



# REVOLUTIONARY WORKER

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## POPE STUMPS FOR U.S. IMPERIALISM

Pope John Paul 2 arrived in Boston on October 1, descended from his airplane, kissed the American ground and quickly recited a verse from "God Bless America, Land that I Love." With his white robes flowing, this medieval religious figure embarked on his six-day mission to the United States, a parade that was accompanied by tremendous fanfare. They virtually shut down the country for him. Prime time television devoted hours of coverage to his movements. There was little else in the newspapers, especially in the cities he visited. Schools

### Carter on the Soviet Troops in Cuba

## 'This Hemisphere Belongs To US'

On October 1, President Carter addressed the nation on the question of Soviet troops in Cuba. It was plain from his remarks and the proposals he presented on behalf of the U.S. ruling class that ominous clouds are gathering on the horizon and the sound of distant thunder is not so far away. Despite the phony rhetoric being traded between congressional "hawks" and "doves" around the bogus issue of "linking" the passage of SALT II to the removal of Soviet troops from Cuba, Carter's speech and the events surrounding it are proof positive that the U.S. ruling class is closely united around the question of preparing for war.

In fact, the whole issue of the Soviet brigade in Cuba has been dredged up by the U.S. rulers for the express purpose of priming the American public for a more aggressive and militaristic stance. Obviously they are not that concerned about a single unit of Soviet troops which everybody knows has been stationed in Cuba for as many as 17 years. Besides, the U.S. has a whole 45 square mile military base in Guantanamo only a few miles away. No one really expected the Russians could be bluffed into pulling out this brigade which is essential to training their Cuban proxies who are presently spearheading Soviet designs in Africa. So why all of the sudden the tremendous hue and cry about the "presence of Soviet troops in Cuba"? Why the unleashing of various mouthpieces like Sen. Frank Church, transformed overnight from a "dove-like" SALT supporter into an angry "hawk" threatening that unless the Soviet brigade is removed it will "jeopardize the passage of SALT II"?

But whether to ratify SALT II is really only a tactical disagreement among the ruling class, although a hot one at times. All agree on the need to step up war preparations, and the whole SALT debate is serving as an excellent vehicle to get their reactionary message to the American people. Carter himself exposed that SALT is hardly a brake on superpower war plans when he said: "It permits us to strengthen our defenses and preserve the strategic balance at a lower risk and lower cost...With SALT II we can concentrate these (defense) increases in areas where our interests are most threatened and where direct military challenge is most likely."

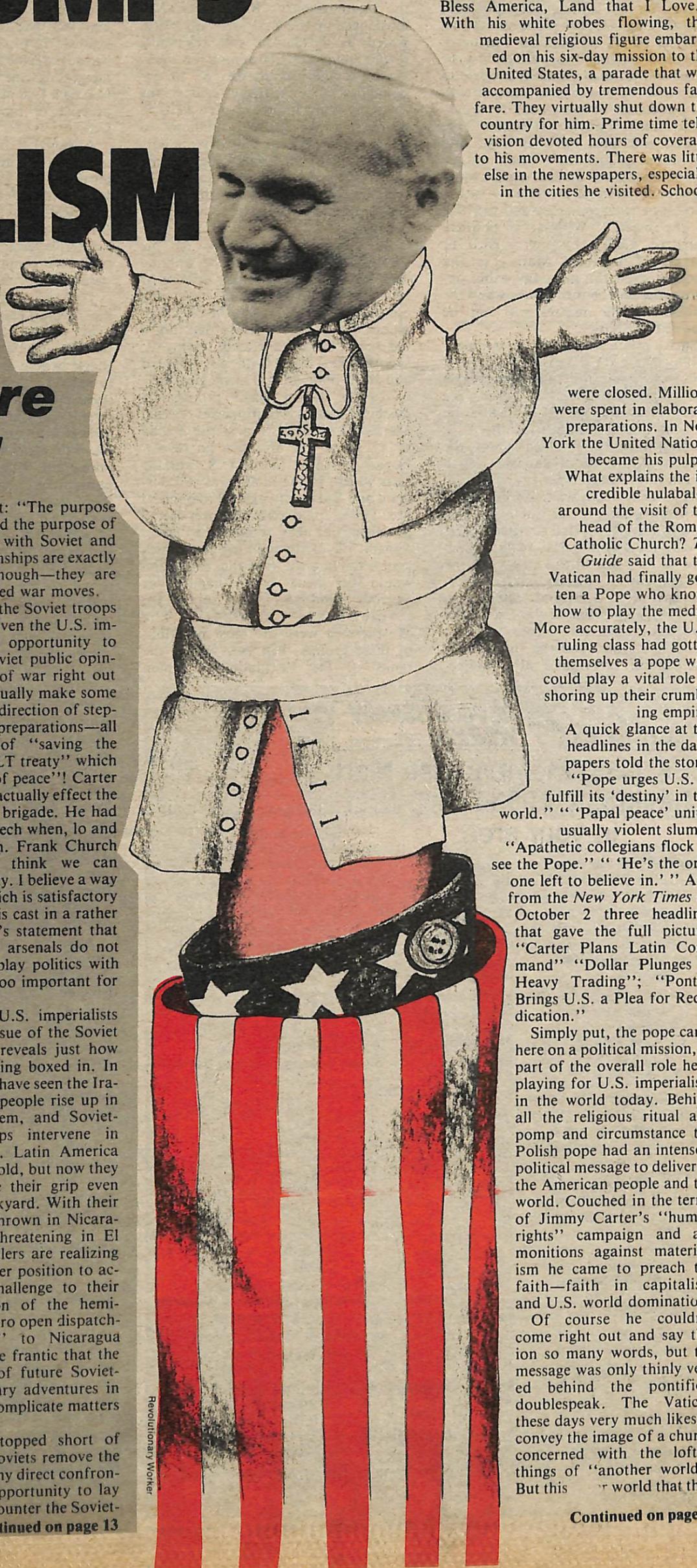
He even admitted that: "The purpose of the SALT treaty and the purpose of my actions in dealing with Soviet and Cuban military relationships are exactly the same...! True enough—they are both carefully calculated war moves.

The real reason for the Soviet troops ruckus is that it has given the U.S. imperialists the perfect opportunity to whip up some anti-Soviet public opinion, put the question of war right out on front street and actually make some concrete moves in the direction of stepping up U.S. military preparations—all under the pretense of "saving the ratification of the SALT treaty" which is "vital to the cause of peace"! Carter was never expected to actually effect the removal of the Soviet brigade. He had hardly finished his speech when, lo and behold, there was Sen. Frank Church telling reporters, "I think we can salvage the SALT treaty. I believe a way can be worked out which is satisfactory to the Senate." All this cast in a rather ludicrous light Carter's statement that "Politics and nuclear arsenals do not mix... We must not play politics with SALT II. It is much too important for that."

The fact that the U.S. imperialists decided to make an issue of the Soviet troops in Cuba now reveals just how badly they are becoming boxed in. In the last few years they have seen the Iranian and Nicaraguan people rise up in revolution against them, and Soviet-backed Cuban troops intervene in Angola and Ethiopia. Latin America has been their stronghold, but now they are beginning to lose their grip even here in their own backyard. With their puppet Somoza overthrown in Nicaragua and revolution threatening in El Salvador, the U.S. rulers are realizing they must be in a better position to actively prevent any challenge to their traditional domination of the hemisphere. And with Castro open dispatching 1000 "advisors" to Nicaragua they are growing more frantic that the very real possibility of future Soviet-inspired Cuban military adventures in the Caribbean could complicate matters considerably.

So while Carter stopped short of demanding that the Soviets remove the troops or provoking any direct confrontation, he took the opportunity to lay out specific plans to counter the Soviet-

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were closed. Millions were spent in elaborate preparations. In New York the United Nations became his pulpit. What explains the incredible hulabaloo around the visit of the head of the Roman Catholic Church? *TV Guide* said that the Vatican had finally gotten a Pope who knows how to play the media. More accurately, the U.S. ruling class had gotten themselves a pope who could play a vital role in shoring up their crumbling empire.

A quick glance at the headlines in the daily papers told the story.

"Pope urges U.S. to fulfill its 'destiny' to the world." "Papal peace' unites usually violent slum."

"Apathetic collegians flock to see the Pope." "He's the only one left to believe in." And from the *New York Times* on October 2 three headlines that gave the full picture: "Carter Plans Latin Command" "Dollar Plunges in Heavy Trading"; "Pontiff Brings U.S. a Plea for Rededication."

Simply put, the pope came here on a political mission, as part of the overall role he is playing for U.S. imperialism in the world today. Behind all the religious ritual and pomp and circumstance the Polish pope had an intensely political message to deliver to the American people and the world. Couched in the terms of Jimmy Carter's "human rights" campaign and admonitions against materialism he came to preach the faith—faith in capitalism and U.S. world domination.

Of course he couldn't come right out and say this ion so many words, but the message was only thinly veiled behind the pontifical doublespeak. The Vatican these days very much likes to convey the image of a church concerned with the loftier things of "another world." But this is the world that they

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4th Anniversary of the Founding of the R.C.P.

# WE ARE THE PARTY OF THE FUTURE

October marks the fourth anniversary of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. The formation of the RCP, USA was a giant and decisive advance for the working class and oppressed people in this country. For since that day there exists a political party totally dedicated to and capable of leading the masses of people in breaking the chains of slavery, to burst free from the degradation, exploitation and oppression that is life under capitalism. The working class has produced its own political party, its political vanguard, capable of leading it forward amidst the twists and turns of the class struggle to the seizure of power and, together with the proletariat of every country, working to remake a world that embodies the highest and most noble interests and aspirations of mankind—communism.

A successful revolution requires more than the ripening of the objective situation, more than militancy and sacrifice of the masses. Without a political vanguard guided by the science of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung thought even the most favorable opportunities will be thrown away and the heroism of the masses will not be crowned by victory.

Such a political party does not appear as if by magic at the decisive moment. It is itself a product of the class struggle and is tempered and matures amidst the storms of battle. The RCP, USA is the product of the struggle of the U.S. working class and based upon the science of Marxism-Leninism which concentrates the experience of the whole world proletariat. Its birth and development are, in particular, the outcome of a series of vital struggles in the political and ideological realm which have taken place in the U.S. over the past ten years. The Party and its leadership have been born and tempered in these struggles. None of these struggles have been esoteric debates among leftists, as cynics and the ruling class would paint them, but rather reflec-

tions of the class forces shaping society. And the outcome of each of these battles has been decisive in laying the basis for the further advance of the movement.

The roots of the RCP, USA trace most directly back to the period of the 1960s and the tremendous turmoil, ferment, and revolutionary battles which swept the U.S. The Black people's struggle, especially as it developed into the revolutionary Black liberation movement of the mid and late 1960s, served as a clarion call rekindling revolutionary activity among the working class and the masses of all nationalities. The struggle against the Vietnam War, unprecedented in U.S. history, awoke further millions to political activity. Increasingly the ugly features of the imperialist enemy came to be recognized by broad sections of the population. Through all this a new generation of U.S. revolutionaries emerged.

But the revolutionaries of the 1960s were cut off from the working class and the revolutionary science of Marxism-Leninism. This was due especially to the fact that the old Communist Party held a white flag, not a red one. It had degenerated, leaving the U.S. working class with no vanguard and at the political and ideological mercy of the ruling class' propaganda machine. Many revolutionaries rejected Marxism-Leninism as a sterile dogma of a bygone era and saw no revolutionary potential in the U.S. working class which, in the main, was still dormant and had not awakened to political life. Others paid passing lip service to Marxism, but also negated the revolutionary role of the working class. Such people fell into the view that revolution would be made by a handful of "heroes" and saw terrorism as the revolutionary strategy. The Weathermen were the most notorious of these groups. But even within the ranks of the Revolutionary Union

(RU), the organization which played the central role in forming the RCP, there were people who promoted such a line.

The first major struggle within the RU was a battle to rid its ranks of this kind of poisonous line which led away from the necessary task for the new generation of revolutionaries to carry out revolutionary work among and link themselves to the proletariat. This struggle was led by Comrade Bob Avakian who had emerged as the most far-sighted revolutionary leader of the period, capable of leading the process of integrating the general principles of Marxism-Leninism with the concrete practice of making revolution in the U.S.

Although the RU was a small organization then, and was dismissed in most quarters as a tiny sect, the waging of that struggle was vital to the further advance of the revolutionary struggle. Within a few years, the would-be "guerrilla groups" met early disaster, or, more commonly, fell into "safe" pathetic reformism.

The next major question that faced the revolutionary movement was correctly solving the political question of the relationship between the struggle of Black people and other oppressed nationalities and that of the U.S. working class made up of all nationalities. For several years the struggle of Black people had grown and developed at a time when the working class overall was not taking up struggle. Revolutionary organizations were formed basing themselves on the struggle of the oppressed nationalities—the most notable of which was the Black Panther Party. But despite the heroism of the members of the BPP, it, too, collapsed under the terror of the bourgeoisie and—what really guaranteed their destruction as a revolutionary organization—the influence of ruling class ideology, because the Panther Party was never able to base itself on Marxism-Leninism.

Other organizations developed among the oppressed nationalities which did profess to base themselves on Marxism. But these groups also were never able to break free of a nationalist outlook and adopt the international outlook of the working class. Their leaders made a principle of the divisions in the working class, refused to recognize any revolutionary potential among white workers, and demanded that Black communists (by which they meant themselves) should be guaranteed a "special place" in the still yet to be founded vanguard Party.

Again it was the Revolutionary Union that took the lead in fighting this deviation. And again it was temporarily isolated from much of the Left in the U.S. who denounced it as "racist" for daring to go up against this bourgeois nationalist line. But like the struggle against the petty-bourgeois terrorists, this struggle was key in laying the foundations for a new political party of the working class and opened the way forward to great advances.

Indeed, it was shortly after the struggle against nationalism disguised as Marxism that the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA was formed in 1975. It meant that the working class in the U.S. now had a force determined and capable of leading it forward to making revolution. The formation of the Party was a declaration of war against the ruling class of the U.S. and represented the Party taking responsibility for the fate of the working class in the country.

But the formation of the Party also paved the way for the sharpest struggle yet to face the genuine communists in the U.S. Within the Party were forces who saw revolution as a far-off impossible dream, something to give occasional reference to, but with no real meaning for today's activities. They sought to turn the Party into a collection of trade union caucuses and rob it

of its revolutionary tasks.

The struggle against this tendency was already underway when the counter-revolutionary coup in China of October 1976 following the death of Mao brought things to a head. Mao Tsetung, the towering figure of our times who represented revolution, Marxism-Leninism and the further advance of the working class toward communism, came under attack from the new capitalist elements in China. Many around the world, including some within the RCP, USA, saw this as the time to jump out and demand that the red flag be dropped, just as it had been by the new Chinese leadership.

In this life and death battle Comrade Avakian played an indispensable and decisive role. He made a penetrating analysis of the reactionary nature of the usurpers in power, an analysis that has been proven accurate with every passing day. He led the Central Committee in a decisive battle to prevent the revisionists within the Party from capturing its leadership, and when they continued to try to wreck the Party, in thoroughly routing this revisionist headquarters and driving it from the Party.

Since that momentous struggle to uphold the revolutionary line of Mao Tsetung the work and the influence of the RCP, USA has developed with leaps and bounds. The *Revolutionary Worker*, a weekly newspaper capable of exposing the face of the enemy to increasing numbers of workers in this country, is one major fruit of this battle.

Today the situation in the U.S. is one of a gathering hurricane. All the signs of a giant storm of struggle among the masses are on the horizon. The past ten-year fight to build and safeguard and develop the Revolutionary Communist Party stand in many ways as a period of preparation which will enable the Party to fulfill its duty of leading the working class in making revolution.

It is because of these very factors that the U.S. ruling class has launched its most vicious and direct attack on the Party today, with the heart of their target being Bob Avakian, the Chairman of the Central Committee. They hope to cripple the Party by imprisoning Comrade Avakian, and in so doing deliver a crushing blow to the hopes of the workers for revolution in this country.

This current attack is the most serious attack launched by the U.S. ruling class against revolutionaries in a decade. It is also the greatest test yet faced by our Party. But like the previous struggles the Party has confronted before, this one can be won and can lay the basis for an even greater leap toward the revolutionary goal. But it will not happen automatically, but only through the persistent and conscious efforts of thousands and many from all walks of life can and will make a contribution. But for revolutionaries, and those who aspire to be revolutionaries, this holds special meaning. The battle to free Bob Avakian and the other Mao Tsetung Defendants is a fight to defend the Party; more than that it is a battle to make this necessary giant leap forward. All those who want to see an end to the misery of capitalism and are determined to fight for the future classless society of communism must take their place in the ranks of the struggle now.

This battle must be won. This Party must be strengthened to wage all the trials of strength that lie ahead. This Party of the future must be fought for today.

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# Message from the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE RCP OF THE UNITED STATES

As Chileans who have suffered in our own flesh the repression unleashed in our country by an oligarchy which is a lackey of the same imperialists who oppress the people of the United States, we want to express our most complete solidarity with Bob Avakian and the 16 compañeros who they want to imprison in an attempt to intimidate the working class revolutionary movement of your country.

This is not the first time that the ruling class of the United States has done this. The examples of the martyrs of May 1st in Chicago, and of Sacco and Vanzetti are proof of it. It is the logic of the reactionaries to use the whip when their demagogic tricks fail to deceive people, as it is the response of the revolutionaries and honest democrats to denounce the falseness of the myth of democracy with which they try to cover the dictatorship of a handful of monopolists who shamelessly invoke the defense of Human Rights so as to better camouflage the actions of their agents inside and outside of the country.

As Marxist-Leninist internationalists, we want to reiterate our recognition and support for the RCP, USA for the courageous demonstrations carried out on the occasion of the visit to that country of Teng Hsiao-ping, ideologue and representative of the revisionist clique in China. These actions, in which comrade Avakian and 77 other compañeros were arrested, were a heavy blow with international repercussions, against the war plans of the U.S. imperialists, and contributed to unmasking the counterrevolutionary nature of the elements who have usurped the leadership of the Communist Party of China.

We also highly value the contribution being made by the RCP, USA to the defense of the thought and work of comrade Mao Tsetung who, even after his death, continues to be furiously attacked by the imperialists and the revisionists of all types as a way to attack Marxism-Leninism.

We express our indignation at the Chinese revisionists' open support of the repression against your Party, which is one more proof of their close links with the plans of imperialism.

Your organization is being attacked, and not by accident, at a time when the U.S. government, discredited before its people and the world, is in grave economic and political difficulties, when the workers' movement is getting ready to fight with more strength and is raising its consciousness, when the imperialists are accelerating their preparations for aggression against the peoples in their rivalry with the no less bloodthirsty Soviet social-imperialism. There is no doubt that this repression is proof that it recognizes in you an ever growing danger. As comrade Mao Tsetung taught us, to be attacked by the enemy is not a bad thing. In this case, it is proof of your advances and of the fact that you are hitting it where it hurts the most.

We have absolute confidence that relying on the masses and oriented by the invincible ideas of Marxism-Leninism, the RCP, USA will emerge strengthened from this and other tests.

In the struggle which you are carrying out, you are not alone, there are those who support you throughout the world.

September 25, 1979

*International Commission of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile*

## FUNDS URGENTLY NEEDED

The battle to free Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants cannot be waged unless funds are raised. Legal expenses for a trial of this size and significance are enormous. But the decisive battle will take place outside the courtroom and that battle too needs money. At the end of this month 200 volunteers will be leaving their homes, families and jobs, in order to go to Washington, D.C. for the course of the trial. Your financial contributions are urgently needed to enable these frontline fighters to turn Washington, D.C. into the major political battlefield that this trial demands. They will be making tremendous personal sacrifices, and tremendous financial sacrifices by many others will be required to support them and to carry this battle to victory.

# TURN D.C. UPSIDE-DOWN!

***They've Thrown Down the Gauntlet—A Deadly Serious Challenge, and a Truly Great Opportunity . . .***

. . . to go straight up against this system and rock this country at its very foundation. This is a call for volunteers to join the front lines of the battle in Washington, D.C.

The Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party is issuing a call, throughout this land, to Party members and all others who are willing and determined to make the necessary sacrifices to take their stand with the Party—to volunteer to go to Washington, D.C., beginning a few weeks before the trial starts, and continuing to its conclusion; to join the front lines of the battle to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants and Stop the Railroad of Bob Avakian; to gather their combined force where the trial is to be held, in the very political capital of our imperialist rulers, and through their united efforts to take the issue of this trial, and the crucial political questions it concentrates, out to hundreds of thousands of people in the Washington, D.C. area, so that by the time the trial starts, and even more so through the course of it, this will become the major political question in that area and indeed throughout the country, known of and talked about on a daily basis by masses of people.

We aim at nothing less than turning that area into a major political battleground, and in so doing and through the support built in every major area, to rock this whole country to its foundation . . . Two hundred "picked troops" will be selected and sent, political organizers who will fan out across D.C. on a daily basis, educating and activating many times their number.



The trial of Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants will begin Nov. 19th. To volunteer to be selected by the Party to serve on this battlefield, contact the address nearest you listed on page 2.

# 19 Year Old Palestinian Faces Extradition

Chicago, September 27.

A young Palestinian man sits in the front of the courtroom. He looks a little shy because he speaks no English and so can't understand all the proceedings:

*Defense (to their witness, the Mayor of Hebron, a city in the West Bank): Is there a state of war between the Arab countries and the State of Israel?*

*Prosecution: Objection, if all the Mayor is going to do is give an opinion of what he sees is a state of war.*

*Judge: Sustained.*

*Defense: From your own personal knowledge, is there a political conflict between the State of Israel and Palestine?*

*Pros: Objection.*

*Judge: Sustained.*

*Defense: Have you been able to ascertain whether there is a political conflict between the State of Israel and the various Arab countries including the Palestinians?*

*Mayor: Adamantly, yes.*

*Defense: What is the basis of your personal conclusion that a political conflict exists between the State of Israel and the various Arab countries including the Palestinians?*

*Mayor: We have lived this conflict since 1948.*

*Defense: From your personal knowledge, Mayor, can you tell what is the foundation for this political conflict?*

*Mayor: People living under occupation want a just peace, which will enable them, the Palestinian people, to live as free men in the world.*

*Defense: In your own view, what is the grievance of the Palestinians?*

*Pros: Objection. We don't have to hear the subjective feelings of the Mayor about some undefined group of people.*

Two young women in the courtroom audience begin chanting softly, under their breath, "We are Palestinian, we are a people."

As Ziad Abu Ein, the 19 year-old on trial here, is taken out, he thrusts his fist in the air. From the 60 or so Palestinian and American supporters allowed in court, applause breaks out and cries of "Victory to the Palestinian People! Long Live Palestine."

The U.S., at Israel's request, is holding extradition hearings to send Ziad Abu Ein back to Israel because the Zionists have accused him of planting a bomb in a marketplace in Tiberias, Israel, on May 14, 1979. The "evidence" the Israeli government offers is a confession wrenched by torture from another Palestinian youth (which he has since repudiated). Ziad has proof (in the form of sworn statements from witnesses) that he was nowhere near Tiberias on May 14th.

The extradition treaty between the U.S. and Israel stipulates that extradition is prohibited in instances where the act with which the accused is charged is political in nature. U.S. Attorney Sullivan and the State Department officials surrounding him in court are performing legal gymnastics to "prove" that Ziad's case has nothing to do with politics, yet the manner in which they're doing this is itself highly political. It reflects the actual position both the U.S. imperialists and the Israeli Zionists hold in relation to the Palestinian people. They deny their existence, exercise the most brutal forms of repression against them, and have tried for 30 years to force them to disperse from their homeland in Palestine, all because they are "in the way" of Israel's efforts to dominate the area in the interests of U.S. imperialism.

This is the first such attempt by the U.S. and Israeli governments to extradite a Palestinian. As one of the witnesses told the *Revolutionary Worker*, "Israel has their objective—to



Above, young freedom fighter proudly poses at a Palestinian training camp. Below, Israeli soldier brutalizes Palestinian schoolgirl in occupied area of Jerusalem.

strike terror into the hearts of Palestinians here." This is the same method they use in Israel, day in, day out to suppress the Palestinians. This is why Alexandra Johnson, who was for two years the vice-consul in the American Consulate General in Jerusalem, was asked to testify for the defense. Yet at the outset of the hearings Judge Jurco ruled that no discussion of torture in Israeli prisons would be permitted. Apparently, evidence of the widespread use of torture by Israeli authorities wouldn't fit the government's fairy tale that if Ziad is extradited he'll receive a "fair trial."

In defiance of this, Johnson issued a press release detailing what would have been some of her testimony:

"We found that in political cases Israel systematically uses torture and denial of due process. Here is how the system works.

"There are three distinct levels of torture, involving associated sets of techniques:

"Level One: beating on the head and torso with fists and sticks;

"Level Two: beating on the genitals with hands and sticks; beating with whips, immersion in cold water; interrogation while nude or shackled in an awkward position;

"Level Three: refrigeration, use of electricity, hanging by the hands or feet, extreme forms of sexual sadism; interrogation accompanied by starvation, enforced sleeplessness.

"The level of interrogation to which a prisoner is subjected is largely determined by the nature of the charge which the interrogators are investigating. Level One is generally used with persons accused of participation in demonstrations and similar minor "security offenses." Level Two is generally used with persons accused of membership in Palestinian Organizations—without their having committed any act on behalf of that organization. Level Three is used with persons interrogated in connection with armed operations. Jamal Yassin was interrogated concerning an armed operation—the placing of a bomb in Tiberias. He was almost certainly subjected to Level Three interrogation. Ziad, who would be interrogated in the same case if extradited to Israel, would also be subjected to such torture. I am certain of this judgment as I am certain that the sun will rise tomorrow."

The U.S. government has shown that their concern in this case is much greater than simply to see a 19 year-old youth chewed up in the torture chambers of their CIA-trained murderers. This trial is part of U.S. attempts to force a settlement of "the Palestinian problem" with the establishment of some form of Palestinian "autonomy" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip areas now occupied by the Israelis in exchange for the recognition



of Israel. It is part of the other side of the Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson negotiations with the PLO. The U.S. is making an overt threat to the Palestinian people. They are saying, go along with our program or else.

The government is making no pretense of a "fair trial" in this case. Continuously in these hearings the prosecutor "objected" and the judge "sustained" him on any testimony relating to the condition of the Palestinian people:

*Defense: How many Palestinians were expelled in 1948?*

*Mayor of Hebron: As far as I know, about 600,000.*

*Defense: Do you know what happened to the 600,000 people who were forced to leave?*

*Mayor: They are living now in refugee camps in Syria, Lebanon, the West Bank and all over the world.*

*Defense: Do you personally know how many refugees are in refugee camps today?*

*Mayor: Over 2 million refugees.*

*Defense: Have you personally visited those refugee camps?*

*Mayor: Yes, there are two refugee camps very close to the city where I live.*

*Defense: Can you describe the conditions in these camps?*

*Prosecution: Objection.*

*Judge: Sustained.*

But Palestinians were more than anxious to testify and let the American people know what is really going on. The following is just one of several incidents

the *Revolutionary Worker* was told of. It took place in a village in the occupied area in the summer of 1969:

"My village is around 3000 persons, all farmers. One day about 3 p.m. we saw a lot of military helicopters coming from all over. They started circling the village. Every 5 or 6 kilometers in a ring around the village, they landed. From the main road on the west side of the village, around 10 military vehicles drove to the heart of the village. They went directly to a certain house. They told the people all around that this man was one of the PLO; that they'd have to demolish the house. This man had been arrested three days before, but the trial had not happened. They gave the people 20 minutes to leave. Already they were surrounding the house with dynamite. All the thousands of people were made to come to the center of the town. I won't forget this as long as I live. The women all started to cry. And some of the people started to throw stones at the soldiers. One of the soldiers spoke Arabic, and said, "What can we do, we are doing our job?" What could we do? We watched the house blow up—the windows blew out 200 feet. All during that night the military vehicles went through the town, firing machine guns. The people in the village took in the three brothers of the arrested man, their families and the old people—their parents. I remember later the old man sitting on the heap of rubble, the stone, and crying. He tried to remove the stone but the authorities would not let him use

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# Jesse to PLO: Be a Lackey Like Me!

In the wake of the whole Andy Young-PLO affair a new front has been opened up in the U.S. imperialists' moves toward forcing a "settlement of the Palestinian problem" by striking a deal with the PLO that grants some form of vague "autonomy" or possibly some kind of "mini-state" for the Palestinians in exchange for the recognition of Israel's right to exist. Such a deal would amount to a straight-up sellout of the struggle of the Palestinian people whose struggle has been precisely to return to their homeland that was barbarously stolen from them by the Zionist founders of the Israeli state forcing them into refugee camps in neighboring countries. This new front has been opened up under the "unofficial" guise of visits to Palestine at the invitation of the PLO by two separate delegations of U.S. "civil rights leaders" in the past two weeks—a delegation from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and most recently Jesse Jackson and his entourage.

It was hoped that the image of this sellout Black leader would be attractive to the PLO leaders and convincing to the Palestinian masses. Jackson and SCLC leaders like Fountrouy and Lowery were indeed fine examples of the advantages of turning the other cheek and were willing preachers of the glorious cause of licking the boots of your enemy, the U.S. bourgeoisie in particular. They fit the part perfectly and followed in the footsteps of a true master, Andrew Young.

The show was well choreographed. There was Jesse Jackson in a splendid follow-up to his recent trip to South Africa, touring the Palestinian refugee camps and condemning Israel's "shocking and disturbing" devastation of Palestinian refugee camps with weapons "paid for by U.S. tax dollars." "Somebody must have the strength to break the cycle of terror and pain," he sermonized. "I identify with the underdog because I am one of the underdogs." He called for a "major reassessment of the U.S. role in the Middle East punctuating his remarks as did his SCLC predecessors with old civil

rights chants like "I am somebody" and singing "We shall overcome" with Yasser Arafat.

But along with the "Moses in the promised land" act came Jackson's clear message bearing the signature of the U.S. imperialists, LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS! RECOGNIZE THE ZIONISTS' RIGHT TO OCCUPY YOUR HOMELAND! GIVE IN AND YOU WILL BE REWARDED! This he said in almost as many words. "I would hope that our conversations... could very well establish a beachhead for our government... to open talks with the PLO and recognize America's several interests in the Middle East." "Standing amidst the rubble of refugee camps bombed and shelled by the Israelis, Jackson dared to preach his master's message of nonviolence, "Do not allow acts of terror (read: the armed struggle against Israel—RW) to divert you from your homeland (read: a tiny mini-state at most—RW) or from peace and justice (under the boot of Israel and the U.S.—RW). To make his point clear he added, "Fighting for Palestinian Justice is a way of fighting for the security of Israel."

The security of Israel has been and remains key to the U.S. domination of the Middle East. It has been the main guardian of U.S. interests in the area along with Saudi Arabia and Iran. Now that one of these three "pillars" has fallen with the revolution in Iran and with the Soviets gaining influence amidst the turbulence in the area, the security of Israel is even more vital to the U.S. But changes are needed in the old policy of refusal to even recognize the Palestinian people and the complete and open support for all Israeli occupation of Palestinian and Arab land. The political scene is changing and more and more it is becoming key to come up with some kind of "solution to the Palestinian problem" in order to be able to get the Arab states (like Saudi Arabia) to recognize Israel. The leaders of these countries are reluctant to do so without some form of resolution to the "Palestinian problem" because of the tremendous support among the people in the Middle East for the Palestinian

struggle. Enter Jesse Jackson and crowd.

Despite a snub from Menachem Begin when he visited Israel, the Israelis could find no better friends than these civil rights leaders. Perhaps they are not happy with some of their "strong rhetoric" about "Israeli terrorism," but this is all necessary to put on a good show. And as far as the U.S. is concerned not only are people like Jackson important tools for wooing PLO leaders like Yasser Arafat but they can be very important in building a public opinion base in the U.S. among Black people for its new Middle East policies. This is crucial given the years and years of 100% pro-Israel anti-Palestinian propaganda in this country.

As for his part in this affair, Yasser Arafat welcomed Jesse with open arms. While he has been cozy with the Soviet Union, Arafat has shown a willingness to deal with the U.S. and accept any kind of mini-state or semi-state in Palestine that would cool things out, and protect the position of himself and

his fellow bourgeois nationalist leaders. In many ways he is cut from the same mold as Jesse Jackson. He too is hoping that Jackson's visit will help create a more favorable atmosphere among the Palestinian people and the masses of people in the Middle East for some kind of deal with the U.S. imperialists. In a recent interview with Barbara Walters he held open the possibility of recognizing Israel and when asked if the PLO was changing its image and becoming more moderate, he replied, "Yes, precisely."

The problem that Jesse Jackson, the SCLC leaders, and Yasser Arafat keep running up against, however, is the refusal of the masses of people they claim to represent to bow down and be crushed by the bourgeoisie. The masses of Palestinian people, who are living in tents in refugee camps that are constantly attacked by the Israelis and long to return to their homeland, are the decisive factor in what will happen regarding a "settlement of the Palestinian problem."

## Shine the Light of Revolution Behind the Prison Walls

### Contribute to the Prisoners Revolutionary Literature Fund

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* is establishing a special fund. Contributions should be sent to:

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During World War 2, doctors in Nazi Germany conducted an experiment to determine how long a downed fighter pilot would be able to survive in the water. The experiment consisted of plunging a test group of Jews into a vat of freezing water and recording how long it took them to die. Today in the U.S. some in the medical profession carry out secret experiments for the government that are even more depraved.

1971. Cincinnati General Hospital—teaching hospital of the prestigious University of Cincinnati School of Medicine, Birthplace of the Salk vaccine. Home of the most expensive, best equipped medical sciences research center ever built in the United States.

Walking past a marble statue depicting the hands of a surgeon and through a set of double metal doors, you enter a maze of tunnels that runs beneath the hospital. Steam pipes overhead, peeling green paint, damp cement floors. This gloomy place houses the hospital's outpatient clinics. Several hundred yards beyond the clinics, in the farthest reaches of the tunnel system, there is a small room. The sign on the door reads simply "Whole Body Counter." Inside, a team of doctors is painstakingly compiling data for research project DA-146-XZ-315.

During the twelve years that the project has been in existence, 87 cancer patients have been chosen to enter this room for what is vaguely explained to them as "experimental treatment to help your disease." Two doctors select the participants from patients diagnosed as having incurable cancer—of this group they pick those that are in the best physical condition.

In one research report they describe the patients they have chosen: "Several of the subjects were tumor free and essentially normal...these patients were all clinically stable, many of them working daily."

## EXPERIMENT— DA-146-XZ-315

Most of the patients who come to the "Whole Body Counter" are Black. All of them are poor. The youngest so far has been a 10-year-old child; the oldest, an 84-year-old woman. As incentive to participate in the project, the hospital has given the entire group free medical care, including home visits by their physicians.

Six floors up, on the cancer ward of CGH, hospital personnel have been instructed by the research team not to discuss the project, symptoms, or reactions with their patients. "This isolation is carried out carefully..." notes a report.

A transporter arrives on the ward with a slip of paper, "Mr. X to Whole Body." He escorts a seemingly healthy middle-aged man downstairs and through the tunnels. A month later the transporter is back with a stretcher to pick up the same man. This time his instructions read "Mr. X to the morgue." "Is there an autopsy request?" he asks. "Not on this one."

Meanwhile, the researchers compile their findings. Nine official reports, 900 typewritten pages, each packaged up and mailed to an address in Washington D.C.—care of the Department of Defense.

Research Project DA-146-XZ-315 had a sinister appearance from the beginning. Yet it was approved twice by investigative panels appointed by the University of Cincinnati and composed of high-ranking doctors at the medical school. An investigation made by the

American College of Radiology characterized the research team as "heroic." The liberal president of the University defended the project, calling it "beneficial cancer therapy" in an interview in *Saturday Review* in 1971.

What was really taking place in the small room beneath Cincinnati General Hospital? The story was finally made public in 1972 by the Junior Faculty Association at U.C. (teaching assistants and untenured faculty) and published in a book (now out of print) called *The Great American Bomb Machine*.

Between 1959 and 1972, the U.S. Defense Department paid the University of Cincinnati \$675,000 to conduct research into the physical and psychological effects of "sublethal" doses of radiation. The Army had already done experiments on rats, monkeys, and victims of nuclear "accidents." Now they wanted to test their findings systematically on humans. Each of the 87 patients used as test subjects was first given several fake "treatments"—"to gain their cooperation," according to the research team. Then each was exposed to between 100 and 300 RADS of radiation in a single hour! (5 RADS per year is considered the acceptable level for nuclear power plant workers. The 3 Mile Island accident released less than 1 RAD).

Before and after radiation, each patient was subjected to a series of psychological and physical tests developed especially for the experiment by a professor at Stanford University

with a grant from the U.S. Public Health Service.

The research team began by using 100 RADS of radiation, slowly increasing the dosage of 300 RADS. By 1972, 36% of the patients receiving the higher dosages—19 people in all—had been killed by radiation poisoning in the form of bone marrow failure within 60 days of receiving "treatment." Cold, calculated, scientific murder summed up and forwarded to the federal government.

The purpose of the experiment was as ghastly as its results on the patients in Cincinnati. The Pentagon had set out to determine the "combat effectiveness" of troops in the period immediately following a tactical nuclear exchange. These imperialist dogs were not so much concerned with how many soldiers could survive a nuclear attack. This they had largely been able to determine by studies of the victims of the U.S. bombing of Hiroshima. Now they wanted more exacting data—to be able to establish, in terms of hours, days, and weeks, how long soldiers would be able to stay alert, drive a tank and hold a gun before they dropped dead of radiation sickness, forcing the army to send in fresh cannonfodder.

As the facts of the experiment became known and public outrage grew, the Senate appointed a subcommittee to look into the project. But as soon as the University agreed to end the experiment the committee was disbanded. None of the researchers was ever charged with any crime, or even censured in any way. And the following year the University received 16 new grants from the Department of Defense.

# Mother of Mao Tsetung Defendant Speaks Out

The following testimonial was given before RCP Chairman Bob Avakian delivered his speech in Tampa, Florida last week. It is from a 62 year-old woman from France who is an electrical worker and the mother of one of the Mao Tsetung Defendants.

As a supporter of the Revolutionary Communist Party and as the mother of one of the Mao Tsetung Defendants I would like to say a few words on why I believe we need a revolution. I have come to that point of view from a long way. To start with I will say that I was raised in complete ignorance of what "capitalist" and "working class" really mean. I learned that some people have money and some don't. I learned that there were two kinds of people, the bourgeoisie and the workers—"les ouvriers" or "le peuple" as the French bourgeoisie called them with a sort of contempt.

When World War II was declared it was like a child's game, the bad guys on one side, the good guys on the other side. We were the good and the bad were the Germans. The rule was to fight them because they wanted to take our soil, our property. At that time I thought, of course, that the governments were there to take care of their country, to decide what they had to do to protect *their* people. Needless to say I also believed everything said in the capitalist newspapers!

With this poor political education, I came to the states 26 years ago. I was told I would live in a free country, a place where I could have everything for practically nothing; where I could get a job for a very good salary; where I could give my children everything they need and want—education, good food, good clothes, vacations, recreation and a good future. I believed it would be true, the American Dream!

But the American dream was really

an illusion. I quickly realized that life was not so easy. The day to day living was more and more difficult and as the years passed I had to fight more and more in order to keep a decent life. Rent going up, food prices jumping up every week; transportation, utilities—everything was going up and up.

And what about those great salaries? Well, at my workplace after 12 years of good work for a not so good salary I decided with three other workers to ask for a raise. We wrote a letter asking that our demands be considered. But no way! They said we were troublemakers and they quickly fired us. I was fired in five minutes after working for them 12 years.

I believe it was at that point that I really started to wonder what was wrong with this society. I looked around and started to understand what all the problems we have really mean, where they come from, who is responsible for these problems. The more I

studied the facts, the more I understood.

For example, why should we go to fight in other countries for the benefits of the capitalists? Why should we pay so much taxes—taxes used for example for Nixon's comfort when he was at San Clemente or actually to protect Kennedy and his family? Why should we say bravo when Jimmy Carter decided to give his benediction to the spoiled rich girl, Patricia Hearst?

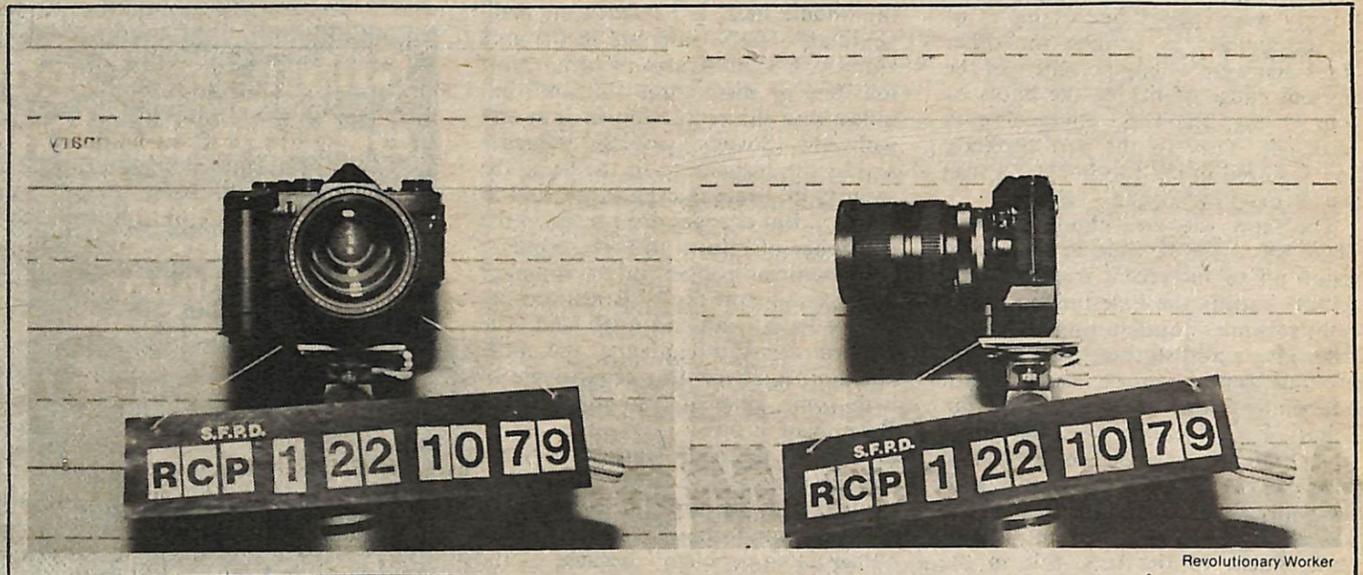
Why should we pay high prices for food because we have to eat and feed our children? Why should we pay high prices for gasoline when we need to drive to get to our jobs? And why should we accept the way the police force is trained to harass people, give tickets, make arrests? This police who kill without good reason just because somebody is Black or Latin like Paul Leonard or John Johnson right here in Tampa.

Why? Why all these abuses? Because

the capitalists need money and they will find more and more ways to get it from us. The capitalists have to protect their interests outside the country. There will be a World War III. We have to stop them, stop the abuses, refuse to be killed for the capitalists' interests.

People all over the country are more and more fed up with the whole system and ready to fight this system. If we want to survive we have to fight. That's why we need a Party. A strong Party like the Revolutionary Communist Party to make revolution. We need a revolution and we need a Party to organize us, to give us the necessary direction. This revolution must not be a fiasco, it must be a victory and it will be a victory if the whole working class follows the leadership of the Revolutionary Communist Party.

Finally, I would like to say that being the mother of one of the Mao Tsetung Defendants, I am not ashamed of what my daughter did. I am not afraid of what people tell me about it. Because I'm proud that she cares for the future of this country and the future of the working class. I'm scared, but proud. I support what she is doing and will follow her all the way to the revolution. We will have a revolution and we will be the winners.



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## Camera Held for Intent to Expose

A *Revolutionary Worker* photographer in Oakland, California was busted last week and charged with disturbing the peace. His crime was having the nerve to photograph the Oakland Police Department while they were arresting *three other people* who were selling the *Revolutionary Worker* near the scene of a recent police murder. The police report on the photographer cites him with "malicious and unlawful" use of his camera, which was confiscated and is currently being held as "evidence."

This recent incident of police harassment against the *Revolutionary Worker* is typical of similar incidents in other parts of the country, such as the sentencing of two people in Greensboro, North Carolina to 29 days in jail for selling the *Revolutionary Worker*. The charges on which they were convicted are *still unknown!* Clearly this photographer and his dangerous weapon are being charged with intent to expose the attempts of the police and other stuck pigs in high places to keep the *Revolutionary Worker*

out of the hands of the workers and oppressed people and intensify their political assault on the RCP. A brief translation of pig language will suffice to make the point. "Disturbing the peace": 1) Breaking the hold of the ruling class on the masses of people, arming the masses with the revolutionary line of the RCP so that they themselves can act in a revolutionary manner, join the ranks of the Party and take their rightful place in the battle to put this system in the dustbin; 2) And in particular right now, arming people with the understanding of the necessity to wage a fearless and tireless battle to prevent the ruling class from getting their hands on the Chairman Bob Avakian.

This ridiculous arrest only shows that the police in fact are afraid of what a simple camera might reveal. But while they have succeeded in keeping their own mugs off the film for the moment, their arrest of this dangerous camera has turned out to be more revealing than the photos themselves.

Chile was aflame with the fight for liberation. The CIA drenched it in blood. In the face of this attack, the Chilean people had their hands tied behind their backs. How did this happen? Was it inevitable? How, six years later, are the Chilean people fighting to overthrow fascism? How can the people free themselves through revolution?

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# A Statement by Chinese Communists

# To Resolutely Defend Chairman Mao's Revolutionary Line—

Celebrate the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China—

It has been thirty years since the birth of the People's Republic of China. In these thirty years, the path of our country's historical development has gone through twists and turns, hardships and dangers. However, because we had the leadership of the great teacher and great leader Chairman Mao and Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought as our guide for revolution, our advances were towards a correct direction. We broke through the pressure applied by imperialists of every description and reactionaries of various countries thus smashing their scheme to invade China. We further ruthlessly attacked and got rid of the capitalist roaders in power, the conspirators, careerists, renegades, traitors, scabs, counter-revolutionary revisionists. Some were weeded out. Some were defeated to the point of never being able to rise again. In particular the earth-shakingly profound Cultural Revolution, personally led by Chairman Mao, had aroused thousands and tens of thousands of revolutionary fighters to join the great revolutionary deluge, striking a blow at the corrupt reactionaries within the Party, smashing their bureaucratic machinery, destroying the old shelters, thus writing a great glorious page in the history of

the Chinese Communist Party in leading the Chinese people to make revolution!

Unfortunately in September, 1976, the great leader Chairman Mao passed away, thus the Party and the nation lost their center of leadership. Furthermore, immediately after Chairman Mao's death, while the party and the nation were in the midst of an extremely difficult period, the traitors within the Party and the unrepentant capitalist roaders collaborated, launched a coup d'etat to betray the revolutionary line of Chairman Mao, exercising fascism, and in an all-out effort repressed and persecuted comrades who held high the banner of Mao Tsetung and who resolutely carried out Mao Tsetung's revolutionary line. They openly reversed the verdict of the Cultural Revolution and heaped vengeance on it. They publicly clamored for a "30-70 assessment" of Mao's contributions and mistakes, even saying they want to remove Chairman Mao's body from Chairman Mao's mausoleum. Through their controlled media, they "Hoisted the red flag to defeat the red flag," castrated Mao Tsetung Thought and went even as far as to raise "practice as

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**堅決捍衛毛主席革命路線**

**——慶祝中華人民共和國誕生三十週年——**

中華人民共和國誕生已三十週年，三十年來，我國歷史發展的道路，經歷過反覆曲折，也經歷過艱難險阻。但是，由於有偉大的革命導師、偉大的領袖毛主席的領導，有正確的思想路線、政治路線、組織路線、鬥爭路線的指引，我們前進的方向是正確的。我們突破了形形色色的帝國主義者和各國反動派對我們所施的壓力，粉碎了他們進犯我國的陰謀，我們還狠狠地打擊和肅清了在黨內竊據權力的走資本主義道路的當權派、陰謀家、野心家、叛徒、內奸、工賊、反革命修正主義分子；有的被揪出來，有的被打倒在地永世不得翻身。特別是毛主席親自所領導的偉大動地、接觸靈魂深處的文化大革命，鼓舞了成千成萬新進的革命鬥士，使入偉大的革命洪流；向黨內腐朽的反動勢力進攻，打開了官僚機構，揭發了他們的老帳，寫下了中國共產黨領導中國人民革命偉大的光輝史頁！

不幸的是，一九七六年九月，偉大的領袖毛主席與世長辭，使黨和國家失去了領導的中國，更不幸的是緊接着毛主席逝世不久，正當黨和國家極度艱危的時刻，黨內的叛徒和不肖之徒，竟在毛主席逝世後，製造了背叛毛主席革命路線的政變，對一貫高舉毛主席思想紅旗、堅持毛主席革命路線的同志，實行法西斯專政，公然叫嚷對毛主席功過「三七開」，說什麼要把毛主席的遺體移往毛主席紀念堂，通過他們所把持的輿論工具，打着「紅衛兵紅衛兵」，鬧劇、東思想，甚至提出所謂「檢驗真理」的謬論，妄圖從根本上否定馬克思列寧主義、毛澤東思想，夢想在人民的新中國復辟資本主義。

三年來，反革命黑幫集團，不斷在各地上演。不但如此，這些地主資產階級的黑幫分子，當他們竊據了黨和國家各個領域的領導權以後，拉幫結派，貪得無厭地擴充權力，騎在人民的頭上作威作福；在他們所把持的機構和單位，鬧騰老後門等歪風邪氣，在黨和國家的機構普遍泛濫。他們任意揮霍國家財產，營私舞弊，鬧騰老後門等歪風邪氣，在黨和國家的機構普遍泛濫。他們一方面打起社會主義民主的幌子，否定無產階級專政，一方面打起實現「四個現代化」的旗號，向帝國主義者卑躬屈膝，拋棄社會主義道路走資本主義道路。整個的事實說明，反革命黑幫集團，是要把社會主義的祖國，改變為紅色資本家所控制的人壓迫人、人剝削人的世

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# China's Rulers Begin Open Attack on Mao

The insects are coming out from under the rocks in China. After three years of thinly covering their reversals of Mao Tsetung's revolutionary line with some words about being his true upholders and continuers, the revisionists who have taken over in China are now coming out to openly attack him.

The special occasion was the October 1 thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. News has just begun to come out on these events as we go to press, and we will have more analysis next week, but the basic thrust is already clear from initial reports.

In a major speech summing up Party history, Yeh Chien-ying—the dottering third-ranking revisionist in China and himself probably a foot dragger on blasting Mao—was propped up to deliver the opening rounds of this attack. He said this was a "preliminary" summation, more would come later, but he did quite a wrecking job for openers.

Mao Tsetung's greatest single contribution to revolutionary practice was China's Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution—a great mass movement aimed at preventing the restoration of capitalism in China as had happened in the Soviet Union. Only a short time

ago, the Chinese revisionists had gone through the motions of praising it, while reversing all of its accomplishments. Yeh Chien-ying himself, for example, said to the 11th Party Congress back in 1977 that Mao "went on to lead us, through fierce and complex struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie and through the unparalleled Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, in scoring tremendous victories in socialist revolution and construction."

Now listen to Yeh's new speech: "During the ten years of the Cultural Revolution which started in 1966 our country underwent a big struggle between revolution and counter-revolution. The starting point of launching the Cultural Revolution was to combat and prevent revisionism. A ruling pro-

letarian party must of course be vigilant at all times and avoid going the revisionist road of oppressing the people domestically and pursuing hegemony internationally. *The problem is when the Cultural Revolution was launched an unrealistic judgement was made in assessing the situation within the Party and the country. No precise explanation was made of what revisionism is, the principle of democratic centralism was deviated from, and wrong policies and methods of struggle were adopted.*"

And the result of this ten-year period of Chinese history according to Yeh? "... An appalling catastrophe to all our people (which) brought the most serious setback to our socialist cause since the founding of our country."

Now for the \$64,000 question: What well-known Chinese revolutionary leader was the head of the Party during this period?

This hogwash passing off as "analysis" is almost identical to the attacks made on Mao by every other set of revisionists in the world today—from the Soviet Union to Albania.

While everyone in China and around the world knows just what he is saying, Yeh still only names Lin Piao and the "gang of four" as being the ones who had "counter-revolutionary objectives." But how did Lin (who was a revisionist) and the so-called "gang" (who were carrying out Mao's line) accomplish all this? According to Yeh they "used" certain "mistakes." When Yeh gets around to listing these mistakes he broadens the attack on Mao to go way back beyond the time of the Cultural Revolution:

"In 1957 it was necessary to beat back a handful of rightists. However, in the course of struggle a mistake was made in enlarging it. In 1958 in directing the economic work the objective laws were violated, deviating from the principle of thorough investigation and study, and testing out everything first, and made mistakes of 'blind commandism,' 'over-exaggeration,' and 'communist wind.' In 1959 within the Party the struggle against so-called right opportunism was inappropriately launched."



Mao Tsetung applauds a mass rally of Red Guards during the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

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the sole criterion to test truth" garbage, all in an effort to fundamentally negate Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought with the dream of restoring capitalism in the people's new China.

In the past three years the counter-revolutionary clique recruited monsters and devils in society, and through their so-called "criticism campaign" have launched class vengeance against those comrades faithful to Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. In all levels of society they made up all kinds of phony cases and frameups and unleashed white terror against those faithful to Mao's revolutionary line. Therefore the tragedy of people's heads falling on the ground continued happening around the country. Not only this, after members of this once defeated renegade clique were resurrected, they seized the power of leadership in the various fields of the Party and state; they formed their own factions; they very greedily expanded their power, riding on the backs of the people; they are very wasteful in the units which they control, they eat a lot and give gifts to each other; they give banquets and waste the state's property lavishly and are very corrupt—going through the back door, etc. All these corrupt life styles and attitudes are rampant. On the one hand they negate the proletarian dictatorship under the signboard of socialist democracy. On the other hand they capitulate and bow to imperialism, abolish the socialist road and adopt the capitalist road under the banner of achieving the four modernizations. All these facts illustrate that a counter-revolutionary clique wants to turn the socialist motherland into a world of man oppressing man, man exploiting man, and change it into a red-colored capitalist controlled world. Thus the Chinese people will endure suffering a second time and history will suffer a great leap backwards.

The revolutionary members of the Chinese Communist Party and the revolutionary Chinese people will never allow a counter-revolutionary clique and such demons and monsters to destroy the country built with our people's lives and blood. Although the founder of the Chinese Communist Party and People's Republic of China, the great leader Chairman Mao, has passed away, the great thinking and the great revolutionary spirit of Chairman Mao is relentlessly inspiring revolutionary fighters to wage life and death struggle in all arenas, a tit for tat struggle with the reactionary clique, and has succeeded to a definite extent in smashing their schemes and deflating their blatant arrogance. While the whole Party and people are jubilantly celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, to save the nation and the

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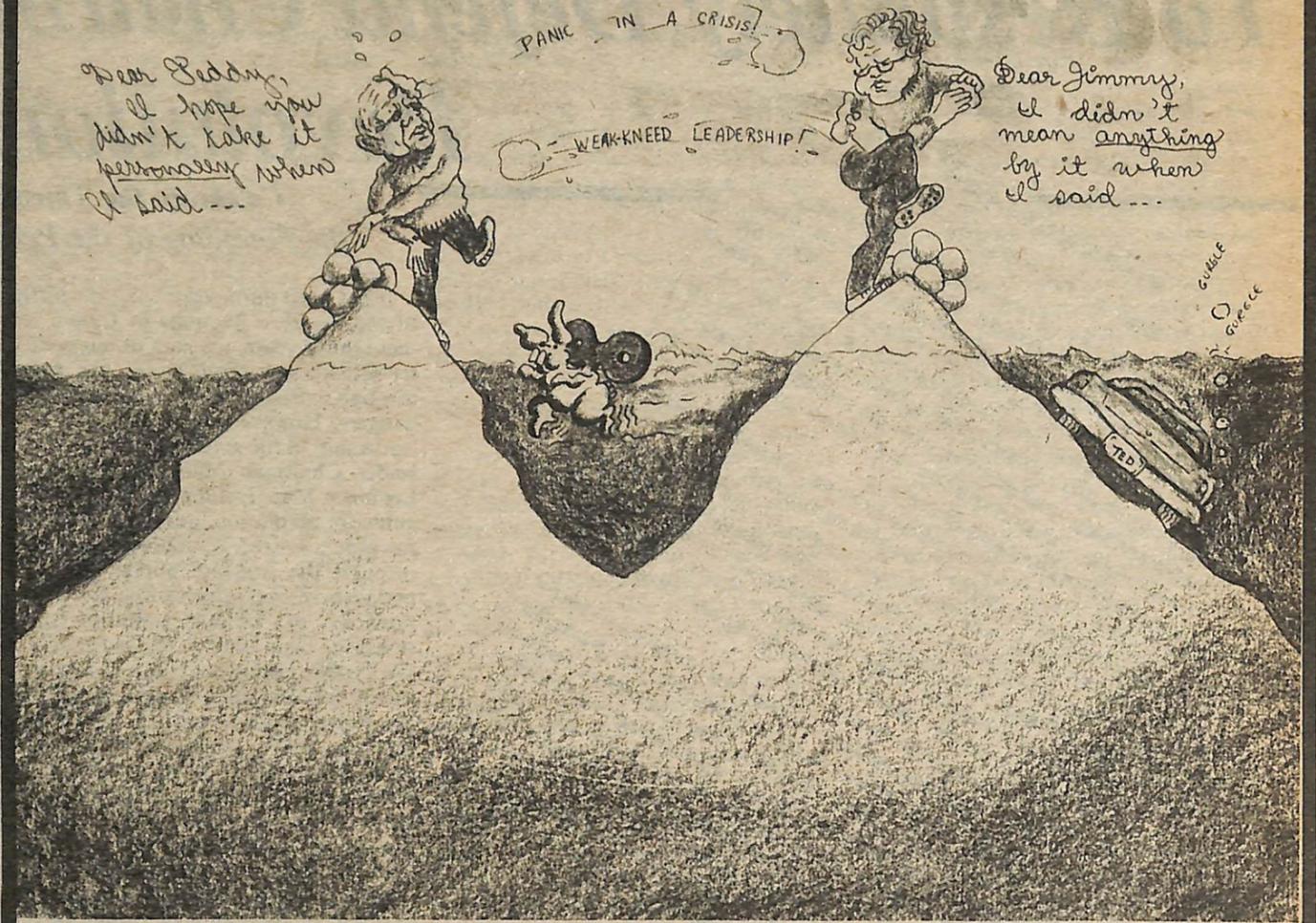
Everyone in China knows it was Mao Tsetung who initiated and pushed for all this. It is clear that to these revisionists Mao made only one real mistake—he was a communist.

Not to be left out of the act, revisionist Chairman Hua Kuo-feng also gave a speech on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the People's Republic of China. In this speech, according to the *Christian Science Monitor*, Hua mentioned Mao's name exactly zero times. In 1977 it had been seven times; in 1978, three. Hua reportedly said that in 1949 the Chinese people had stood up—not even mentioning that Mao Tsetung was the author of that statement.

### Mao Down, Liu Up

Mao is not the only Chinese figure getting re-evaluated these days. So is his major enemy—called "China's Khrush-

## The Tip of the Iceberg . . .



At election time, they let a little bit slip out. Each one slings mud at the other, and they're both right! But it's only the tip of the iceberg. The essence of these bourgeois politicians is 1,000 times worse than what any one of them reveals.

Party from annihilation, we are resolutely issuing the following urgent call:

(1) Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought is forever the only guide for the revolution of the Chinese people and the sole criterion for truth. We shall resolutely not allow the counter-revolutionary clique to change day into night, telling their so-called "practice is the only criterion for testing truth" garbage to confuse people to make revolutionary people lose their guide for advance.

(2) Proletarian dictatorship is the fundamental principle in consolidating revolutionary state power. We will never allow the counter-revolutionary clique to alter this fact under their pretext of "socialist democracy." We will also never allow them to use bourgeois factionalism and anarchism to destroy our Party and nation.

(3) The Chinese Communist Party was the revolutionary vanguard of the proletariat, the center of leading the Chinese people to revolution. We will never allow the counter-revolutionary revisionists, the unrepentant capitalist roaders, the reactionary bureaucratic warlords to usurp the leadership of the Party and the state apparatus. We resolutely uphold the revolutionary banner of Chairman Mao and swear to thoroughly liquidate the counter-

revolutionary, capitalism-restoring demons and monsters.

(4) The Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese people will forever persist on the road of socialism and internationalism. Resolutely oppose the counter-revolutionary clique who, under the banner of the four modernizations, collude with various imperialists of every description, and restore capitalism. Resolutely stop any traitorous act of selling out state resources and territorial sovereignty.

(5) The revolutionary Communist Party members in the various fields and various locations must unite the broad revolutionary masses, resolutely resist the persecution launched by the counter-revolutionary clique against the comrades who are loyal to Chairman Mao's line. Resolutely take actions to open jails to set free all those prisoners who are illegally arrested. We must promote the revolutionary spirit of "never fear jail, never fear death," to avenge the martyred comrades; we must counter-attack, fight back the class enemy; we must not have a kind heart and a soft hand.

(6) The People's Liberation Army which Chairman Mao personally created and guided served as the cornerstone of the proletarian dictatorship. It is a great war to defend Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and the

majestic mountains and rivers of the People's Republic of China. We will never allow the counter-revolutionary clique to seize the People's Army, to betray revolution; we will never allow the unrepentant capitalist roaders directing the PLA to suppress revolutionary people; we must have a determined stand to defend Chairman Mao's revolutionary line; we must deliver blows to the betrayal of Chairman Mao by renegades, traitors, careerists, conspirators and counter-revolutionaries.

Finally, we raise the slogan, "Long live the People's Republic of China," "Long live the revolutionary Chinese Communist Party!"

**Overseas Branch of the Mao Tsetung Thought Red Brigade of the Chinese Communist Party.**

October 1, 1979

The Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, recently received the above statement. While it is not possible to completely verify its authenticity as having been written by revolutionary Chinese Communist Party members, its line is a clear and sharp defense of Mao Tsetung and the achievements of the Chinese revolution won under his leadership. We also received and published a similar message last October 1 which we also believe to be authentic. The translation is ours. ■

chev" during the Cultural Revolution—former president Liu Shao-chi. Two months earlier, Politburo member Yu Chiu-li, while receiving a delegation of the Japanese press, had broached the subject, "The Chinese people will not forget their past president Liu Shao-chi. We will re-evaluate his contributions on the basis of 'seeking truth from facts.'"

Now, according to the Chinese official news agency report of September 29, Yeh Chien-ying has "affirmed that the major documents of the 8th Party Congress (1956) are correct and considers their basic content still has important significance in guiding work today." The "major documents" of the 8th Party Congress—attacked as revisionist during the Cultural Revolution—included the Political Report given by Liu Shao-chi and the report on the Constitution given by Teng Hsiao-ping. These documents preached the line constantly attacked by Mao as the dying out of class struggle. Yeh even quoted from them saying, "The 8th Party Congress correctly affirmed that

'the several thousand-year history of class exploitation in our country is basically over' from now on the main task is to go all out to develop the social productive forces."

The *Washington Post* of October 3 also reported another "creative development" of Chinese revisionism. It reported that a photo exhibition had gone up in Peking of Party history which included three pictures of Liu Shao-chi. Two of these, apparently, gave Liu prominence equal to Mao. The Chinese news agency praised the exhibit, saying that it contained "a new evaluation of the role of leading figures who have made mistakes." Truly a sword with a double edge. The article mentioned no names, so you can fill in the blank as "Liu Shao-chi" or Mao Tsetung!

With Liu Shao-chi now being restored to honor, about the only thing that hasn't yet been reversed in China is Mao's stand on the Soviet Union. We will be watching events closely as time marches on. ■

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**Bob Avakian on the Radio**

# Do the Muppets Have No Class Character?

Following are excerpts edited from a radio talk show in Cleveland, Ohio with Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party:

*Interviewer: Bob was commenting while the news was on, on our impressive technical equipment here. What happens—which reminds me, what happens to broadcasting when the Revolutionary Communist Party takes over?*

**B.A.:** It will be utilized for a much better and higher purpose which is to educate the people in various ways through culture as well as through news programs and other forms of amusement...

*I: It will be dull and boring...*

**B.A.:** No, it will be extremely exciting to learn about the world and rise up to change it. There's nothing nearly as exciting as that and that's what we'll be calling on people to do.

*I: Will there be entertainment, too, like music and drama?*

**B.A.:** Of course, music and drama are a very effective form for raising people's awareness and inspiring them to struggle to greater heights—that we could use much better. All this equipment will be serving a good purpose for the first time.

*I: Will we still have Mork and Mindy?*

**B.A.:** What we'll have—not Mork and Mindy—but people can put their talents to better use. We will have programs that will be not only artistically as good but the content will be much richer and in fact will be good rather than bad, will inspire people, educate them to their real interests.

*I: Who will determine what's good and bad?*

**B.A.:** Who will determine? It will be the Party leading the people to determine what in fact...

*I: You mean you people will tell me what I should watch. Like now ABC, NBC, and CBS tells me.*

**B.A.:** Well,...

*I: That won't be much of a change.*

**B.A.:** It will be a fundamental change because instead of having pigs on here—white pigs, dumb pigs, bald pigs, long-haired pigs, ugly pigs, smart pigs and all the rest of the pigs running all over the television. We'll have working people and oppressed people...

*I: Working pigs.*

**B.A.:** No, you think working people are pigs? We don't.

*I: No, no, no. I'm just, you know, what difference—I mean if a working...*

**B.A.:** I'm sick and tired of watching pigs out here who brutalize and murder people everyday being held up in this pollyannish lying way as friends of the people which just sets people up for more brutality.

*I: You don't mean the Muppets. Ha, ha.*

**B.A.:** No, I don't mean the muppets. But what is the message of the Muppets? You see the idea that this stuff is all innocent and has no message—the message of the Muppets or you go see the Muppet movie or whatever, is you can make it, anybody can make it, if they just try in this country—It's the same lie of the American dream which has exploded in the face of millions of people in this country and wrecked and mangled their lives chasing these dreams like rats in a maze.

*I: One question I gotta ask—because I ask this of all revolutionaries—you know, I've met my share of revolutionary leaders.*

**B.A.:** All right.

*I: One question I ask is, do you guys ever have any fun? I mean...*

**B.A.:** We have fun all the time.

*I: I always hear about...*

**B.A.:** We're having fun right now.

*I: No, but I mean, do you ever just go to the movies to enjoy.*

**B.A.:** Yes.

*I: Or go to a dance?*

**B.A.:** Of course we do.

*I: Do ya?!*

**B.A.:** But I'll enjoy it much more when it has a socialist content and really reveals the world as it is and enables people and inspires people to rise up and struggle to change it.

*I: I saw a movie the other night that had no socialist content or capitalist content!*

**B.A.:** Impossible.

*I: It was called the "Frisco Kid" with Gene Wilder and it was wonderful! And I just laughed and enjoyed myself! Will I still be able to do that?*

**B.A.:** Yes. Every one of those movies, you know, Gene Wilder movies, Mel Brooks movies, has a content—to promote a lot of cynicism among people. Frankly I think there's a lot higher that we can do and that we will do. I enjoy laughing, I enjoy music, I enjoy sports. In fact if you go and see a good movie, for example, "North Dallas Forty" where a little bit of the truth comes through, you see once again how whether it's culture or sports, capitalism perverts and mangles everything and treats the people who are part of it as just useless—like they say in that movie—equipment or pieces of meat to be chewed up and spit out...

*I: Fourteen minutes before nine o'clock. You're on the radio. Good morning.*

**B.A.:** Yes, good morning. I have a few questions for your guest there.

*I: Go right ahead.*

*Caller: Yes, I would like to just clarify one point and that is that we do not live under a totally capitalistic society. We're a mixed economy and also that communism—socialism—whatever label you want to put on it, has never, has never worked anywhere at anytime, at anytime. Now I would like to ask him: under his system whom would I work for?*

**B.A.:** Okay, first of all both of your statements are wrong. This is a totally capitalist country in which, see, everything is subordinate...

*Caller: Sir, sir, may I, may I just say this. It's not a capitalist country because you have controls imposed by government upon business and upon an individual who may desire to have a business.*

**B.A.:** What that shows is that capitalism has long since outlived its usefulness, is outdated and outmoded. And even the capitalist system can't hold itself together without massive bureaucratic intervention by the government. But that intervention, for example, in the case of Chrysler or Penn Central or what have you, is always to reorganize things for the benefit of bankers, industrialists, millionaires and it's always to put profit in the interest of a handful of competing cutthroats above the interests of the people. It is always the capitalist principle of working the workers to make profit for the capitalists. Under the communist system, as we move toward it, the first step is socialism—to socialize ownership—people will work for themselves for the first time, work for the interest of the working class. The ownership will be...

*Caller: Okay, sir, may I interrupt, now that...*

**B.A.:** Okay.

*Caller: Now that would bring me to this question: under your system, whom would own all the businesses?*

**B.A.:** Okay, the first thing is that the ownership of the major means of production—banks, major factories and so on—would be taken over by the state led by the working class and its Party. Then the question would be, who is going to control the state, a handful of bureaucrats or the masses of people. What Mao Tsetung led the Chinese people in, and therefore why we respect and try to apply what he led there to our concrete conditions, which of course

are different than China, what Mao led people in and recognized is that the key fight then becomes that the millions of working people who are kept ignorant and out of politics...

*Caller: Have you ever seen the conditions that those Chinese live under? My god, our sewers are as good as the best part of their towns.*

**B.A.:** That's a lie. I was in China...

*Caller: Sir, that is not a lie.*

**B.A.:** I was in China...

*Caller: That is not a lie, sir.*

**B.A.:** Wait a minute...

*Caller: Have you ever...*

**B.A.:** Yes, I'm trying to answer you. I was there twice, 1971 and 1974 when China was under Mao's leadership. And if we keep in mind what the imperialists, including the rulers of this country, did to China—carved it up, put up signs in the park saying "No Chinese or dogs allowed," treated the people worse than dogs, and if we look at the tremendous progress the Chinese people made where millions were starving before and then they clothed and fed people and took control of society and eliminated drug addiction, prostitution, pornography and all these things we have to live with and then they...

*Caller: And incidentally, freedom of choice.*

**B.A.:** No, No, the people had the

choice not to be exploited and oppressed, that's the freedom that they had.

*I: There wouldn't be any pornography under the revolutionary...*

**B.A.:** No, we would eliminate pornography.

*I: You would totally eliminate pornography?*

**B.A.:** That's right.

*I: Well, that's terrible.*

**B.A.:** That's fine. That's great.

*Caller: Well, wait a minute. Let's keep on this track here.*

**B.A.:** All right.

*Caller: You and I are very much far apart on those things. Now let's just say that right now I am free to choose to work for whomever I want.*

**B.A.:** Sorry but you can't work for them.

*Caller: No, no, sir, I must disagree with you. I'm a skilled tradesman. I make a very good amount of money. I also make a very good amount of money for my employer which I'm very proud of. He put up the capital, he risked the money...*

**B.A.:** Which he stole from workers in the first place and on land he stole in the first place.

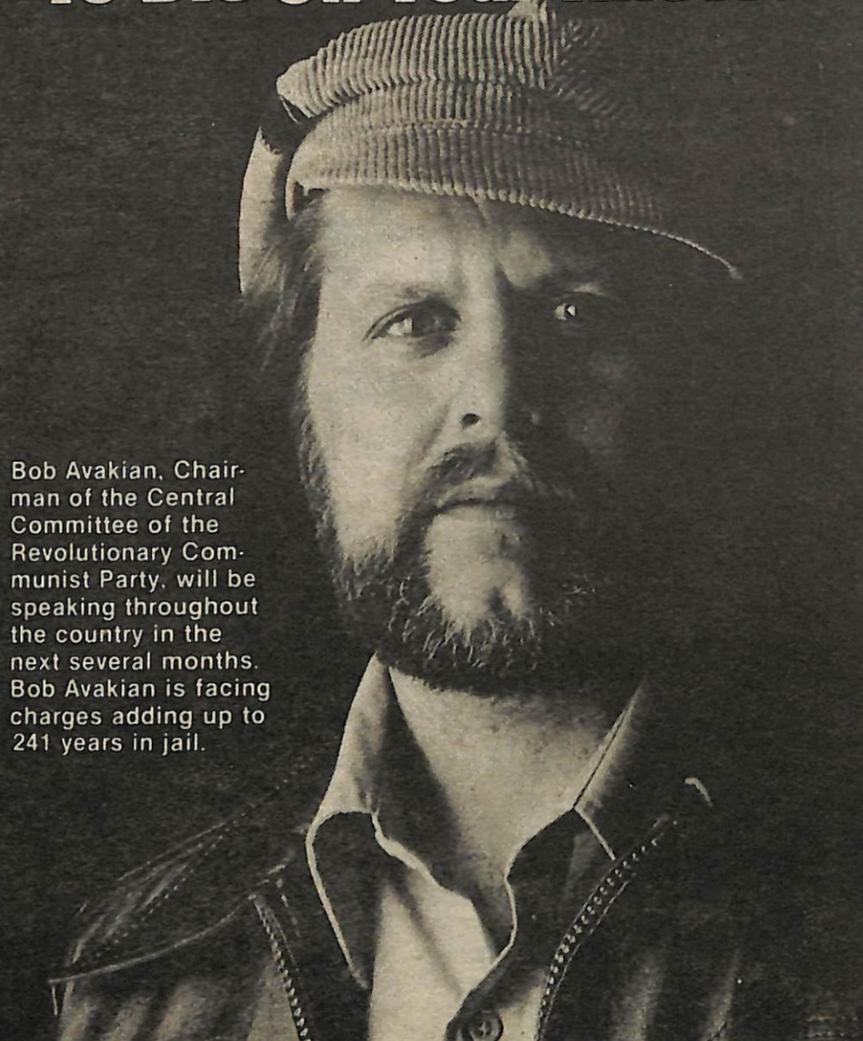
*Caller: He stole nothing, sir.*

**B.A.:** He didn't? Why, what did he steal from the Indians and Mexicans, what did he do to the Irish and other

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## Next Week on the East Coast Major Speaking Tour by Party Chairman

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The bourgeoisie has taken up in a big way the promotion of Karol Wojtyla as a leader who can speak (for imperialism) with *moral authority*. Thus *Life* magazine begins its September cover story in a swoon of ecstasy:

"There is something truly powerful, authoritative, almost oracular in the burly, slightly round-shouldered figure in white. He walks as if he were climbing a mountain, steadily, purposefully.... But mostly it is his face and his hands. The mobile face is never in repose. His blue eyes dart constantly and what they see sends ripples across the broad planes of his face. In the space of seconds he is quizzical, amused, compassionate, stern, surprised...."

To hear *Life* tell it, you'd think it was the second coming. Lo, he makes the sun to rise in the morning and set at night, and all fall at his feet in wondrous amazement! And a big part of building up the big myth is the promotion of some hokied-up accounts of Wojtyla's youth and the wartime years. *Life* again presents a stirring picture:

"By night, he submerged himself in an exhausted round of clandestine activities. He studied in what the Poles called a flying university, classes offered by professors in a secret locale that was changed nightly--kitchens, basements, unheated empty halls. He helped organize an underground theater, the Rapsodic, which performed before audiences of a dozen or so in hidden places. He helped Jews who had escaped being sent to death camps find new identities and hiding places."

Now fortunately we have an eyewitness account of Karol Wojtyla's heroic wartime activities in the biography of him by Father Mieczyslaw Malinski, his boyhood companion who went through seminary together with him:

"Youths who had been our schoolfellows and were now in the resistance movement used to come and urge us to join clandestine military organizations. It was the duty of every Pole, they declared, to take part in the armed struggle, to shed his blood and, if need be, to die for the sake of freedom. When we replied that we wanted to train young people to serve their country in peace-time, and that in any case those under our care were too young to fight, the partisans accused us of stupidity, cowardice and bourgeois narrow-mindedness. Unfortunately we could not prevent all our boys from going with them...."

"I used to talk to Karol about these matters, as we felt the ring of danger tightening around us. We realized that at any moment the Gestapo might get wind of our meetings and pack us all off to Auschwitz--they would never believe that we met for purely religious purposes and not for military or illegal ones."

Wojtyla's purposes were, however, quite political. He belonged to a group called the "Living Rosary" which had been pulled together by Jan Tyranowski, an organizer for Catholic Action, the political arm of the Catholic Church. Groups like this and the "Rapsodic Theatre" were devoting their energies to developing a core of Catholic intellectuals to play a prominent role in post-war Poland. As the rigors of their harsh existence, Fr. Malinski describes it as follows:

"It was indeed ideal for Karol to have his teacher under the same roof and Mrs. Szkocka two or three doors away. Their theatrical and literary activity was soon in full swing.... Mrs. Szkocka helped in the rehearsals and always offered a modest snack afterwards--the best one could provide during the Occupation--and, if time allowed, her daughter would end the proceeding with a short piano concert."

The hardships of their "underground life"! And this while the heroic young people of Poland were giving their lives in the struggle against Nazi occupation.

In 1942 Wojtyla formally entered the secret seminary for the priesthood. As a cover he worked first in a quarry and then in a chemical plant. This provided an added measure of security. As Fr. Malinski recounts, "Karol and I had identity cards marked 'Kriegswichtiger Betriedb', meaning that we were engaged on work of importance to the war effort." (The Nazi war effort--RW). But then in 1944 the Archbishop of Krakow, Prince Adam Saphieha (an honest-to-god prince of the Polish nobility!) ordered his seminarians to move into his palace for their own safety. They did not leave the palace until the end of the war. As for Wojtyla's efforts on behalf of refugees and those fleeing the Nazis, Fr. Malinski again sums it up:

"After the rising (in Warsaw--RW) was crushed, Krakow began to fill with refugees from Warsaw, who had been evacuated from the city to a camp at Pruszkow. The Central Welfare Organization had its hands more than full, and could not cope with the needs coming to the Archbishop. We students

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could not leave the building to take part in the various forms of relief work, but had to concentrate on our studies."

Disgusting.

To hear *Life* magazine tell it, Wojtyla's decision to take up the priesthood came from a mystical experience surrounding the death of his father:

"Some of his neighbors remember that the young man spent 12 hours on his knees or prostrate in prayer before the body of his father. When he arose, they say, his face had changed. So had his life. Within a year he decided to become a priest."

Aw come on! He might have been close to his old man, but nobody went into the priesthood in postwar Poland ignorant of the political role of the Catholic Church. Wojtyla was ordained in 1946 at the very moment when the church was fighting tooth and nail against the consolidation of working class power. His first mass was said in Wawel Cathedral in the crypt of St. Leonard by the tombs of the kings of Poland. Earlier in the year a pastoral letter had been read in all the churches of Poland stating clearly:

"The Supreme order of this historical moment is to consolidate a new Polish life in the Christian Spirit.... Poland should be a modern, just and happy country enriched by the achievements of knowledge and technology, cultured and wisely organized. But Poland cannot be godless. Poland cannot be communist. Poland must remain Catholic."

## Polish Priests and Nazis

The reactionary stance of the Polish Church knew no bounds. Pope Pius XII clearly favoured Hitler over godless Bolsheviks of the east, in fact he looked

upon Hitler as an instrument for the advancement of Catholicism to the east, and was more than willing to sacrifice the Poles to this end. Immediately after the German invasion of Poland, the pope began to transfer sections of Poland to the jurisdiction of German bishops. But at the end of the war when the victorious allies redrew the boundaries of Poland back toward the west, the Polish Church with the backing of the Vatican refused to recognize the Oder and Neisse rivers as the new boundary between Poland and Germany, and refused to appoint bishops to see in the newly recovered territories of western Poland. Objectively this boiled down to defending former boundaries of the German Reich, something which even German reactionaries didn't dare do at that moment. This was the beginning of a long and political relationship between the Polish clergy and West Germany.

Assisted by the treachery of the revisionist Polish party chairman Gomulka, the Church struck a bargain with the Polish government in 1950 whereby the Church would recognize as "historically just" the return of the Oder-Neisse territories and would refrain from organizing anti-government conspiracies. In return the "communist" government agreed to let the Church 1) retain religious instruction in the schools and permit an autonomous Catholic University, 2) grant legal rights to Catholic associations and publishing houses, and 3) grant the freedom of religious processions and even permit chaplains in the Polish army! Shortly thereafter Gomulka was overthrown, and the government clamped down on the Church, confiscating over 500,000 acres of Church-owned land and placed the head of the Polish Church, Cardinal

# Pope's Doubletalk— Mexico & Poland

Having had a run of bad luck with the likes of Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, and Jimmy Carter, the ruling class has at last created a true media star in the person of Karol Wojtyla (aka Pope John Paul II); here was a new style of pope for "the challenging problems of today's modern world." In an international situation characterized by the ever sharper division of the world into war blocs led by the great imperialist rivals, the U.S. and the USSR, a mad-dog arms race intensified under the guise of "Strategic Arms Limitation," and the revolutionary upsurges of the people against oppression, the Western imperialist bloc has been hard pressed to come up with a spokesman who could speak with *moral authority* and command world wide attention. In a seemingly sudden burst of "divine inspiration," but in reality a long planned political move, the mountain of imperialism strained and gave forth "a new leader for mankind"--the People's Pope! Verily, a worker himself, former underground anti-Nazi resistance figure, poet, outdoorsman, folk singer, sports fan, deeply concerned with Human Rights, father to all mankind, and a man above politics. Bullshit.

Hardly had the new pope received his papal infallibility than he was winging his way to Mexico. His mission was to deal with the declining Church influence in Latin America--influence that is being challenged as change and social upheaval are rocking the old regimes with which the Church--a big landowner itself--had so long been fused.

What advice did the "people's pope" have for the poor and oppressed? Speaking to thousands of Indian peasants at the village of Cuilagan (Mexico), Jan. 29, the pope lamented the plight of the rural poor, upheld their "right to be respected," called for "urgent agricultural reforms," but cautioned:

"It cannot be forgotten that adequate means must be used. The church does defend the legitimate right to private property, but it teaches with no less clarity that, above all, private property always carries with it a social obligation, so that material possessions may serve the general goal that God intended...."

"Beloved brothers and sons: Work to improve your human life. But don't stop there. Make yourselves ever more

worthy morally and religiously. Do not harbor feelings of hate or of violence, but rather gaze toward the Lord of all, who to each one gives the reward which his acts deserve."

So there you have it folks, depend upon those who possess the wealth to recognize their "social obligation," don't dare to dream the dream of revolution, and accept your state in life as that which god gives you as your just reward.

And while busily working against revolution, the pope also had to deal with a force which, while not so deadly, is boring within his own house, the so-called Liberation Theology which has even led to priests and nuns taking up armed struggle against imperialism.

This is positively shocking. After all, to most of us in the U.S. the image of the Catholic priest is that of a portly figure who acts as the maitre d' at the weekly Bingo games and occasionally steps out in the most timid of social protests. But when some priests and nuns have been influenced by the real people's struggle, they have moved far from what this "people's pope" can tolerate. The U.S. ruling class, too, is worried about the "healing powers"

that reality can exert even on those who have been steeped in the murkiest of religious mysticism. Check out the Sept. 24 issue of *Time* magazine and its worries over the growing revolutionary movement in the Philippines, directed against the hated U.S.-backed dictator Marcos:

"In Quezon City outside Manila, a middle-aged nun speaks passionately of working with and for the 'poorest of the poor.' Approvingly, she describes surrounding rural areas as having been 'liberated' by Communist insurgents.

"Why? 'I am a Catholic,' she explains, 'and I try not to think about blood when I think of my hatred of Marcos. But if not a knife or a bullet for him, I wish for one small cancer cell to do what needs to be done.'"

In Mexico, the pope quickly got down to brass tacks in denouncing all this--even in its milder forms. In his address to the assembled bishops in Puebla he pointed out that the mission of the priest was not even to be a social worker (and certainly not a guerrilla) but rather was evangelical--saving souls for another world.

The "Supreme Pontiff" went on to  
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Wyszynski, under arrest.

On July 4, 1958, Karol Wojtyla became the youngest bishop of the Polish Church. He began to travel abroad more and attended all four sessions of Vatican II. In January of 1964 he was appointed Archbishop of Krakow. Indeed his rise in the Church hierarchy was like a meteor. In the mid-1960's Wojtyla led demonstrations demanding the building of a new church outside the Lenin Steel Works. In 1966 the Church organized celebrations in competition with the official state celebrations of the millennium of the founding of Poland. Then the Polish bishops wrote a letter to the bishops of Germany offering and begging forgiveness for World War II! This occurred at the same time as a renewed offensive by the West Germans on the Oder-Neisse boundary, and was so offensive to the Polish people that even prominent Catholic laymen had to publicly disassociate themselves from the bishops' letter. In May of 1967 Wojtyla was made a cardinal.

In 1969 he made his first trip to the U.S. and in 1973 Wojtyla visited Australia and New Zealand. He was elected to the Permanent Advisory Council of the Synod of Bishops in Rome. But for Wojtyla, 1976 was the key year, the year he was marked as a potential Pope and given general exposure to the Vatican curia and Western imperialists. In February of that year Wojtyla was selected to deliver the Lenten sermons for the pope and the entire curia. In Poland there was another round of riots by angry workers over hikes in food prices. The Church immediately took advantage of the situation to demand increased freedoms for Church activities. Then at the end of 1976 Wojtyla made a "state visit" to the United States. Nominally he was coming to the U.S. for a Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia,

but he managed to spend 37 days in the U.S. and Canada, traveling from New England to Los Angeles, seeing and being seen.

Wojtyla's U.S. hosts loved him. The Australian journalist James Oram described his visit to the prosperous farm community in Wisconsin:

"...the Archbishop of Cracow was indeed at home in the midwest and among millionaires. In a local television interview, he saw the experience as a demonstration of the value of private farm ownership, a value, he said, which was obvious to him in seeing the prosperity of these Polish-American men of the land."

This was to assure the conservative midwest that a Polish pope would not be soft on socialism. Then he was off for a lecture at the Harvard Divinity School. Professor George Williams commenting on Wojtyla's many fine qualities, added:

"But overall, he came across as a man who has such high esteem for the individual. Even Marxists. Especially Marxists. He can talk to the Marxists through the night and be on top of the situation, remaining genial, magnanimous—and yet adhere to his own deep conviction. He is so well versed in the whole Marxist and Leninist theory, he knows it all."

Having passed his class orientation exam in Wisconsin and his political science exam at Harvard, it remained only to be examined on the question of world war—confrontation between the superpowers. Would he pass? As he gave his final speech in New York

before leaving the U.S. all ears of the ruling class were listening:

"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel Versus the anti-Gospel... it is a trial which the whole Church must take up. It is a trial not only of our nation and the Church, but in a sense a test of 2000 years of culture and Christian civilization with all of its consequences for human dignity, individual rights, human rights and the rights of nations. As the number of people who understand the importance of this confrontation increases in Poland and America we can look with greater trust toward the outcome of the confrontation. The Church has gone through many trials, as has the Polish nation, and has emerged victorious even though at a cost of great sacrifice."

An A+! And a new pope is born.

### The "People's Pope"

In July of 1978 Pope Paul VI died. At the conclave which followed Wojtyla received only a half dozen votes and was trampled in a stampede for the Archbishop of Venice who smiled a lot. What went wrong is not fully known. Certainly a lot of preparatory work had been done. In fact Americans and pro-Americans were being imported to take over key Vatican functions. Cardinal Vagnozzi, who served nine years as apostolic delegate to the U.S., had become the Vatican minister of finance. Bishop Paul Marcinkus of Illinois has executive control of the Institute for Religious Works which manages the Vatican's stock portfolios. A good portion of the Vatican's wealth has now been transferred to U.S. investments, including the redevelopment of lower Manhattan. (The Vatican also financed the construction of the Watergate apartment complex in Washington!) And Fr. Jim Roache was brought in from Chicago to head up the Vatican press office during the papal election.

But whatever it was that led to the election of John Paul I quickly proved unsatisfactory to the Lord and whoever else in Washington was involved. Back home Cardinal Wojtyla drafts yet another pastoral letter which is read out in all the churches of Poland:

"Not allowing people with a different social and political ideology to speak, as is the practice of the State, is unjust."

Here, of course, the good cardinal had in mind Poland. Not Iran, Nicaragua or South Africa. Then Cardinal Wojtyla, Cardinal Wyszynski and Bishops Jerzy Stroba and Wladyslaw Rubin depart for West Germany for consultations with the West German Church leaders. A few days later, and thirty-four days after his election, John Paul I is dead. There are a lot of conflicting stories concerning the events surrounding his death, but the one thing everyone can agree on is there will be no autopsy.

At the end of October a second conclave begins. This time from the first ballot Wojtyla comes on strong, gaining votes each time around. The core of his support are the German, North American, and Third World (i.e., U.S. neo-colonial) cardinals. Still, it is not until the eighth ballot that the Holy Spirit is able to round up the two-thirds plus one required for election.

Since his election, J.P. II has proven to be a most remarkable political figure. Realizing that the pope can not be politically effective if weighted down with all the trappings of medieval royalty, Wojtyla has scrapped the coronation ceremony and is no longer carried around on a portable throne. Instead he plunges into the crowd with all the abandon of a candidate for sheriff in Iowa, slobbering all over babies, chatting informally with the press, and kissing the ground every place he goes. He speaks everywhere of his devotion to the family, to Mary mother of god, and to the cause of human rights. But it's no accident that his major theme is the same as that of Jimmy Carter, "Human Rights." Behind all the phony sanctity, the pious calls to gaze upon the Lord, and the image of a "peacemaker," what the Pope is saying is that the rivals of the U.S. imperialists have a heathen, immoral and unjust system which should be expunged from the world so that the blessing of liberal capitalism and holy church may be shared by all. And to those slaves who would lift up their heads and lift their bodies, guns in hand, to throw off their oppressors, the pope chastises them to turn their hearts away from violence and urges them to "love their enemy."

Like the German Kaiser who sent the young workers of Germany into the first great imperialist war sporting brass belt buckles reading "Gott Mit Uns" (God's With Us), so the U.S. imperialists today seek "god's blessing" and the "Moral authority" of that blessed man of peace, Karol Wojtyla, and shutting the country down for a solid week of "Popeomania" is a small price to pay to get it. ■



# Pope Stumps

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are concerned about is not the mystical, invisible, mysterious world of life after death. No, it is another world that is in birth right here on earth. It is a world that is being born through the revolutionary struggle of the masses of people in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and in the capitalist and imperialist countries themselves. It is a world that will sweep away colonialism, exploitation and the centuries of superstition and myth that have served to keep people enslaved and ignorant.

The pope, together with leaders of other churches and religions, with the feudal landlords and capitalists the world over, are like men standing on the shore trying to hold back the waves. They see the disintegration of their own world and are pulling out all the stops to try and hold it together. The pope is playing a particular role in this. His task is to convince people to abandon their struggle in the name of "love." He preaches a classless world where all are supposedly children of God, and where it is a sin for the slave to rise up and strike down the slave master.

On his way to the U.S. he stopped in

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castigate those who had been misled on this point:

"Yet, today, in many places--the phenomenon is not a new one--there are to be found 'rereadings' of the Gospel that are the fruit of theoretical speculation rather than of genuine meditation on the word of God and an authentic commitment of the Gospel. They are causing confusion by departing from the essential criteria provided by the faith of the Church...This is the faith that makes known to men their call to a unity and harmony that will banish the dangers of war from this continent of hope where the Church has been such a powerful integrating force."

What unity and harmony?? How can there be "unity and harmony" between the oppressor and the oppressed? Whose interests does the "Bishop of Rome" serve by preaching the tired old lie of harmony between the slave and slave master on a continent so long dominated by U.S. imperialism? And "banish the dangers of war from this continent"? In Latin America, in particular, one can read this clearly as the dangers to the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys in the Latin American ruling elites presented by revolutionary wars of liberation.

Is it any wonder that when Sandinista guerrillas broke into the underground bunker of the then-fled dictator Somoza they found only two pictures over his desk, one of his late father (and dictator before him) and one of Pope John Paul II, "Vicar of Christ."

### On to Poland!

If the pope's foray to Mexico won him the Most Valuable Player of the U.S. imperialist team for 1979, then his trip to Poland put him in the Hall of Fame. The election of a Polish pope was certainly no accident (see centerfold) and now it was time to play the "Polish card." In Poland a new Polish capitalist class lodged in the heights of the United Polish Workers Party (as the revisionist Communist Party there is called) has striven to develop state capitalism under the signboard of socialism. This is all under the domination of the Soviet Union which dominates Poland militarily and which forces Poland into unequal economic relations with the USSR. The inevitable workings of capitalism have produced continuing misery for the Polish people, whose righteous resistance breaks out frequently in riots and demonstrations against government price hikes and other grievances. Put this together with the fact that Poland is geographically near the heart of the central European battleground in any coming showdown between the superpowers, and you can see how Poland makes a perfect pond for the U.S. to go fishing in: especially when you've got a Polish pope for bait! Just

Ireland where he told the Irish people fighting British imperialism to "love thy enemies." Then he came here to the U.S. to whiz by the ghettos of Harlem and the South Bronx to tell the people forced to live in these outrageous and degrading slums that no matter how hard it may be, to "love thy enemy," have faith in the Lord and bourgeois democracy, do good to those who hate you and oppress you. It was the same message he delivered to the peasants in Mexico a few months ago. But His Holiness has a different, though equally important, message to deliver when it comes to the threat the U.S. imperialists face from their capitalist rivals in the Soviet Union. Here his message is to get tough, to urge the people to rally round the flag and beat back the challenge from the so-called "godless communists."

Pope John Paul gave his major address in the U.S. at the United Nations. In an hour-long, 21-page dissertation he put out a well-developed political and religious philosophy. But nothing he said was new. It was the same old reactionary philosophy of the bourgeoisie. Cast in terms of a plea for world peace and an analysis of the causes of war, it was an attempt to obscure the class nature of society. While giving lip service to the rights of the masses of people to political and economic justice, he

as the Soviet Union shams support for the struggles of national liberation directed as U.S. backed regimes, so too is the U.S. the champion of "liberty and freedom" in the Soviet dominated countries of Eastern Europe.

The visit to Poland began with a little jockeying for position. The Vatican proposed to the Polish government that the trip occur on the 900th anniversary of Poland's patron saint, St. Stanislaus. The government refused and set the trip for the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the "socialist" government. The pope accepted and then used his power as pope to change the celebration of Stan's anniversary to the dates he would be there! (Score: Pope 1, Revisionists 0). When the pope hopped off the airplane in Poland, the President of Poland welcomed him as a head of state (the ruler of Vatican City!) not as a religious figure, hailing the 35th anniversary the Polish-Soviet alliance, (Pope 1, Revisionists 1). In his reply (the whole thing on national TV), the pope made no mention of the 35th anniversary of socialism, but rather congratulated the government on rebuilding the royal castle in Warsaw "as the symbol of Polish sovereignty" and went on to denounce "new colonialism" and praise the right of every nation to "national self-determination." (Pope 6, Revisionists 1). And this was only the welcoming ceremonies at the airport!

The next day the pope takes off for the Monastery of Jasna Gora in Czestochowa. In the monastery is housed a famous icon, the "Black Madonna of Czestochowa" and the slow witted journalists all report that this is symbolic of John Paul II's devotion to Mary, mother of Jesus. The quick witted journalists point out that it is symbolic of John Paul II's devotion to politics. The Jasna Gora monastery was the scene in Polish history of a famous siege in which Polish defenders held off an invading Swedish army and thus preserved the independence of Poland. (Pope 12, Revisionists 1).

At this point we quit keeping score. With each day the pope gets a little bolder and more explicit in his political appeals. In a working class neighborhood of Mogila; near the huge Lenin Steel Works, the pope piously intones that "Christ will never approve that man be considered, or that he consider himself, merely as a means of production." Fascinating. The pope has undergone a miraculous conversion. Only a few months earlier in Mexico, JP II told his bishops "You are priests. You are not social workers or political leaders..." And colonialism just didn't exist. Now suddenly the pope is denouncing colonialism (Russian, of course) all over the place and stressing that "the church wishes to serve people in the temporal dimension of their life and existence."

argued that this justice could only come as a generous gift from the oppressors themselves. Meanwhile, the people should not be so concerned with the material things in life, but should focus on the "preeminence of spiritual values."

Having thus dealt with economic oppression and exploitation as one of the roots of war, the pontiff then launched into an attack—directed at the Soviet bloc countries—on the restriction of individual and civil liberties. "Only the safeguarding of this real completeness of rights for every human being without discrimination can ensure peace at its very roots," he said. Coming from the Church of the Inquisition, from the church that makes women second-class members and forbids birth control, his warning is a bit laughable. But this isn't what he meant. What he meant was to argue that as long as the Soviets maintain their grip in the world and challenge U.S. hegemony, there can never be peace.

Lenin once remarked that the bourgeoisie has two very important servants. The hangman and the priest. The priest

to console the people and convince them to live with their misery, the other to chop off their heads if they refuse to do so. Pope John Paul II admirably fulfills the calling of the priest, while blessing the "unfortunate but necessary" job of his partner the hangman.

The pope is no ordinary priest, however, he is proclaimed as God's representative on earth. And even other denominations have accorded him the title of the leader of the world's religions. He is able to capture an audience and run out his politics for the bourgeoisie in an even more effective way than that newborn Christian Jimmy Carter's bumbling attempt to work up patriotism in his "say something nice about America" speech a few months ago.

The capitalists have been forced to reach back into the Dark Ages and drag this ancient anachronism with all his feudal trappings out of the past in a grandiose attempt to salvage their future. And indeed, His Holiness has proved to be a more than willing emissary of the Lord and U.S. imperialism. ■

## National Guard Sent to "Safeguard" Tritium

Last week, the Governor of Arizona declared an emergency and ordered National Guard troops to take over a Tucson factory owned by the American Atomics Corporation, citing company officials for the "interminable delay in failing to safeguard the tritium inside the plant." The plant has been leaking radioactive tritium, a gaseous substance used in the manufacture of illuminated signs and watch dials. Troops quickly moved in wearing rubber coats, boots and gloves to pack up more than 1,000 gallons of the deadly stuff and transport it out of the city for temporary storage. According to the papers, Governor Bruce Babbitt ordered the seizure "after receiving reports that radiation was leaking from the plant." Now, after hundreds are dying from cancer caused by Nevada nuclear bomb tests, after thousands were dosed with radiation at Three Mile Island and millions have been exposed to radioactive "releases" of one kind or another—isn't it wonderful to see some elected officials doing their bit to look out for the public's health and safety?

The only problem is that the disclosures of the leaking tritium were made *months ago* when American Atomics Corporation was forced to shut down the plant and surrender its nuclear operating license to the Arizona Atomic Energy Commission for massive and blatant safety violations. It seems the radioactive gas had already contaminated the food in the central kitchen of Tucson's elementary school district, located next door. Tests last spring showed a piece of chocolate cake baked there contained 56,000 picocuries per liter, more than twice the amount considered safe in drinking water. This prompted the school district to dump 22 truckloads of food and close the kitchen down.

Even higher levels of tritium were found in nearby swimming pools and in the urine of people who lived near the plant. On one occasion last fall, 21,000 curies of tritium were released outside the plant—10 times the amount released by a nuclear power plant operating under normal conditions. Now after months of continued radioactive leakage, the Governor, who is a

member of the Presidential Commission investigating the Three Mile Island incident, has gallantly decided to come to the rescue. Why?

Although the move was obviously a political grandstand play, it turns out that the "reports" the governor is so worried about were from officials of the state AEC concerning security at the plant. The "emergency" that impelled the governor to act was the news of a break-in at the plant the week before and a state study that followed, which found security to be "totally inadequate." For the capitalists, this suddenly raised the unnerving thought of the tritium falling under the control of someone else—terrorists, rival foreign powers—anyone besides *them*. Never mind the fact that Tucson schoolchildren might have been eating radioactive lunches or Tucson residents swimming in tritium contaminated pools. Heaven forbid that anyone should steal American Atomics Corporation's precious tritium—after all, the stuff is a potential deadly weapon! Besides, it's "company property" worth over \$500,000!

While the guardsmen carefully loaded and sealed the valuable cargo in 55 gallon drums for "safe" storage in rural areas, an undetermined amount of tritium was still in glass vials and inside machinery at the plant. It is leakage from these vials that has been the major source of contamination outside the plant in the first place!

In case anyone (American Atomics, that is) should worry about what will happen to the tritium that was seized, the governor noted that it was still considered the company's property and that they would be able to reclaim it when ready. Then, remarked this paragon of public protection, the company would be free to either sell it (to a company in some other unfortunate city), dump it "safely" at the nearest nuclear facility (hardly a comforting thought), or—if they wished—dispose of it for good by "slowly releasing it into the atmosphere." After all, he said brightly sucking in a breath of fresh Arizona air, "The last thing I want to do is take permanent possession of radioactive tritium!" ■

On the pope's last day in Poland he let it all hang out. At a giant outdoor mass attended by over one million people, the pope did everything short of calling for the overthrow of the Polish government. As the *New York Times* described the scene:

"There were symbols everywhere today. Directly in front of the altar there was a large red flag with a white eagle and crown, the symbol of royalist Poland with which the church is closely identified.

"As the Pope mounted the altar to his chair under the canopy, which was supported by a 20-foot white cross, balloons were released that carried a banner bearing the insignia 'P.W.' in the shape of an anchor. 'Polska Wal-

czaca', or 'Fighting Poland,' was the insignia of the anti-communist resistance in World War II."

At the airport welcome when he first arrived, the pope announced "that my visit has been dictated by strictly religious motive." *U.S. News and World Report* was a little more candid than the pope when it began its story:

"In his first major initiative on the international scene, Pope John Paul II has mobilized the Roman Catholic Church behind a bold new challenge to the Communist rulers of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe."

Here is a pope who only keeps the faith. He knows when to pursue his challenges and when to tell folks to cool it. ■

# "Custom Work" on Chrysler Cars

Chrysler's "top of the line" St. Regis, New Yorker and Fifth Avenue rolled off the line at Lynch Road in worse shape than normal the week of September 16th. Large gashes appeared in upholstery and vinyl tops. Scratches and dents ruined finished paint jobs. Radiator hoses were slashed, a fire was reported in the paint shop, one \$14,000 luxury model was crushed between two others on the final assembly line. All in all 20% of the cars to roll off the line that day were damaged by Chrysler workers.

Outraged and helpless Lynch Road management termed the sabotage "widespread" and bemoaned the

"general atmosphere of lack of discipline." By the end of the week they threw up their hands, sent the day shift home at noon and closed the plant for the afternoon shift. That week was the last week of work for nearly 2,000 workers at Lynch Road. The afternoon shift is shut down permanently and workers with a seniority date as far back as 1972 have gotten "indefinite" layoff slips. Chrysler's SUB (Supplemental Unemployment Benefits) has dried up and previous layoffs have cut deep into the 26 weeks of unemployment benefits.

The Lynch Road assembly workers' pent-up anger at being tossed out on the street like garbage and fed a bunch of

bullshit from Chrysler and the UAW alike busted out into some righteous action showing just a tiny bit of the hatred and bitterness burning in their guts. Along with the Chrysler management, UAW president Doug Fraser and his "everybody-unite-to-save-Chrysler" movement cannot be very happy with this kind of disrespectful "screw Chrysler" attitude toward what the bourgeoisie calls "company property." This kind of action is not in line with "restoring Chrysler's profitability" or promoting the line that the workers should agree to taking pay cuts and other attacks in order to somehow save their jobs. ■

## Cuba

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Cuban presence as well as any revolutionary activity in the Caribbean area. Surveillance of Cuba by planes, satellites and electronic listening devices will be greatly increased. A new permanent Joint Task Force is being set up at Key West, Florida to coordinate U.S. military movements in the region and "employ designated forces for action if required." American military maneuvers in the Caribbean will be expanded widely and held on a more regular basis. There are already plans to send 1500 marines to launch a mock invasion of Cuba in an amphibious landing at the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay two weeks from now.

This blatant military buildup is, of course, being carried out behind a facade of imperialist doubletalk about "preserving the peace." "The United States has a worldwide interest in peace and stability," droned Carter. "Accordingly, I have directed the Secretary of Defense to further enhance the capacity of our Rapid Deployment Forces to protect our own interest and to act in response to requests from our allies and friends. We must be able to move our ground, sea and air units to distant areas—rapidly and with adequate supplies." Obviously the only "peace and stability" the U.S. is interested in preserving is that of those areas under U.S. domination.

As Carter pointed out, "This policy is consistent with our responsibilities as a member of the Organization of American States (OAS)..." Indeed,

this is certainly true, as well as being a rather straightforward admission that this organization has been nothing but a tool for ensuring U.S. control over much of the Caribbean and Latin America. Recently, the U.S. government has been consulting with its Latin American puppets on the creation of a "regional military peacekeeping force" to counter growing revolutionary movement and the possibility of Soviet-Cuban intervention.

But strong sentiment by the masses of people in Latin America has thus far prevented efforts to dress up U.S. intervention in the guise of "collective peacekeeping measures." Now the imperialists are taking all this a step further crowing that—the OAS be damned—they will resort to open U.S. intervention when necessary. This big stick is being coupled with the carrot of "economic assistance" to insure the ability of "troubled peoples (that is, troubled dictators) to resist social turmoil and possible Communist domination."

Thus, the effect of Carter's speech was to deliver a blunt and unmistakable message to the Soviets: "Keep your hands off our imperialist turf!" It reaffirmed the significance of the Monroe Doctrine which holds that no rival imperialists will be permitted to encroach upon "U.S. property" in the western hemisphere. Carter took great pains to invoke the image of JFK standing up to the Soviets during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, quoting Kennedy's subsequent declaration that "we will not permit any troops from Cuba to move off the island of Cuba in any offensive action against any neighboring countries." He even drawled out such phrases as "My fellow Americans,"

transparently conjuring up the "we-will-go-anywhere" policies of the LBJ era.

"We will assure," said Carter, "that no Soviet unit in Cuba can be used as a combat force to threaten the security of the U.S. or any other nation in this hemisphere" and that "the U.S. will act in response to a request for assistance in meeting any such threat from Soviet or Cuban forces." However, that U.S. power has seriously declined in relation to the Soviets since the early sixties was clearly reflected in the difference between JFK's blustering in 1962 and the way the present "Cuban Crisis" is being handled. It was obvious from the tone of Carter's speech that the consensus of the U.S. rulers is to carefully avoid any immediate face-off with the Russians until they have maneuvered into a more favorable position.

### Transition to the '80s

Ironically, therefore, for all Carter's tough talk, he did little to bolster his sagging image of being "weak and indecisive" in foreign affairs. Analysts were quick to comment that he had not "changed the status quo" as promised, that the Soviets had not backed down an inch or agreed to remove a single soldier and that Carter's critics were bound to jump on this. The speech was right in keeping with Carter's image as a declining star while at the same time providing a heightened aggressive outlook, a helpful transition for the imperialists to a likely Kennedy presidency where their necessity to contend with the Soviets militarily is likely to be brought to full fruition.

Although these latest war moves are deadly serious, they clearly did not go far enough in terms of the military posture the ruling class will need for the 1980s. But they are an unmistakable sign of the direction in which the U.S. rulers are moving—increasing confronta-

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immigrants who came over here, and what about the people of the world that he's plundering so you can make a little money?

Caller: He did nothing to them, sir. He did nothing to them. In fact he employs very, very, uh, many minorities.

I: Uh, you two aren't going to agree on much but you're had a good discussion. It's ten minutes before nine. Our final traffic report of the morning...

B.A.: There's a guy that doesn't recognize what was done to the Indians, the African people, the Mexicans, the Irish, the other European immigrants. He's not living in the real world.

I: Ten minutes—

B.A.: And, he's characteristic of for example what the slaves used to call the house slaves in the old slave society—the one who got to sleep in the master's house and got a little corner of it, and at least a few crumbs off the master's banquet table and went around praising the slave system. The kind of person who doesn't care about the plunder and oppression of people all around the world and the grinding up and mangling of the lives of millions of people in this country 'cause he thinks he's got a little better position. But really if he looks down at his own life, probably his family like many families is being torn apart by this system, you know, the alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography, which I don't know why you want to defend. People having to pop tranquilizers to make it through this society. Even that man, I'll bet, is just trying to rationalize why he's given up his life and given it to someone else rather than living it and making it useful. ■

tation with the Soviet Union and preparation for all-out war to redivide the entire globe. It was Carter's strongest speech to date on the question of "opposing the Soviet threat." And though ample lip service was paid to keeping the illusion of "detente" alive, it was a strong reconfirmation of the imperialists' war-cry "Peace through strength," with strength assuming even larger dimensions as the dominant factor in this equation.

The hullaballo over the Soviet troops has also provided an instructive preview as to how such confrontations will come down in the future. Each imperialist power will be pointing to the aggression and provocations of the other as they throw millions into battle in the name of "preserving peace at all costs." As Carter said: "I have concluded that the brigade issue is certainly no reason for a return to the cold war." Indeed, the war that these mad-dogs are brewing up is going to be far hotter than anyone cares to imagine. ■

## Palestinian

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that, or use the land it's on.

"The brother who was arrested remained in jail and was tortured. They freed him about one month ago. To make sure he keeps his mouth shut, they arrested his son, a boy of 17."

Another important question the U.S. Attorney went to great lengths to avoid was that of the forced dispersal of the Palestinian people. The Mayor of Hebron's testimony brings this out sharply:

Defense: Do you have any idea of the number of Palestinians who've been expelled from the occupied territories since 1967?

Mayor: During the war many Palestinians fled their homeland. Since then about 1,500 people have been expelled.

Defense: Do you know the number of people who fled or were forced to leave during the 1967 war?

Mayor: About 300,000.

Defense: How many of these people were allowed to come back?

Mayor: About 10,000.

Defense: Why were 290,000 not allowed to come back?

Prosecution: Objection. How could he know what happened to all 290,000 people.

Judge: Sustained.

Defense: Have you ever had any dealings with Palestinians who wanted

to return to Israel, but were refused?

Mayor: Yes.

Defense: Why were they refused?

Mayor: I had dealings with the Israeli Defense Minister. I asked him why these Palestinians couldn't go home as long as the war had ended. His answer was "We did not ask them to leave in the 1967 war." I could not convince him to allow these people to come back.

Defense: Did he give any reason?

Pros: Objection.

Judge: Sustained.

In recent months the U.S. has put on a show to give the impression that they are willing to take the interests of the Palestinians into account. But Ziad's trial shows again that the U.S. attitude hasn't changed a bit toward Israel. Especially since they lost Iran, the U.S. relies even more heavily on this "other pillar" of its Middle East domination. Not only that, the trial reveals that their real attitude toward the Palestinians, that "indefinite group of people," hasn't changed either.

As a further injustice, Ziad has been denied bail and the hearings put off until October 9th while he sits in jail. Ziad's trial has fired the anger of hundreds of Palestinians and their supporters in Chicago and around the country. At the demonstration of over 200 in Chicago, on the opening day of the hearings, the chants rang out, reflecting the determination of the Palestinian people to fight on for liberation. ■

"On a certain day in 1972 (I can't recall the exact date) there was an attack on Ben Gurion Airport. On that day and the following day, the Israeli government started searches and arrests throughout the West Bank. They started roadblocks. Every Palestinian was stopped and searched. I was visiting my sister in one of the Palestinian refugee camps. My sister begged me to stay at her house, and not to go home. But I was worried about my parents, at whose house I was staying. So I took the bus from Ramallah to where our parents were living. Mashroh is the place where the road divides, heading to different villages. All of a sudden there 4 armed soldiers stopped the bus, asked everybody to step down and lay down on the ground. Then they told us, when we point at you, stand and show your I.D. I was wearing a suit, and thought that since I was an American citizen I would have no trouble. Before I could lay down—I was forced to lay down—I was hit by a club. I had my passport in my hand and the soldier stepped on it and said, 'In America you are an American citizen, but here, you are a damned Arab.' The search took about one and one-half hours. They beat anyone they don't like. I thought my turn would come. But I was lucky because a military person came and when I presented my passport I said, 'I hope you will consider this I.D.' He said 'Who told you we don't?' 'Sir, your soldier.' I repeated what the soldier had said and showed him the footprint on my passport. All the military man did was smile, and agree with the soldier. He looked at me and said, 'Welcome to the State of Israel.'"

"When I was 12 years old my family and I went to visit my grandmother, who was living on the East Bank of the Jordan River. We had to cross the Allenby Bridge. There are two kinds of searches you go through. When you cross from the West Bank to the East it is easier. But going home...

"We brought grandma back with us to visit. The military authorities made us go through all the waiting for four hours. They searched everybody. When it came to searching me and my grandma they undressed us completely. This was done by a male military personnel. They took my shoes and broke the heels off to make sure I hadn't hidden anything in them. My grandma, when searched, was told, 'This is what you have to go through, you old bitch. If you don't like it, why do you come back to the West Bank?'"