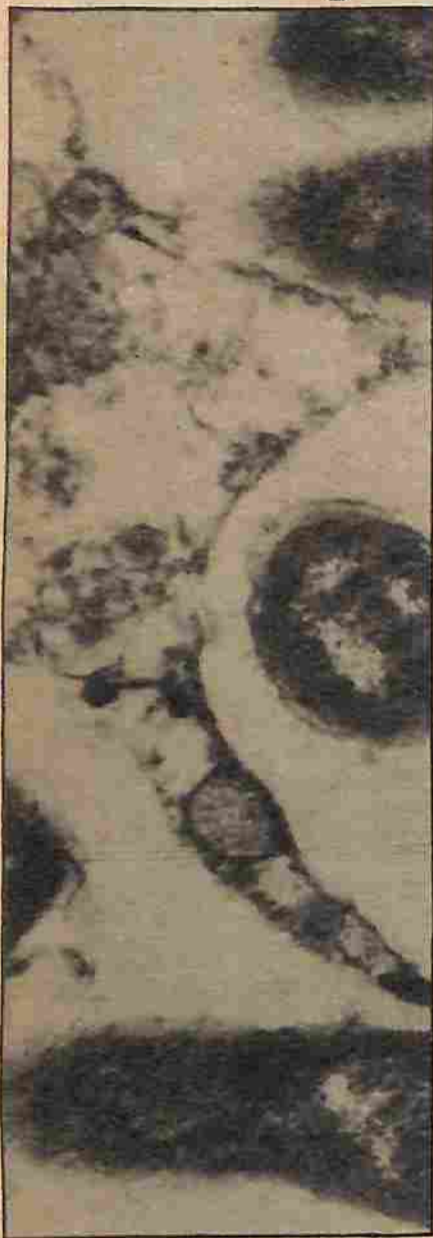
Dear People,

I have been reading the RCP pamphlet on women as a powerful source for Revolution. I would like to receive a copy of the *Revolutionary Worker* here at London.

I am interested in a radical paper that deals with multi-national issues and the working class struggles around the world.

In the struggle

A Question of National Security



In September of 1950, Edward Nevin, 75 years old, lay in a hospital in the San Francisco area. A couple of miles away the U.S. Army maneuvered in vessels just off the Golden Gate Bridge. No one knew what for. A short time later, Nevin was dead—the cause: a build-up of a rare bacteria, *Serratia Marcescens*, in his arteries. Unusual and apparently inexplicable.

Three decades later a number of previously secret Army reports were declassified, and revealed that throughout the '50s and '60s the Army, together with the CIA, had subjected millions of unknowing people internationally and in the U.S. to chemical and biological warfare (CBW) tests using "harmless bacteria." Among the bacteria used in a number of tests was *Serratia Marcescens* — known to cause pneumonia and death in elderly people suffering from other diseases. These bacteria were tested on the areas of Key West, Florida; Hawaii; Washington, D.C., and even released into the subways of New York City. Huge quantities were also sprayed into the air off the coast of San Francisco by the Army, in order to check the parameters of how ocean "air currents would bring bacteria into populated areas," in September, 1950 — immediately prior to the mysterious death of Edward Nevin.

Members of Nevin's family were outraged at the revelations and brought suit against the federal government. In May of 1981, a Federal District Court ruled against the Nevin family; on January 17, 1983, a U.S. Appeals Court upheld the district court, ruling that the family has no right whatsoever to sue the government for damages, and it specifically exempted the Federal

Government from all lawsuits resulting from the "simulated" biological warfare attack held off the San Francisco coastline.

The appeals court ruled the tests were based on high level military, political, social and economic decisions, which took the case out of the realm of judicial review. They went on to observe that any other ruling "would likely impair the effective administration of the government programs believed to be vital to the defense of the United States at the time they are conducted."

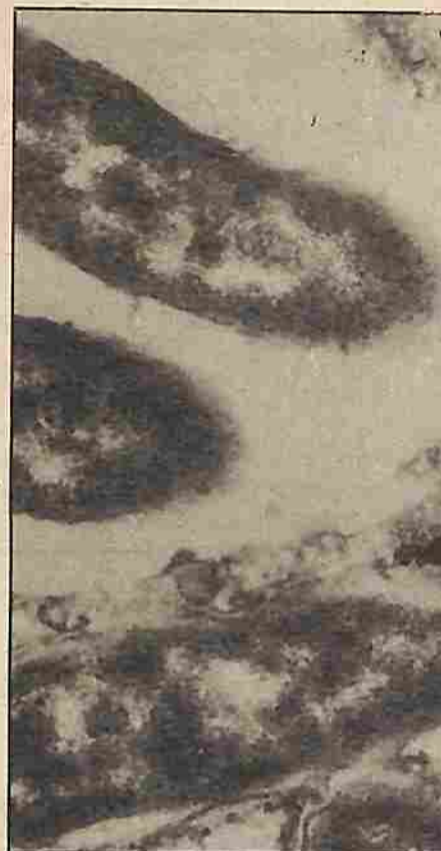
In other words, the ruling class, through its court, said: We are going to do anything we want to when it comes to



developing CBW, nukes, and the rest of our war machine and that's that. We are going to test them wherever and whenever we see fit, case closed. The death of Edward Nevin or anyone else certainly can't be allowed to interfere with the higher goals involved here, the perfecting of weapons of mass death and destruction. In fact, the death of Nevin and hundreds of other human guinea pigs, some in the U.S. and even more in other countries like in the Marshall Islands where they explode ICBM nukes, is an essential part of the testing program for these weapons and a proving ground on a micro-scale for the megadeath the imperialists plan to unleash all over the world in defense of their empire. The U.S. Appeals Court in this case should be



thanked for so openly and baldly stating the views of the ruling class on this matter. Loyal citizens can be expected to see the wisdom of this and sympathize with the rulers. After all, what has America the beautiful been built with; shouldn't any and all sacrifices be made to maintain and expand it, including being cannon-fodder in its wars. Others, however, should sum things up a bit differently and take this as one more graphic lesson in the nature of this arrogant and thoroughly unreformable beast. □



Birth Control

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large number of young women being given Depo-Provera in 1978 the report simply states with glee, "The new black users aged 18-19 in 1978 took a grand step in upgrading the effectiveness of the contraceptive practice over the black 18-19 year old users of 1974."

As far as the issue of "voluntary choice" based on "informed consent" is concerned, the study also provides some sharp indications that this too was carried out in typical imperialist fashion. For one thing, the report states flat out that when the Grady officials were forced to include at least some information on the possibility of breast cancer associated with the use of Depo-Provera on the written consent form the number of people accepting the drug at the hospital actually dropped. Aside from the breast cancer warning, the only other information required on the consent form that is alluded to by this report is the fact that the patients must be warned that Depo-Provera use could "possibly terminate their fertility." Further indications of the nature of the "informed consent" obtained from the patients at Grady is provided by the fact that this poisonous contraceptive drug has become popularly referred to by the patients as simply "the shot." And, still further hints are provided by the statements of the study itself in describing the benefits of Depo-Provera over other contraceptives. In a statement dripping with racism and contempt for women the study says: "...Depo-Provera is now thought to be the superior method for those women who do not desire future

pregnancies when surgical sterilization is not acceptable (read: when women refuse to be sterilized — RW). The basis for Depo-Provera's superiority is its reduced latitude for user error. Depo-Provera users recognize this and are relieved at not having to remember a pill each day."

The Depo-Provera program at Grady has also provided further grist for the mill, producing a few other such medical studies in favor of its legalization. One such study entitled "Preliminary Analysis of the Association of Depo-Medroxyprogesterone Acetate (Depo-Provera — RW) and Breast Cancer," is especially revealing. According to the testimony of Vicki Jones, an activist in the women's health movement, this study concludes that there is no increased risk of breast cancer in women receiving the drug on a short term basis. However, Jones points out that the study was based on Grady patients who had only received an average of 2 to 3 injections — in other words, they had only been using the drug for approximately 1 year or less, an extremely short duration for any supposedly scientific study. It is quite interesting to note that much lengthier studies, sometimes lasting for 10 years, were required to conclude that Depo-Provera gave rise to breast cancer in beagles and "non-malignant breast lesions" together with endometrial cancer in Rhesus monkeys, yet less than a year was all it took to determine that Depo-Provera does not increase the risk of breast cancer in Black women.

The Grady Memorial Family Planning Clinic's work with Depo-Provera has by no means simply been the product of a handful of crazed doctors dedicated to proving that Depo-Provera is a "safe"

contraceptive. Given the connection between the Emory University Medical School and Grady Hospital, as well as the fact that the hospital is publicly funded and that the Georgia Department of Human Resources keeps close tabs on all family planning visits at Grady, it is certain that the Depo-Provera program was administered, condoned and orchestrated by the medical establishment and the Georgia State government. Beyond these two, the use of Black women as guinea pigs for Depo-Provera at Grady was also supervised by the federal government — as evidenced by

the fact that the Food and Drug Administration kept tabs on the dispensing of Depo-Provera at Grady, even guiding the language used in the preparation of the "required consent forms" issued to the potential recipients of the drug. In fact the Grady Clinic's use of the drug on Black women is part and parcel of the systematic oppression of women and oppressed nationalities under U.S. imperialism and in many ways is reminiscent of the infamous Tuskegee syphilis experiments carried out on Black men by this same system and its "medical experts" in the 1930s. □

World War, Nuclear Weapons, and Revolution

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tant that the revolutionary communist, proletarian internationalist trend grow and take root and that people prepare to take advantage of the situation where these imperialists are going at each other.

It's not the case, after all, that if we revolutionary communists go away and stop talking about revolution or if people are just simply paralyzed by the tremendous, awesome destructive power that they do possess and are preparing to use, it's not like if we do that then this situation will get any better. The only way it's going to get any better is if we make revolution, and that's why we say the developing situation is strategically favorable, because these imperialists, on both sides, are going to be weakened, they're going to be forced to be putting it all on the line against each other. It's not a question of "Oh happy days, here comes nuclear war," or something like that; the question is wrenching the future out of all the madness that they're going to unleash and in fact trying to advance fast enough, far enough to prevent or minimize the possible destruction they can rain down. But one way or another, it's either advance revolution and break free of this whole vicious cycle, or else be plunged into it this time and then (if whatever survives of the world is reorganized on the same basis) see it happen again in a few years or decades.

RG: Obviously for Mr. Avakian the first of those two outcomes would be the correct path to the solution of the world crisis, and that path is revolution, where the proletariat would seize power. □

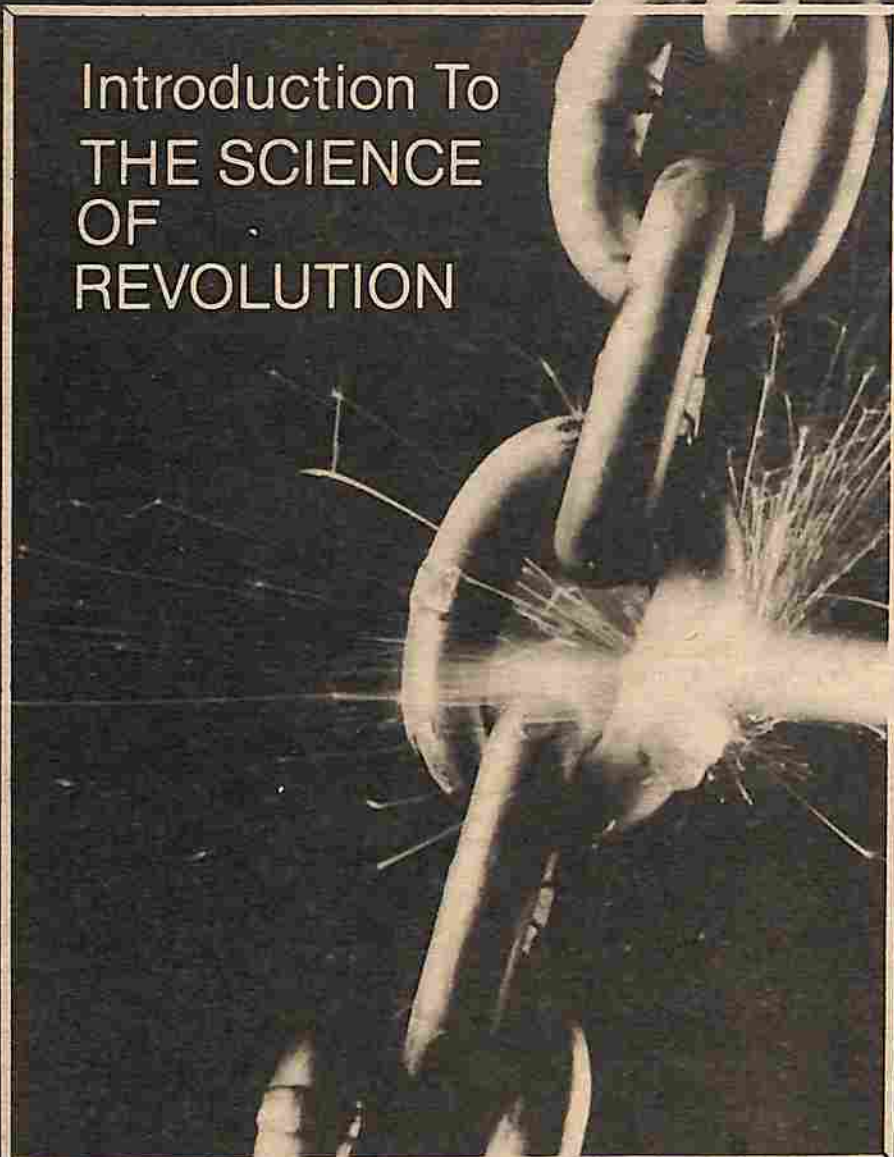
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