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REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT FORMED!

March 12, 1984 — An historic announcement was made at a London press conference where representatives of the newly formed Revolutionary Internationalist Movement made public the following communiqué:

Communiqué of the Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations

March 12, 1984

The Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations has recently been held and has successfully concluded its work. Fourteen Marxist-Leninist parties and organisations, constituting themselves as the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, took the following decisions:

- 1) The adoption of the *Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement* to be released in full May 1, 1984 in 22 languages;
- 2) The adoption of resolutions;
- 3) The launching of a worldwide fundraising drive;
- 4) Excerpts of the *Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement*, the resolutions of the Conference, and the unified First of May slogans for 1984 are to be released to the international proletariat and the oppressed peoples of the world on March 12, 1984;
- 5) The election of the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement;

The following parties and organisations constituted themselves as the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement at the Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations:

Central Reorganisation Committee, Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)
Ceylon Communist Party
Communist Party of Colombia (Marxist-Leninist) Mao Tsetung Regional Committee
Communist Party of Turkey/Marxist-Leninist
Haitian International Revolutionary Group
Nepal Communist Party (Mashal)
New Zealand Red Flag Group
Nottingham/Stockport Communist Groups [Britain]
Revolutionary Communist Group of Colombia
Revolutionary Communist Party, India
Revolutionary Communist Party, USA
Revolutionary Communist Union [Dominican Republic]
Union of Iranian Communists (Sarbedaran)

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Excerpts From The Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement

(The complete text will be released in full on May 1, 1984 in 22 languages.)

"Today the world is on the threshold of momentous events. The crisis of the imperialist system is rapidly bringing about the danger of the outbreak of a new, third, world war as well as the real perspective for revolution in countries throughout the world." The scientific accuracy of these words from the Joint Communiqué of our First International Conference in Autumn 1980 have not only been fully borne out by the recent developments in the world, but the world situation has been further accentuated and aggravated since that time.

Thus the Marxist-Leninist movement is confronted with the exceptionally serious responsibility to further unify and prepare its ranks for the tremendous challenges and momentous battles shaping up ahead. The historic mission of the proletariat calls ever more urgently for an all-out preparation for sudden changes and leaps in developments, particularly at this current conjuncture where national developments are more profoundly affected by developments on a world scale, and where unprecedented prospects for revolution are in the making. We must sharpen our revolutionary vigilance and increase our political, ideological, organisational and military readiness in order to wield these opportunities in the best possible manner for the interests of our class and to conquer the most advanced positions possible for the world proletarian revolution.

Armed with the scientific teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung we are fully conscious of the tasks expected of us in the present situation and are proud to accept and act in accordance with this historic responsibility.

The Marxist-Leninist movement continues to confront a deep and serious crisis which came to a head following the reactionary coup d'état in China following the death of Mao Tsetung and the treacherous betrayal of Enver Hoxha. However despite these reversals there are genuine Marxist-Leninists on all continents who have refused to abandon the struggle for communism.

The international communist movement is developing through a process of further consolidated unity and advance along the scientific principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. Since 1980 we have developed our strength and increased our ability to influence and lead developments. Our Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations which was successfully convened despite unfavourable and difficult conditions, represents a qualitative leap in the unity and maturing of our movement. The tasks that cry out to be done can and shall be accomplished by forging an invincible barricade against revisionist and all bourgeois ideology, by providing scientific leadership to and standing in the forefront of the surging revolu-

tionary waves, by consciously applying the principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought to guide our practice and sum up our experience in the crucible of revolutionary class struggle.

The following *Declaration* has been forged through painstaking, comprehensive discussions and principled struggle by the delegates and observers at the Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations which formed the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement....

For the Ideological, Political and Organisational Unity of Marxist-Leninists

The communist movement is, and can only be, an international movement. Indeed the very launching of scientific socialism, the *Communist Manifesto*, declared "Workers of the World, Unite!" With the success of the October Revolution, the formation of the Communist International and the subsequent spreading of Marxism-Leninism to every corner of the globe, the international unity of the working class took on an even more profound meaning.

Today, in the midst of profound crisis in the ranks of Marxist-Leninists, the need for international unity and the need for a new international organisation are urgently felt.

In building up its own organisation on a global level, the international proletariat has accumulated both positive and negative experience. The concept of world party and the resultant over-centralisation of the Comintern should be evaluated so that appropriate lessons from that period can be drawn as well as from the positive achievements of the First, Second and Third Internationals. It also is necessary to evaluate the overreaction of the Communist Party of China to the negative aspects of the Comintern that led them to refuse to play the necessary leading role in building up the organisational unity of the Marxist-Leninist forces at the international level.

At the present juncture of world history, the international proletariat has to take up the challenge of forming its own organisation, an International of a new type based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, assimilating the

valuable experience of the past. And this goal must be boldly proclaimed before the international proletariat and the oppressed of the world with the same revolutionary daring of our predecessors from the Communards of Paris to the proletarian rebels of Shanghai who dared to storm heaven and resolved to do the "impossible" — build a communist world.

The process of forming such an organisation will, in all likelihood, be a protracted one.

The most crucial task the Marxist-Leninists face, in this respect, is to evolve a general line and a correct and viable organisational form, conforming to the complex reality of the present-day world and the challenges it poses.

The function of such a new International will be to continue and deepen the summation of experiences, develop the general line on which it is founded, and serve as an overall guiding political centre. These tasks necessitate a form of democratic centralism based on the ideological and political unity of Marxist-Leninists. But it cannot be of the same nature as the functioning of a party in a single state, since the components of such an international organisation will be different parties having equality of right and responsibility of leading the revolution in each country in the sense of each party's share in the preparations and acceleration of the world revolution.

Considering the level of ideological and political unity and maturity achieved by the Marxist-Leninist parties and organisations at the Second Conference, they must take the following preliminary steps in the direction of fulfilling the higher tasks mentioned above:

1. An international journal must be developed as a vital tool in reconstructing the international communist movement. It must be at once both an organ of analysis and political commentary as well as a forum for debating the questions of the international movement. It must be translated into as many languages as possible, vigorously distributed in the ranks of the Marxist-Leninist parties and among other revolutionary forces. The Marxist-Leninist parties must correspond regularly with the journal and contribute articles and criticism.

2. Helping the formation of new Marxist-Leninist parties and the strengthening of existing ones is the common task of the international communist movement. The ways and means must be found for the international movement as a whole to assist Marxist-Leninists in dif-

ferent countries in carrying out this crucial task.

3. Joint and coordinated campaigns should be conducted by the Marxist-Leninist parties and organisations. The First of May activities should be carried out under unified slogans.

4. The different Marxist-Leninist parties and organisations should carry out the political line and decisions adopted by the International Conferences and agreed to by these parties, even while continuing to carry out principled struggle over differences.

5. All Marxist-Leninist parties and organisations should, within the measure of their capacity, contribute financially and practically to the tasks involved in furthering the unity of the communists.

6. An interim committee — an embryonic political centre — must be set up to lead the overall process of furthering the ideological, political and organisational unity of communists, including the preparation of a draft proposal for a general line for the communist movement.

The constitution of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, based on the higher level of ideological and political unity of Marxist-Leninists achieved through principled struggle, represents an extremely important step for the international communist movement. But the need to race to catch up with the objective developments in the world is still apparent. The revolutionary struggle of the masses of the people in all countries is crying out for genuine revolutionary leadership. The genuine Marxist-Leninist forces, in individual countries and on a world scale, have the responsibility to provide such leadership even as they continue to struggle to solidify and raise the level of their unity. In this way the correct ideological and political line will bring forward new soldiers and will become an ever more powerful material force in the world. The words of the *Communist Manifesto* ring out all the more clearly today: "The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win."

March 1984

Resolutions of the Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations

Message to Chiang Ching and Chang Chun-chiao and the Proletarian Revolutionaries of China

As the Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations celebrates its victorious conclusion it is correct and necessary that we send the greetings of the Conference to the proletarian revolutionaries in China and their foremost representatives, Comrade Chiang Ching and Comrade Chang Chun-chiao, who are holding aloft the red banner of proletarian revolution and communism in the face of bitter defeat.

Comrades, the heroic struggle that you have waged under the leadership of Comrade Mao Tsetung, the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, can never be obliterated. When you rose up in struggle against the bourgeoisie in the Party, when you galvanized the masses in their millions to fight against capitalist restoration, when you led the unprecedented assault on the remnants of exploiting society still existing under socialism, when you dared to lead the proletariat and masses further along the road to communism, you helped spread Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought to every corner of the world. Your struggle not only helped to train millions of revolutionary successors in China who are yearning for the day to settle accounts with the revisionist usurpers but laid the basis for the reconstruction of the international communist movement along revolutionary lines.

When Hua Kuo-feng and Teng Hsiao-ping led their reactionary coup d'état shortly following the death of Mao Tsetung, the international communist movement suffered its greatest loss since the loss of the Soviet Union in 1956 with Khrushchev's coup. The new bourgeoisie in China frantically attacked Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, imprisoned Comrade Mao's closest collaborators, and restored a reactionary bourgeois dictatorship over the working class and masses. They also capitulated to imperialism and under the signboard of the "Three Worlds Theory" which they shamelessly tried to pass off as the work of Mao Tsetung they tried to shove their reactionary line down the throats of the international communist movement. But despite the very serious crisis in the international movement provoked by the coup d'état there are revolutionaries on all continents who continue to carry forward the banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought which you held aloft in China during the Cultural Revolution and which you have refused to drop. Millions around the world drew strength and inspiration from the heroic stand

that you, Comrades Chiang Ching and Chang Chun-chiao, took in court under the menace of death.

Comrades, rest assured that the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, that all those who are fighting for communism, are fighting in the same trench as you are. The defeat of the socialist revolution in China is only temporary. Those blustering reactionaries who believe they have permanently buried proletarian revolution await a surprise.

Our comrades in China are an integral part of the genuine international communist movement today and we are confident that when an International of a new type is formed based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought they will be occupying a place of honour. The words of Mao Tsetung continue to ring true today: "The future is bright, the road is tortuous."

Message to the Communist Party of Peru

The Second Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations sends its fraternal greetings to the comrades of the Communist Party of Peru which is boldly leading the Peruvian proletariat and people in waging a heroic armed struggle against the reactionary Belaúnde regime and its imperialist masters. The Communist Party of Peru, which is continuing on the shining path charted by its founder, Carlos Mariátegui, has dealt a mighty blow against revisionists of all stripes, in particular against the revisionist usurpers in China who have attempted to force the proletariat and oppressed peoples to capitulate to imperialism and its servants and against the treacherous attempts of the leadership of the Party of Labor of Albania to deprive the communists and the masses of Mao Tsetung's qualitative development of the science of Marxism-Leninism. Thus the advance of People's War in Peru inspires and strengthens the Marxist-Leninist forces the world over who are struggling against modern revisionism and its recent ugly manifestations.

The advance of the struggle in Peru is of great importance in the context of today's situation in the international communist movement and the revolutionary movement in general. In the absence of a correct Marxist-Leninist line most of the anti-imperialist struggles of the oppressed peoples and nations that are being waged today are being utilised by the two imperialist blocs in their rivalry. But the revolutionary War in Peru concretely shows that a correct line can enable even the people of a small country to initiate and develop their just

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war against all imperialisms and their reactionary puppets. This is why both imperialist blocs are actively involved in trying to suppress the struggle in Peru and are spreading a barrage of lies and distortion through their media and by other means. But as Mao Tsetung put it, "To be attacked by the enemy is a good thing, not a bad thing."

Despite the savage repression of the reactionary regime backed up by the imperialists, the proletariat and people of Peru — led by their vanguard Communist Party — have persisted in their struggle and have achieved important victories.

The Second Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations calls on all the participants in the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, on all genuine communist forces, to actively take up support for the New Democratic Revolution in Peru under the leadership of the Communist Party of Peru and its Chairman Comrade Gonzalo. The Marxist-Leninist forces of every country must mobilise the class conscious workers and revolutionary masses to support this struggle through propaganda, sympathy and material aid.

Long Live the Armed Struggle in Peru!
Support the Communist Party of Peru!

Support the Just Struggle of the Palestinian People

The Second Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations denounces the continued suppression and massacres carried out by the imperialists, social imperialists and their lackeys of the people of Palestine and of the Middle East in general. This suppression is yet another striking manifestation of the predatory nature of imperialism which thrives on the ruthless domination and exploitation of oppressed nations and peoples.

Today, as a result of the intensification of the crisis of the imperialist system all of its contradictions have sharpened up. On the one hand, the contradiction between the two rival imperialist blocs led by the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. has intensified and is reflected in their war preparations. On the other hand, as the imperialists step up their vicious attacks on the oppressed nations and peoples in order to maintain their empires, the struggles of the oppressed peoples has also intensified. In the whirlwind of the present world situation, the imperialists are even more frustrated in the face of the national and social liberation struggles that threaten them, and they resort to every form of outrage in order to suppress and subvert these struggles and try to reduce them to pawns in their global contention for hegemony. Palestine, and the Middle East in general, is one of the regions where the heroic relentless struggle of an oppressed people for liberation and the ruthless suppression and subversion and manoeuvring of the imperialists is strikingly evident. Through the U.S. imperialist puppet state of Israel and other regional lackeys, the Palestinian people have been driven out of their country and have suffered massacres numerous times. In this, along with the imperialist bloc led by the U.S. the social imperialists too are equally guilty. Either through brutal suppression or through posing as mediators or friends, all imperialist powers have all along been actively engaged in obliterating the Palestinian people and thus doing away with another thorn in their side.

Following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982, and the setback suffered by the Palestinian liberation movement and the revolutionary masses in general, the U.S. imperialists and their allies set up a puppet regime and, even, more directly took on the task of suppressing the masses. The social imperialists, too, stepped up their rivalry, by rearming and strengthening their lackeys in Syria, and by subverting once again the just feelings of the Palestinian militants and masses against capitulationist policies. However, imperialist suppression and machinations have not intimidated the masses who have risen up again and again in struggle. Today the imperialists, especially the U.S. imperialist bloc's plans are once again being confronted in a sharp manner with the just struggles of the masses in Lebanon. In this situation the imperialists continue to try to impose their domination through the force of arms (both through direct military aggression and the arming of forces allied with one or another imperialist bloc), hatching new conspiracies under the cover of negotiations, and trying to subvert, misdirect and capitalise on the struggle of the masses.

The whole experience of the Palestine liberation struggle up until today, and in particular the recent experiences, illustrate most strongly that genuine liberation from imperialism and reaction can only be achieved under the guidance of a proletarian vanguard armed with Marxism-Leninism, a genuine communist party. The need for such a vanguard, which cries out to be fulfilled, remains the pressing vital task to be accomplished for the victory of the Palestinian people in their struggle against imperialism.

The Revolutionary Internationalist Movement calls on the international proletariat to support the just struggle of the Palestinian people. The destruction of the Zionist state of Israel and the creation of an independent democratic Palestine will only be achieved with the victory of the armed struggle of the masses under the leadership of the proletariat against imperialism, social imperialism and their lackeys.

The cause of the liberation of Palestine has not been defeated and will never be defeated. Together with the proletariat and the oppressed peoples all over the world, the Palestinian people will march forward to final victory.

To All Those Imprisoned Fighters for Revolution Around the World

The Revolutionary Internationalist Movement salutes all those who have been taken prisoner and thrown into the dungeons of the enemy in the course of the fight against imperialism and reaction and who continue this fight in brutal and inhuman conditions in these dungeons.

You, the imprisoned fighters for revolution are the best witnesses to the ferocious antagonism between the forces of imperialism and reaction and the forces of revolution. The prisons of the world are a concentrated expression of this class conflict and a sharp arena of struggle. Your heroic resistance is a great inspiration to the international Marxist-Leninist movement which, like yourselves, has refused to capitulate in the face of defeat and attacks and is now strengthening its ideological, political and organisational unity in preparation for a new offensive in the historic battle of settling accounts with imperialism and all reaction.

The road of revolution is not straight, and wherever there is struggle there are also defeats and losses. The enemy will attack ferociously and wildly, hoping to destroy us or break our will to resist. But these very frantic and vicious attacks of the enemy are also proof that they fear the revolutionaries as their mortal enemies.

As Lenin put it, "Life will assert itself. Let the bourgeoisie rave, work itself into a frenzy, go to extremes, commit follies, take vengeance on the Bolsheviks in advance and endeavour to kill off (in India, Hungary, Germany, etc.) more hundreds, thousands, and hundreds of thousands of yesterday's and tomorrow's Bolsheviks. In acting thus the bourgeoisie is acting as all classes doomed by history have acted. Communists should know that the future in any case belongs to them; therefore, we can (and must) combine the most intense passion in the great revolutionary struggle with the coolest and most sober estimation of the frenzied ravings of the bourgeoisie."

Neither the bourgeoisie's despicable dungeons, neither their trials nor torture chambers, neither their frantic attacks on the revolutionary movement nor the might of their armed forces can ever change this truth.

The Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, constituted at the Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations, extends its solidarity to all the imprisoned fighters of revolution and calls on all of you to rally around the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian revolution. By further uniting our ranks, by further grounding our revolutionary determination in a scientific understanding of the nature, means and goal of the class struggle, we can, together, help hasten the destruction of the forces of darkness and advance forward in our glorious battle to build a world without classes and exploitation.

May First Slogans of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement

Long Live Red 1st of May,
Symbol of World Proletarian Revolution!

Build the Unity of the International Proletariat!
Hail the Formation of the Revolutionary
Internationalist Movement!

Prevent World War!
Step Up the Struggle for Revolution
Throughout the World!

Develop the Struggle of the Masses Against Imperialist War
Preparations as a Mighty Force for Revolution!

Support the Peoples War in Peru and All Revolutionary
Struggles of the Oppressed Peoples Against Imperialism
and Reaction!

Solidarity with All Imprisoned Fighters for Revolution!
Fight for Their Liberation!

Break the Chains, Unleash the Fury of Women as a Mighty
Force for Revolution!

Statement of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, On the Formation of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement

March 13, 1984

The formation of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement represents a true leap in the fighting capacity of the proletariat, both at the international level and within the different countries of the world. To say the least, this is a most welcome and most timely development in the present-day world. In a situation marked by the heightening of all the contradictions of the world imperialist system, the revolutionary forces of proletarian internationalism are still coming from behind. But, as a result of the achievements of the Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations, they have taken a leap in the process of catching up to go ahead.

A crisis, provoked by the reactionary coup in China in 1976, continues to face the Marxist-Leninist movement internationally. But a new situation has begun to emerge: Crisis is beginning to give way to advance thanks to tenacious and continuing efforts on many fronts by Marxist-Leninist forces worldwide.

As a very important component of this, a *Declaration* has been produced by this Conference which, building on the achievements of the First Conference and its *Joint Communiqué*, represents a major advance in the level of ideological, political and organizational unity. The Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, fully supports this *Declaration* and all the decisions of the Conference. This is a unity built of principled struggle, founded on the growing maturity of our movement and its revolutionary determination to face the challenges and opportunities of the present situation. This unity, as embodied in the *Declaration*, represents a real

revolutionary synthesis achieved through the combined efforts of all the various parties and organizations who have contributed. This kind of unity is something precious to the international proletariat. There will surely be continued struggle to deepen this unity; in fact that is called for in the *Declaration*. But such struggle has a firm foundation in the *Declaration* and in the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought.

The forces of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought no longer represent only a loose "trend" or "tendency" internationally. A significant number of them have now constituted a *Movement*. There is, of course, still further to go in deepening and extending this unity — both within this Movement and with other genuine communist forces. In the future, through a process of struggle, a new International with a general line based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought must be built — a goal boldly proclaimed in the *Declaration* of the Second Conference. But the formation of this Movement is itself a great accomplishment, a step toward the future and a material fact of today with potentially great significance.

Mao Tsetung stated that, "With regard to the question of world war, there are but two possibilities: One is that the war will give rise to revolution and the other is that revolution will prevent the war." We have no crystal ball and it is not yet possible to say which of these two possibilities will come about. But we can say that we are in a much better position than we were in a few months ago. This is no exaggeration, for life itself has shown the truth of the assessment that small forces, armed with a correct line, can win many soldiers and profoundly change the course of events.

There is now a far greater capacity for cooperation and unified action on

an international level. And the achievements of the Conference provide an excellent basis for helping in the formation and strengthening of Marxist-Leninist parties around the world. The existence or absence of such parties can determine whether or not new regimes are established when revolutionary opportunities open up — and whether or not these regimes are of the kind that help advance the world struggle for communism or become new obstacles in its path.

But we have some work to do. The Second International Conference and its decisions are calls to step up revolutionary preparation on many fronts, both on an international level and within every country. To bring to full fruition our achievements on an international level we must take up new responsibilities in every country. Within the U.S., one of the main citadels of imperialism, we have a special internationalist obligation to respond to the decisions of the Conference in a way that helps turn this center for worldwide reaction into a big contributor to world revolution. Our biggest contribution will be in stepping up our work toward overthrowing this imperialist state. But now it is even more possible to do so in close ranks with revolutionary forces worldwide. Our party pledges its efforts, and calls on others in the U.S. to do likewise, to spread the news of the victories of this Second International Conference; to distribute its *Declaration* when it appears; to make a very large effort in the fund drive called for by the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement; and to celebrate May First this year in closer-than-ever unity with the proletariat and oppressed people of the world.

A spokesman for the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement put it well in a statement announcing the London press conference: "Let the bourgeoisie scream about the International Communist Conspiracy. Our unity has taken a great leap forward not only in our common political understanding but our ability to change the world." We do indeed have a world to win! [1]

Major Press Conference Held in London

London, March 12, 1984. An important press conference was held at the London International Press Centre, where 20 members of the international press heard spokesmen for the recently formed Revolutionary Internationalist Movement announce their intention to work for the formation of a communist International of a new type based on Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought. The official press release of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement following the press conference stated that:

This decision was taken, according to N. Sanmugathasan, age 64, Secretary General of the Ceylon Communist Party, at the recently concluded Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations, which united 14 such revolutionary parties. The conference also took a number of decisions including the election of a Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Move-

ment, to further unify the ranks of Marxist-Leninists. Excerpts of the Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, to be released on May 1st, 1984 in 22 languages, were read by Sanmugathasan at the London press conference. "Armed with the scientific teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung, we are fully conscious of the tasks expected of us in the present situation and we are proud to accept and act in accordance with this historic responsibility. The Declaration points to the danger of a new third world war as well as the real perspective for revolution in countries throughout the world."

Delal Kamaci, a 29 year-old woman representative of the Communist Party of Turkey/Marxist-Leninist, presented the slogans of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement for the First of May, 1984. She pointed out that, "May 1st, 1984 will be the first time in many decades that the proletariat will have common

slogans internationally." She called for the intensification of armed revolutionary struggle and the preparations for revolution which she declared was the only way to prevent a third world war.

Carl Dix, age 35, of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, presented the resolutions of the Second Conference: a message to Chiang Ching and Chang Chun-chiao and "other revolutionaries in China persecuted by the current regime"; a resolution calling for "solidarity with all imprisoned fighters for revolution around the world"; a resolution of support for the Communist Party of Peru; and a resolution "in support of the revolutionary struggle of the Palestinian people" stating that "the need for a proletarian vanguard armed with Marxism-Leninism remains a vital and pressing task."

"These resolutions," Dix pointed out, "show that our movement now has a much greater ability to develop a com-

mon analysis of important events in the world and to act in relation to them." All of the speakers denounced both the U.S.S.R. which they characterized as "social imperialist" — and the current leaders in China who they accused of "betraying the teachings of Mao Tsetung." The representatives of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement expressed confidence that their movement would grow in strength and influence in the coming period and "help hasten the defeat of imperialism and reaction and the birth of a communist world."

Copies of the *Communiqué* of the Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations, released to the international proletariat and oppressed peoples of the world on March 12 and published in this issue of the *RW*, were made available to the international press at the London

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THE MARTYRS OF DIYARBAKIR PRISON

At least eleven people have died after 45 days of a hunger strike at Diyarbakir military prison in Turkey. According to the March 7 edition of the French newspaper, *Liberation*, the strike was launched on January 14 in protest against the torture regularly inflicted by the Turkish regime against its enemies. 2,500 political prisoners are jailed at Diyarbakir, which is located in Kurdistan. The *RW* has learned that among the eleven who died, five were members and supporters of the Communist Party of Turkey/Marxist-Leninist (TKP/ML).

Information is still very sparse. The Turkish government appears to have imposed a blackout, undoubtedly due to the considerable exposure inflicted by the strike after what was alleged to have been a "return to civilian life" under NATO auspices last December.

The government is clearly mindful of the wave of hunger strikes through last summer and fall which spread quickly to prisons around the country. Exposure of the regime was further focused when immigrants from Turkey and others in Europe and elsewhere gained Western media attention by waging hunger strikes and other actions in support of the fierce resistance by prisoners inside Turkey.

In October, the *RW* reported on how the regime's vicious attacks set the stage for bringing to light a September hunger strike, also at Diyarbakir:

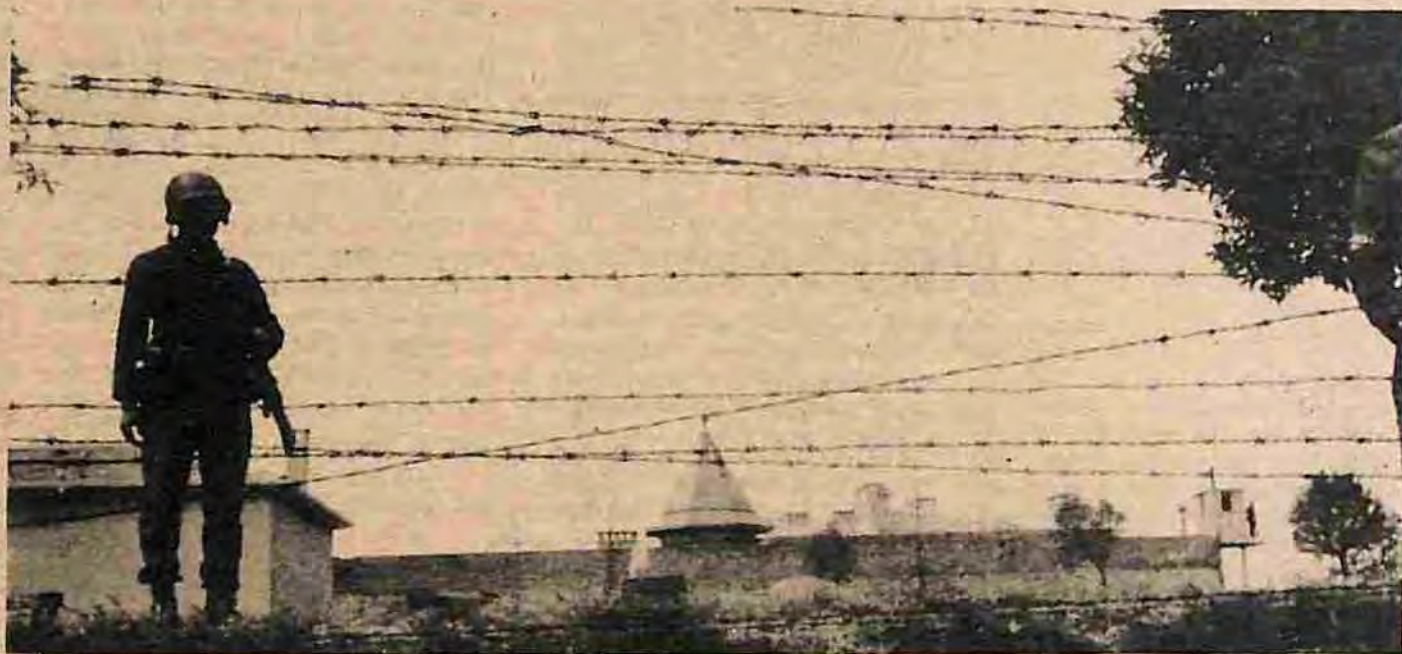
"News of the Diyarbakir hunger strike

broke at a recent trial of Kurdish revolutionaries in Diyarbakir, where several of the accused, themselves prisoners, courageously testified before the court about the hunger strike which began on Sept. 2, involving as many as 2000 prisoners according to some reports. These prisoners, many of whom were brought beaten to the stand, went on to expose to reporters and others assembled at the trial the brutal conditions in the prison. After two days of such testimony — and in apparent retaliation for this stinging exposure, which even made it into the pages of the *New York Times*, whose reporter on the scene baldly asserted that 'It was the first known denunciation of prison conditions here since the 1980 military takeover'! — on the night of Sept. 7, an army unit was dispatched into the prison, killing at least two prisoners and wounding over thirty others. Evidently this trial, one of a series of legal proceedings over the last three years which have condemned to death hundreds of revolutionaries, including Kurdish nationalists, and imprisoned thousands more, did not exactly have the kind of effect the authorities had hoped for."

Thousands of revolutionaries and other political opponents of the regime have been swept into Turkey's prisons under the pretext of the notorious "interrogation law." Once in the regime's clutches, new charges are discovered, and

people are suddenly confined indefinitely as military prisoners — heads shaved, forced to wear prison clothing "pending trial" (conviction). Of course there are the standard "investigation" practices: 24 hour a day handcuffs, beatings, various forms of torture and murder. Prison authorities also often beat up prisoners' relatives when they come to visit. Another tactic by these apparently insecure authorities is to steal prisoners' defense documents, making it impossible to conduct their cases. At the same time, the authorities have attempted to ideologically "militarize" the prisoners through a daily regimen of military salutes and marches to the tune of a constant loudspeaker barrage of propaganda extolling Turkish chauvinism ("Turkey for the Turks" — which means not for the Kurds and other oppressed nationalities).

However, from their high-decibel loudspeakers to their torture chambers, the Turkish authorities and their Western imperialist employers seem to have failed remarkably at "winning back these prisoners who have erred," as one Turkish newspaper put it. *Liberation* reported on March 7 that 23 other prisoners at Diyarbakir were continuing the struggle and that according to prisoners' relatives, 1,000 others had decided to join the hunger strike. □



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press conference, where the representatives also responded to numerous questions posed by the press. The representatives stressed that the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement supports other communist forces and their struggle worldwide; and they stated that the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement is actively seeking to unite with such forces on the basis of the *Declaration* which will be circulating internationally for discussion and further signatories.

Of the five representatives originally scheduled to participate in the press con-

ference, two were unable to do so. The representative from the Central Reorganisation Committee, Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist), Chitaranjam K., was refused entrance into Great Britain by the British imperialists. Chitaranjam K., age 30, became active in revolutionary politics in India in the early 1970s following the Naxalbari movement; he was arrested in 1975 during the Emergency declared by Indira Gandhi and imprisoned until 1979; and he played an important role in India in the struggle to criticize the revisionists in China and break with their followers in India. Ferhad Safinya, representative

from the Union of Iranian Communists (Sarbedaran) was unable to attend due to continuing difficulties with wounds incurred in the armed struggle against the reactionary Iranian regime. For thirty of his fifty years, Ferhad was an active opponent of the Shah of Iran; and following the consolidation of power by the Khomeini regime, Ferhad joined the UIC. A fighter of the Sarbedaran armed forces which led the January 25, 1982 "Amol uprising" against the regime, Ferhad was seriously injured in an attack by military and paramilitary forces of the regime against the uprising.

The London press conference was well

attended by significant international press agencies, although the U.S. foreign press corps was typically and noticeably absent. Among the press in attendance were: Reuters News Service from Great Britain; BBC foreign service; ANSA (Italian news agency); Kyodo (Japanese news agency), *Far Eastern Economic Review*, Middle East News Agency, as well as *The Guardian* of London and *The Daily Mirror* of London. Further coverage of the press conference will be carried in next week's issue of the *Revolutionary Worker*. □



U.S. transport plane bringing more arms into Honduras.

Central America—A Case Study

Where Does Political Power Come From?

We have updated an important article originally published in RW No. 216.

Remember all the rhetorical flourishes from U.S. officials last year about elections in Central America? Ronald Reagan ran it out most stirring with his hosannas to the "voters who are the real freedom fighters in El Salvador.... El Salvador is moving towards a more open society and government in the midst of a foreign-supported guerrilla war. National presidential elections are planned," the U.S. president exclaimed. And he invited us all to "contrast this with the corrupted revolution in Nicaragua" where the proper exercise of such electoral freedom of choice was not happening. "It is the ultimate in hypocrisy for the *unelected* Nicaraguan government to charge that we seek their overthrow when they are doing everything they can to bring down the *elected* government of El Salvador" (our emphasis).

As the *RW* said at the time, one would think that Reagan would at least have enough sense to try to avoid getting into a contest with anybody over the "ultimate in hypocrisy." One example of that hypocrisy, as we shall shortly see, is that Reagan has no case at all when it comes to El Salvador's "legitimate" elections and Nicaragua's "lack of" elections; but on a deeper level of hypocrisy than that Reagan and the rest of the U.S. imperialists don't even care about elections. They care about *power*. And there's a lesson in that.

Once again, El Salvador's election (scheduled to take place on March 25) — this time for president — reveals all. Once again, the elections are organized only in those areas controlled by the Salvadoran security forces; the zones controlled by the armed opposition are not considered suitable for polling the electorate. Once again, the voting will take place under the gun — the *government's* gun — as tanks, M-16s, helicopter gunships, death squads and officials of the state combine to remind everyone they can reach that it is against the law not to vote. Marking each voter's hand and stamping their identification papers, as was done in the last election, or some other equally infallible method of proving that each "real freedom fighter" had, indeed, done as he had been told, will be used in the coming spectacle as well. Once again, as the voting is taking place, the U.S.'s Salvadoran henchmen will actively wage war against the opposition, whose leaders are their principal rivals for power. In fact, the U.S. is escalating this effort in

conjunction with the balloting.

Not only is the administration pushing for \$93 million worth of "emergency" military aid in the form of more rifles and rifle-grenades for the Salvadoran army and more rockets and 250-, 500-, and 700-pound bombs for the Salvadoran air force, but the U.S. is also intensifying its own *direct* involvement in this imperialist war effort. Hundreds of U.S. troops (the Mexican press has reported 2,500 U.S. troops) are being moved to the Honduras/El Salvador border, directly adjacent to Salvadoran opposition strongholds, to conduct "maneuvers" during the election period. The U.S. officially admits to *doubling* the number of its troops in Honduras at this time, right after raising the admitted number of U.S. troops within El Salvador (formerly 52) to nearly 100, with the actual number being much higher. At the same time, the U.S. is admitting that its pilots are now regularly flying reconnaissance missions over El Salvador, searching for opposition activity and calling in strikes by Salvadoran troops and air power wherever such activity is spotted. U.S. State Department spokesman John Hughes provides his entry into the "ultimate in hypocrisy" sweepstakes with his summation of all this: "We think it is clear that the guerrillas, or at least segments within them, wish to see the elections take place within an atmosphere of terror."

This expanded U.S. bloodletting is being openly promoted by U.S. officials as "required" by the *election* — or, as Reagan puts it, so that the election can take place in "a climate of security."

Can there be any doubt that the question of power is not at stake in this election? Rather, it is a naked extension of already held power — growing out of the barrel of the U.S.'s guns, to paraphrase Mao — in a situation where that power is being contested. And in that context, the election is nothing but auxiliary political weaponry to assist the real weaponry (and to justify the U.S. sending more tons of the real stuff). Simply put, the Salvadoran election is being staged to "legitimize" the armed power already exercised by the U.S.'s compradors. But this only underscores a basic truth: *elections are always extensions of power relations which themselves are not established by elections.*

Nicaragua

The same basic truth is the case for Nicaragua as well. And Reagan's "elections make the difference" argument is just as phony when looked at from the

Nicaraguan angle. There have been lots of elections since the overthrow of U.S. puppet Somoza in 1979. For example, the Sandinista Defense Committees that have been formed in nearly every neighborhood and village in Nicaragua have all held elections to choose delegates to various municipal bodies, and these delegates have elected other delegates to higher bodies and so forth, all the way up to the delegates that sit on the Council of State. The same approach — with elections at every step of the way — has been taken by the Sandinista unions and women's group and the other organized forms through which the Sandinistas exercise their own version of the "democratic process." Of course, these have not been recognized as "legitimate elections" in U.S. eyes.

But what about a *real*, national election for president, with ballots, campaigns and everything? Nicaragua's ruling Sandinistas have already called for just such an election. And, they announced that it will take place just two days before the U.S. conducts its own sacrosanct exercise in democracy. Will Reagan and the rest of the U.S. imperialists now applaud this seeming commitment to the abstract ideals that have been so valuable in "legitimizing" their own rule? Not hardly.

Elsewhere we have made clear our own views on the fact that the Sandinista-led government in Nicaragua is becoming increasingly subservient to the needs and strategy of Soviet social-imperialism. For Reagan, it is not Nicaragua's subservience to *imperialism*, but *which* imperialism that is the problem here. U.S. officials still talk of "illegitimate elections" in Nicaragua. But it's the power relations there that they don't like, and those relations are settled *before* the elections. First, there was the little matter of the overthrow of Somoza, which removed the U.S.'s main compradors from the throne in Nicaragua. And subsequently, other pro-U.S. forces have also increasingly been iced out of the main seat of power. This is what makes Nicaragua "illegitimate" to the U.S., and the Sandinista election proposals haven't changed this one bit. Indeed, the proposals have been met with a chorus of acid criticism from pro-U.S. forces within Nicaragua and their directors in Washington, D.C. A further response to the Nicaraguan "illegitimate" elections has included: further beefing up the U.S. military presence directed against Nicaragua from bases in Honduras and Panama, the movement of a U.S. aircraft carrier to the Caribbean coast of Central

America and the administration pushing for another \$21 million in aid to the CIA-directed *contras*. The latter were chosen in a "legitimate election" at the U.S. State Department.

Is Central America An Exception?

Some may argue that all this about how elections aren't the decisive thing may be true for Central America — where there is obviously a great deal of turmoil — but you can't really compare all *that* to elections in a democratic country like the U.S. Central America is just an exceptional case, they might say. But what is so different about Central America is that power is on the line — in fact, there is a *war* going on over state power — so that things that are *always* true stand out more openly. That is always the virtue of revolutionary situations. The superficial is cast aside and the real relations, the mainsprings of society, are revealed.

Of course it's not so blatant and obvious here because the class struggle is not at that stage yet. Voters in the U.S. aren't herded to polls via tanks, M-16s, etc., because those who hold power don't have to rely on such methods yet. In fact, relying on such terror in the neocolonies has played a crucial role in keeping things all nice and democratic-like in the imperialist countries. Even though the "thin blue line" of armed and dangerous police — the rulers' first line of defense internally — is out in force, as usual, on election day, the big guns still remain, for the most part, hidden away in the barracks. But the question of who — that is, which class — holds those big guns is not a choice on the ballot, and the guns are at the ready, to be used when the class struggle advances to the point where the ruling class deems their use necessary.

So, to Reagan, the real issue in Central America is not elections but guns. And, as we have said above, there's a lesson in that. The key difference between El Salvador and Nicaragua for Reagan is whose hands the main guns are in, and, in fact, more generally the key question in all class societies is whose hands the guns are in (whether those guns are out in the open or in reserve). There is no such thing as pure democracy; like everything else in class society, democracy is a question of democracy for whom, for which class. Even though the rule of the proletariat, its dictatorship, is qualitatively different from that of all other classes both because it represents the dictatorship over the minority of exploiters and democracy for the broad masses, for the oppressed, and also because its final goal is the abolition of any form of state or class rule — still, even given that qualitative difference, the fact remains that elections are always organized under a gun; if you don't organize them under your guns, then someone else will organize them under theirs. □

An item from the Associated Press wire service, printed March 10, 1984, read simply: "A convoy of cruise missile launchers streamed out of the Greenham Common airbase just after midnight yesterday for the first off-base deployment drill by the U.S. Air Force since the missiles began arriving last fall. Female protesters, who had maintained a permanent camp outside the base since September 5, 1981, were caught off guard by the training exercise under cover of darkness. They had pledged to stop missile convoys by lying in the road."

But what this bit of crowing failed to mention was the measures the authorities were forced to take to get the convoy out. The women camping at this location called Blue Gate, were surrounded by approximately 100 police with vehicle lights flashing and using for the first time Alsatian dogs outside the perimeter fence, outnumbering the women 10 to 1. British troops were seen in the spotlights inside the perimeter, along with U.S. troops. According to a Greenham woman now in the U.S. who is in touch with the camp, the women were physically prevented from getting to their cars to inform people at other gates what was happening. One woman managed to break away on foot and ran to another gate to where the news was spread. It was clearly a well-coordinated action by the U.S. and British military and the British civil police.

This military maneuver took place on March 8th, International Women's Day, when many Greenham women had gone into London for an IWD action at an American-sponsored conference on missile technology (in other words, an arms fair). The London *Times* reported March 9 that nine Greenham women along with ten others were arrested at the demonstration of about 150 women.

The numbers of women at the camp were additionally depleted because many women are now in prison off of trials for fall actions at the base. (The London *Times* article stated that three of the women went on trial March 8th "on a charge of breaking into the air traffic control tower at the Greenham Common airbase last December." If you want to talk about being "caught off guard," the women undoubtedly have some things of their own to say about this.)

The trials, the IWD attack, and also the arrogant crowing on the part of the media in England and the U.S. are part of a broad and vicious offensive now being waged by the imperialists against the Greenham Common peace encampment. The camp, which has sparked an international movement of similar women's peace camps, had sworn to disrupt the off-base deployment drills of cruise missiles like the one staged on March 8. (The missiles are designed, in a crisis situation, to be deployed on mobile launchers throughout the British countryside, so that pre-targeting by Soviet missile forces will be made difficult.)

A March 11 article in the British *Sunday Observer*, a paper with national circulation, was headlined "Greenham debacle as legal noose tightens on women." Despite its "debacle" assessment, the article had to question, "Was it

Greenham Common Cruises Roll on IWD

Confrontation at Blue Gate

a shambles, or a subtle Ministry of Defense plot to rid the sites of protestors by devious means before the launcher's exit?" It went on to cite that the "rate of arrest (of the Greenham women — *RW*) has soared recently from 1,175 in the first two years to 550 in the last three months. . . some 600 women have appeared at Newbury in the past three months." And, "By this weekend, some 60 more women were facing the possibility of a jail sentence. About 120 have gone down nine or ten times, serving up to 5 months."

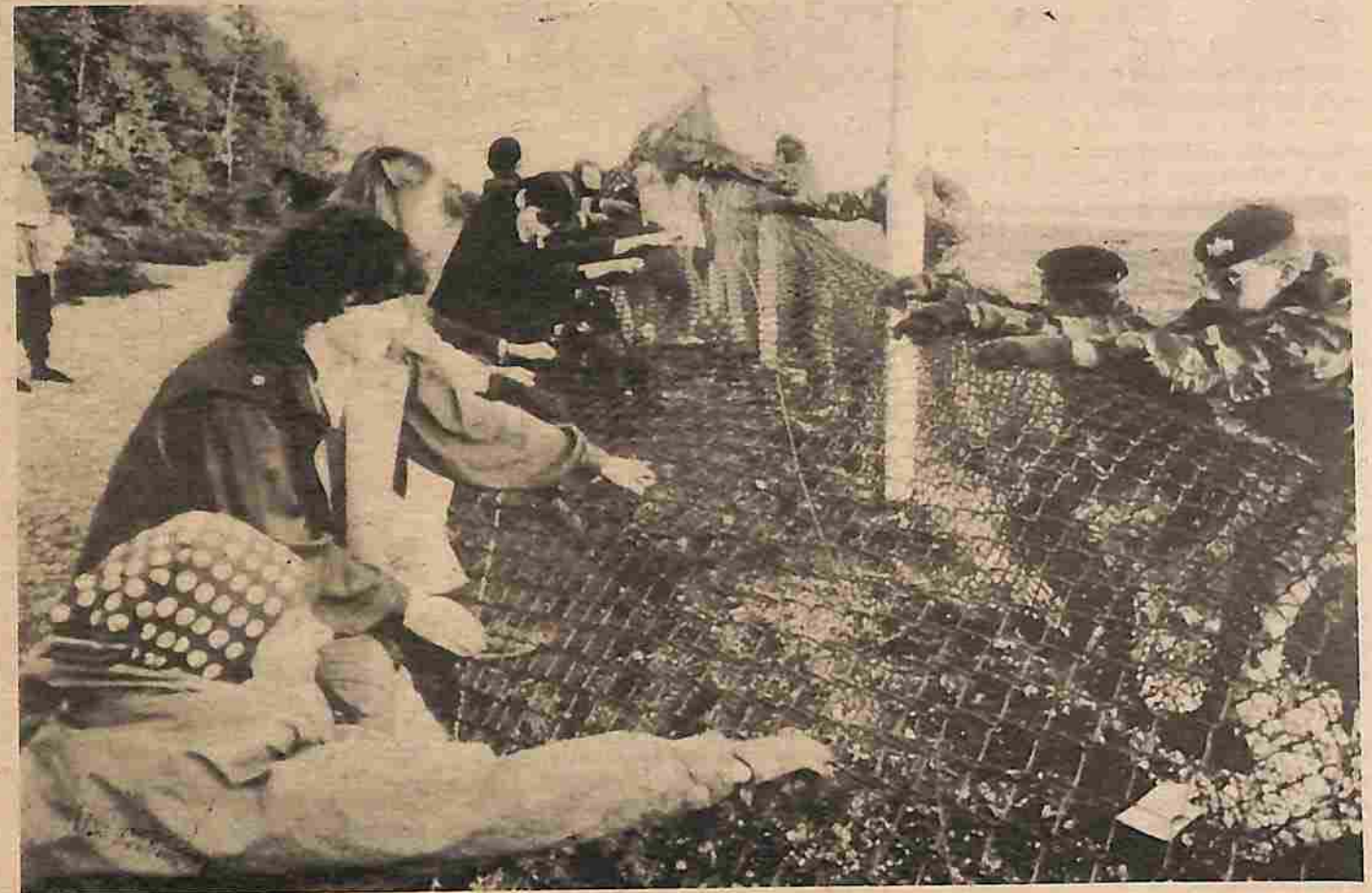
The Greenham Common camp at Blue Gate was also the target last week of three evictions, where British police brutally demolished structures the women were

living in, scattering and destroying their belongings. As the *Sunday Observer* reported, "Bedding, clothes, even photos and contact lenses had been cleared up by the jaws of a dustcart truck" (a garbage truck — *RW*). The women refused to retreat, however, and after each eviction returned set up their camp all over again. All eight gates of the base have camps from which these activities are watched 24 hours a day.

The very fact that the March 8 drill, the first of many trial runs, was staged the night of International Women's Day indicates that it was intended, not only as a crucial military exercise, but as a slap in the face to the Greenham women and the increasing numbers of women all over the

world who are protesting imperialist war preparations, a reactionary message to the effect that — "we can smash you anytime we please, what are women and your International Women's Day compared to imperialism's strength!"

But the measures they had to take to accomplish their mission and the defiant response of the women attest not so much to the imperialists' might but to the strength and political influence of these women. The fact that the imperialists have to crow about it shows that they are meeting a formidable foe in the battle for public opinion over the preparations for war and how to go about opposing them. □



Greenham Common, Fall 1983.

Fury of the Women Disrupts the Loop

The hustle and bustle of business-as-usual in Chicago's Loop was rudely interrupted on March 8 by a rowdy International Women's Day demonstration that wound through the downtown area during lunch hour. More than a few well-heeled business men and ladies turned their heads and looked on aghast as the march of 100, largely women, demonstrated at various sites symbolizing U.S. imperialism and the oppression of women, while other passers-by stopped to indicate their support. Called by the Disarm Now Action antinuclear group under the theme of "Women Opposed to U.S. Militarism," the demonstration tapped the outrage of women over the type of society that equates women's liberation with being "a marine ('one of a few good men'), or a cop, or an executive — equal partners in repressing people at home and abroad," as a statement by several of the women

arrested for demonstrating in a military recruiting office read.

The press and crush of world events was evident in the participation of women in this march from feminist forces active in reproductive rights and antirape struggles to women activists from the New Movement in Solidarity with Puerto Rico, the Palestine Human Rights Campaign and from the movement opposed to U.S. intervention in Central America. The sharply escalating world contradictions were evident in the various banners: a banner from the women of Chicago to the women of Greenham Common; the homemade picket sign that took on exposure of the Sabra and Shatila massacres; and the plain black-on-white placard that read, "Generic Poster — U.S. Out of Everywhere!"

It was evident that all of this had much to do with unleashing quite a number of

new forces to step forward. For some it was their "first demonstration," like the young woman college student who was right out there during the high point of the activity leafleting and explaining why six women had invaded the Chicago Marine Officer Recruiting Station. From her initial anger over how women are exploited as sex objects in advertising she had begun to check out other things, she explained, and had signed a "For a World Without Imperialism" banner to be sent to West Germany even though she is still struggling to find out exactly what imperialism is. As 20 cops were mobilized to carry the six protestors out of the recruiting station, the women attempted to block the alley where the paddy wagon had parked to prevent the cops from placing the women inside. But to avoid public exposure the cops pulled up to the recruiting office's loading dock and pulled away with the six protestors, all of

whom have been charged with criminal trespass.

Many other symbols of U.S. imperialism felt the wrath of the women that day: from the Metropolitan Correctional Center, where Puerto Rican independentista and alleged FALN supporter Alejandrina Torres is incarcerated, to IBM for its production of nuclear weapons technology, to the Federal Building for symbolizing "much of what we are opposed to," as the leaflet put it. Also subjected to scorn and jeers was a State Street porn shop disguised as a disco for the benefit of the three-piece-suit types who patronize it, as well as the fashionable Marshall Field's department store symbolizing the tinsel and glamour side of women's oppression. Amidst this unruly group, it is hardly surprising that more than a few greeted the banner "Unleash the Fury of Women as a Mighty Force for Revolution" with enthusiasm. □

Miami: Another Murdering Pig Acquitted

As we go to press, the jury in the sham trial of pig Luis Alvarez has returned a verdict of not guilty, in deliberations lasting only two hours. The leaflet reprinted here, which appeared before this verdict came down, was written by the RCP in Miami and distributed in Miami by more than a dozen Black youth in Overtown and Liberty City. The RCP leaflet has created a stir in the two neighborhoods and has been broadly circulated among various forces. The youth have taken it out on the streets; copies of it have been posted in the windows of small stores, and at least in Overtown, most people have now read it.

The authorities have been squealing like pigs since the leaflet's distribution. On one local TV program, Miami City Manager Howard Gary answered a high-school teacher's question about the leaflet with the retort, "we have ways of dealing with troublemakers." The local Community Relation Board's radio talk show host Willie Sims made a more explicit call on the air for reactionaries to carry out attacks on supporters of the RCP.

Sims has been throwing out slightly more veiled threats at the masses as well, over the radio air waves. When one caller spoke of an apparent equipment buildup at the National Guard Armory near Liberty City last week, Sims responded, "They are not going to handle things this time like before. If people think they will see themselves on TV looting, with the police

on the sidelines... Before, the National Guard was called in when things got bad. Things will be different this time."

Already things are different in the schools. According to several of the youth who handed out the leaflet, the teachers at one junior high threatened them with expulsion if they ever distribute such material at school again. These threats came down the same week that the Dade County School Board (which oversees all the public schools in Miami and the rest of the county) announced that they were considering a proposal to lock youth in school and hold them there overnight, if necessary, when the verdict in the Alvarez trial came down. The school board has not announced what decision

they made on this proposal. Meanwhile, the local Community Relations Board's pacification program in the neighborhoods has grown increasingly pathetic. After a major publicity hoopla, the CRB brought three Miami Dolphins (the pro football team in town) to Overtown, and only ten people even bothered to come hear these football players harangue them about how the judicial system works. And only nine people showed up for a so-called "unity march" which had received major publicity.

The situation in Miami is one of serious preparation on all fronts as the Alvarez trial ends.

ALVAREZ TRIAL

A DESPERATE COVER-UP

Each day as the trial of Miami pig Luis Alvarez unfolds it becomes clearer and clearer. The ugly spectacle being paraded before us is more than a cover-up of the brutal, coldblooded murder of Nevell Johnson. The whole set-up not only reveals the viciousness of this imperialist system responsible for Nevell's death and countless other crimes — but also reveals the growing weaknesses, desperation and fears of those who rule.

The rulers are caught in a web of contradictions. They have grown fat and wealthy on the robbery and oppression of Blacks and millions of other proletarians and oppressed around the world, keeping people in constant misery. On the one hand, this robbery depends on the savage terror instilled by their armed enforcers, the police, to keep people "in line." The "right" of little racist robot gunslingers like Alvarez to beat, terrorize and kill must be, and nearly always is, recognized and reaffirmed in their sacred courts. On the other hand, the system cannot be maintained by terror alone — once people realize they have nothing to lose, they will rise against even the most heavily armed oppressors, as was proved in Miami twice in the last 4 years. Not only is this a serious immediate problem, but where oppression is rampant, such explosions of resistance can be contagious. Liberty City, 1980 and Overtown, 1982, stirred the hearts of millions throughout the world, and also raised a more awesome spectre — that of conscious, armed revolution.

So the rulers must also proclaim far and wide their cynical nursery rhymes about "truth, justice and democracy" — and they actually need sections of the oppressed to believe this mad fairy tale, so that the people can always be persuaded to "give the system one more chance." Out of this contradiction comes the "trial," which is a direct result of past rebellions,

and aimed at heading off a new one. And the prosecution is making a real effort to make it look good — lots of expert witnesses, "grueling cross examinations," arguments breaking out in the courtroom, etc. All this is designed to convince those with trusting souls and short memories that justice is being served. But a closer look at the things the defense and prosecutor (and judge and media) agree on shows what a *fraud* is being perpetrated.

First, the charge: "manslaughter." Because we all know, pigs don't murder Black people. No, when Blacks are killed by police it's called "justifiable homicide" or even "suicide," and when a "peace officer" guns down a man in front of 30 witnesses, well, that's called "manslaughter" — specifically, in this case, negligent homicide. So if the defense is to be believed, shooting Nevell in the head was actually a *very good* thing; whereas if the prosecution is to be believed, it was only a careless error.

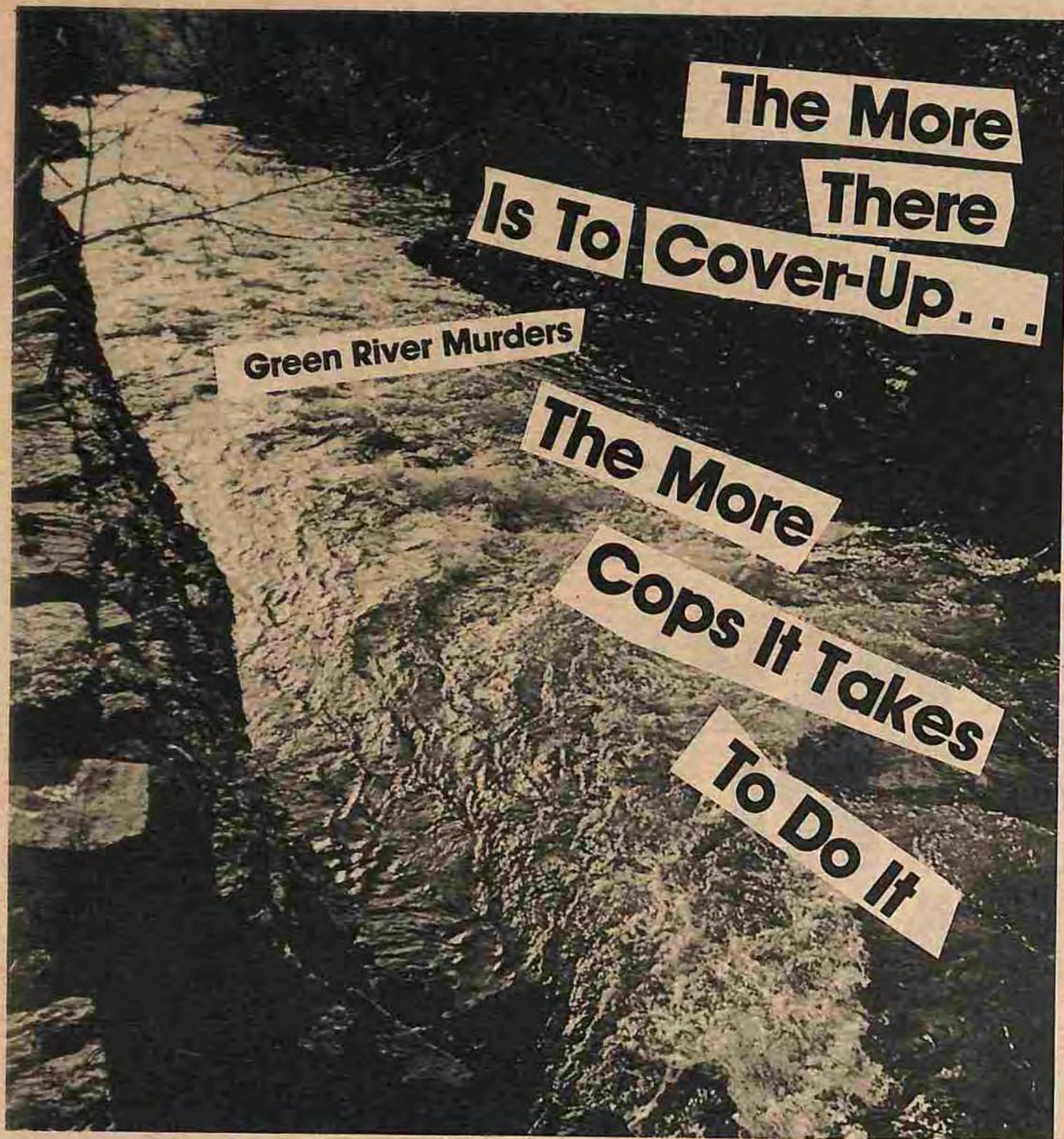
Then, there is the matter of "the gun." "All agree" — including the "prosecutor" — that Nevell Johnson had a gun. Only two of the 30 youth in the game room the night he was shot were called to testify by the "prosecution." Neither of the two saw a gun on Nevell. *There was no gun*, at least not until Alvarez and his partner had cleared the game room of witnesses, gone to their squad car and come back. Now...Presto!...Nevell, dying on the floor, has a gun, compliments of Miami's finest. Of course the "prosecution" didn't want to pursue *this* line of investigation. After all, their purpose is not to call into question such a fine and necessary tool of law enforcement as the "throw-down gun."

All this adds up to turning the tables on reality, making the victims out to be criminals, and the criminals out as victims. Not only do they put a non-existent gun on Nevell and claim he was shot for

"reaching for it" — now they have "discovered" Nevell had an active criminal career going (maybe after his regular job?) of which he wasn't even suspected until months after his death. (Old "innocent until proven guilty" Judge Gersten doesn't seem to mind if *Nevell* is assumed guilty.) But even more significant is the way they have gone after the Overtown youth in general — painting them as a bunch of animals whose very existence is considered criminal. And rebellion is presented as the ultimate crime. "Hoodlums, thugs, barbarians" they whine. Here we have the greatest criminals in the history of the world, whose savage exploitation of Black people, from slavery to the present, would not fill one line on their rap sheet, who are the death-squad masters, the creators of the "Baby Docs" of Haiti, Marcoses of the Philippines, and a hundred other dictators whose bloody rule makes possible the most horrible starvation and exploitation of their own people — to the benefit of the U.S. and other imperialists. Here lies the basis of the "highest standard of living in the world" that they always brag about. But these dogs, blood dripping from their jaws, have the nerve to call those who rise against them "barbarians"!!! Straight-up gangster logic, pure and perfect. For our part, we have something to say straight-up too; the angry refusal of millions of youth, in Overtown and around the world, to accept the way things are, is far from being criminal, but represents a great hope for the future of mankind.

While they always hate and fear resistance against their rule, it is especially dangerous for the imperialists now. The U.S. is frantically preparing the showdown of World War III with another gang of thieves, cutthroats and

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Green River Murders

The More There Is To Cover-Up...

The More Cops It Takes To Do It

On Tuesday, March 6, 1984, the Green River Task Force added yet another name to the list of women found strangled and believed to be linked to the Green River murders. That day they also added another name to the list of women missing under suspicious circumstances whom they believe to be possible victims in this case. On Tuesday, March 13, a passerby found human remains in North Bend, a small town some dozen miles east of Seattle, as had happened once before just a month ago. The *RW* has learned that a number of the victims, all who have been asphyxiated or strangled, bore no marks or bruises on their necks, raising the possibility in many people's minds of a chokehold being used to kill them. The official count now stands at 14 women murdered and another 12 missing. These are mainly young, proletarian women — white, Black, Asian, Filipino. They are runaways, some connected to prostitution, all women on the street, at least briefly alone. This is but part of the picture. In all there are at least 50 cases known of women murdered or missing yet to be solved in the Greater King County area. As a Seattle feminist newspaper put it, "And these are only the ones we know about!"

The two women who were added to the Task Force files on March 6 are not new cases for the officials. Carol Ann Christianson's strangled body was found ten months ago and Carrie Rois was last seen over a year ago when she ran away from a foster home. Names have been added, particularly to the missing list, with an apparently calculated regularity — more than one a month since December 1983. And with each name announced, the terror many women feel increases. But there is also a growing impatience — and more, an outrage — especially among sections of the proletariat and young women. Outrage is growing as winter changes to spring, bringing the likelihood of more women disappearing since there are more people in the streets. And over the winter, there have reportedly been increased incidences of rape on the University of Washington campus and likely in other

areas as well. One woman told a story as she bought the IWD issue of the *Revolutionary Worker*, of how she was recently raped by a man who put a knife to her throat and laughed, "I'm the Green River killer." At least two women's centers have received threatening letters which refer to the Green River murders.

In late December and early January a number of changes took place in the authorities' handling of the Green River murders. The size of the Green River Task Force jumped from five to thirty-five. This included replacing the agency's chief with one Captain Adamson, promoted in the local press as one hell of a compassionate cop. Now, they really care. It's unlikely, though that this is simply in response to public outcry. After all, the more there is to cover up, the more cops it takes to do it. And the surface is only beginning to be scratched. Interestingly, a consultant named Bob Keppel was added to the Task Force. He's supposed to be an expert on serial murders, having recently worked with another Task Force... in Atlanta! Given the foul smell that still surrounds the work of that group — its "lone killer" solution to the Atlanta murders, among many other things — one can only wonder about the advice Mr. Keppel is counseling.

A small but powerful meeting was held in mid-February to dig into the Green River murders and figure out what could be done about it. Participants included feminists, anarchists, revolutionary communists, dancers and others. Two particularly concerned women showed up: Fae Brooks, Public Relations Officer for the Green River Task Force, and Cheri Luxa, detective on the Task Force. Whatever they hoped to accomplish, they had not intended to be grilled around these murders. Information on the murders being withheld by the Task Force was demanded of them. They refused, saying they didn't want to promote "copycat killing" and they wanted to make sure that if they caught the killer, they'd be able to convict him. "We want this information to be our secret, between

us and the murderer," Brooks explained.

When one woman exclaimed that she was horrified at their attitude and that she knew more about some missing women than they did, Brooks got huffy: "Well, you'll just have to be horrified. That's just the way it is." Then, having outlasted their usefulness and finding it rather uncomfortable on the defensive, the cops left. The women devoted the next half of the meeting to gleaning what they could from the first half, themselves digging into the murders and discussing possible responses to the Green River murders including organizing self-defense classes and trying to gather as much information from women on the streets as possible. A number of proletarian women, runaways, prostitutes and dancers have told others they think they know something about the murders but refuse to go to the police, knowing from vast experience whose interests cops don't serve.

One week later one such dancer with information she wanted to share, Cynthia Messner, died in a house fire. While it is possible that the fire was accidental, it is very possible that it was not. The house was actually a huge mansion where a lot of youth sublet rooms. It was most likely a haven for police undercover work. Guardian Angels, well-known across the country for their ties to the police, were in and out of this place. The mansion went up in smoke at four in the morning. Both smoke detectors malfunctioned; one was broken, the other didn't have a battery. Everyone except Cynthia and her roommate escaped with minor injuries. The two of them were in a second-floor bedroom in the three-floor house. The fire started right below their room. Cynthia did not wake up. One friend thought she might have been drunk from the party the night before but later found out that Cynthia had given up drinking three weeks earlier and was very proud of the fact that she had been staying sober. There is a possibility that she was drugged.

As we go to press, the final plans are being laid for a Women's Take Back the Night March set for Friday, March 16. The Coalition to Stop the Green River Murders, sponsoring the march and rally, has been the site of some very intense debate over the nature of these murders. While it is generally agreed to be a concentration of the most violent kind of oppression of women, where it comes from, what's behind these murders and in particular the role of the police have been major points of struggle. The march and rally is receiving attention up and down the west coast, nationally, and also internationally. □

Celebrating A De-Railing



Darnell and Mother Smith.

March 11, well over 200 supporters comfortably crowded into a Detroit popular hotspot near Wayne State University called Alvin's to celebrate a victory — the derailing of the railroad of Darnell Summers. The crowd who came was itself an expression of the diverse forces who had been unleashed to take up the battle to "Free Darnell" over the course of two years. As we reported in the *RW*, on February 22 the raggedy railroad of revolutionary internationalist and jazz musician Darnell Summers was derailed. A two-year sham prosecution, better known as the frame-up, of Darnell had been literally ripped apart and exposed for what it was — the political punishment of a revolutionary. The state had reached 6,000 miles across the ocean to West Germany to kidnap Darnell — where he had become a thorn in the side of the rulers there — and brought him back to Detroit to try his politics before tens of thousands on both sides of the Atlantic. They had gone to great lengths, dredging up a 16-year-old case which had already been dropped in 1969 for lack of evidence, a so-called "case" held together by the scripted and coerced testimony of one witness who recanted her testimony and told how she had been coerced, and the self-admitted perjury of another long discredited liar. There was collusion at the top levels of the U.S. and West German governments utilizing INTERPOL to blatantly and viciously extradite Darnell back to this country — in chains. Their "great body of evidence" was revealed to be a complete sham. And their object lesson of "Don't dare oppose imperialism" was thrown back in their face as literally thousands in parts of Europe and in this country protested this outrage. And with the celebration of this sweet victory comes again the sense of what is shaping up in the world — the stakes and possibilities — and a deeper understanding of why these imperialists risked paying such a high political price to carry out this extradition and their completely criminal nature.

An RCP spokesperson took the microphone to announce, "This is a victory that goes beyond the four corners of the room tonight. This is a victory that is being echoed here and around the world. Right now workers from Turkey, people in West Germany, in fact we just got news

from a revolutionary organization from Ghana, the brothers and sisters over there wanting to know about Darnell. . . . As of today they don't know that the battle has been won but I'm sure that when they do they'll be toasting this victory along with all of us tonight."

Seated around tables, gathered in clumps laughing and talking, and bunched together along the perimeter of this favored delicatessen, were revolutionary nationalists, and revolutionary internationalists and a diverse spectrum of political forces among the Black people of Detroit. Many came from Inkster, including those who themselves had been a part of the intense struggles of Black youth centered around the Malcolm X Cultural Center in 1968 along with Darnell (when the struggle against national oppression and in support of Black liberation was raging). Proletarians came from Detroit's soup kitchen where statements of outrage had circulated and rallies had been held. Some came from the auto plants. Revolutionaries and students came from different parts of Africa. Artists and musicians were there who had actively supported Darnell. There were lawyers and ministers present. And there were quite a few people active in the antinuclear movement.

Reverend Stoble, better known as Mother Smith, took the microphone, "I am happy tonight. I don't usually have pains in my heart. But you know I've been so happy over this great victory until I've been just shouting and dancing and oh so happy. . . . because we will not tolerate injustice, we will not tolerate with sending our Black men down to the dungeons. We will fight until victory is won, like we did this time." Mother Smith an activist in the case in her own right was also the mother of Shango who had been one of the leaders of the Attica Rebellion (a prison uprising that took place in Upstate New York in 1971). *RW* readers will remember that Shango, still on parole for his part in the rebellion, took to the streets upon hearing of the attack on Darnell. He actively sold the *Revolutionary Worker* newspaper on the streets, up in the face of the enemy. This was followed by close surveillance by unknown forces. In December 1982 Shango was viciously murdered. Mother Smith discussed with many that this was

to punish Shango, also a revolutionary out of the '60s, who was gravitating toward international politics, and to intimidate the momentum that was beginning around Darnell's case. Instead Mother Smith had inspired many to further pour their energies into defeating the attack on Darnell.

Darnell jumped on stage amidst thunderous applause, raised fists and shouts of victory. "Not only did we kick their ass, we kicked fire out of their ass!" Then there was a hush over the audience as Darnell drove home for many why he was hunted by the enemy.

"I was first over in Germany during the Vietnam era. And the conditions that existed in Germany for soldiers was not very good, I mean the question of national oppression, Black people and other national minorities in the military; and there was the question of the war going on, and also the question of the Black liberation movement in the United States and people in Vietnam and Southeast Asia standing up against U.S. imperialism and saying, hey, we are tired of it and we're going to deal with it. I think there was a certain relationship between the rebellions in Detroit and people in Southeast Asia standing up. And that was deep for a person like myself coming from my kind of background, coming from a metropolitan urban area like Detroit, and going to Vietnam and seeing some of the same people with some of the same aspirations, being oppressed by the same oppressive system, being oppressed by U.S. imperialism, standing up and saying, hey we aren't going to have this, and then all these people like myself saying, hey why are we over here, what's happening. There was this whole dynamic, you know. That particular period in my life led me in a certain direction, of being very defiant of the system.

"... Like seeing the civil rights movement, and seeing people set upon by dogs, people just trying to get a coke and a hamburger, you know. And seeing people fighting for the right to vote, to be part of this sham, to be part of this circus that they have out here. Every election that they've ever had has been like a circus. But to see all these people fighting to get these rights that we were supposed to have under the American system of government, under the Constitution, and

to have this system beat them down just for trying to get this coke and a hamburger and the right to vote. . . . to see all these things happening. To see the dogs and to see the police killing people and bombing churches had an effect on developing a real hatred for the system and all it represents. All right, so when I was put in the position where I was in their military and I saw what they were doing on a global basis, I just had to say enough of this, I can't go along with it. And throughout that period up until today I've tried to associate myself with those people who are trying to make a fundamental change in the fabric of life on this planet.

"People ask me, well, why are they after me, what do they fear? I think you have to look at this in the context of what is going on in the world today. Today there are over 40 armed conflicts going on. And with every one of these armed conflicts the United States and its bloc and the Soviet Union and its bloc has something to do with it in some way, form or fashion. I think it's a question of trying to understand this whole thing in a global kind of way, because that is very important. I think we've gotten past, as far as I'm concerned, the thinking of my people first, somehow my people are going to survive a nuclear war and to hell with everybody else. My thing is that you have to have a global approach, an internationalist approach to the whole thing. And if you look over here to the right you will see a banner. And this banner, I'm very proud of this banner because this particular banner was like a shot that was fired around the world. This particular banner was made by Turkish workers in Germany. Four hundred Turkish workers signed the statement of opposition to my railroad, when I was in jail in Mainz, West Germany, and it shows their understanding. They see a revolutionary that is being jammed up by the same system that is jamming them up. Like for instance the Turkish workers who work in West Germany are like the niggers of Europe, pure and simple they get the worst jobs. They're the last hired and the first fired. They live in the worst housing and everything. So there's a certain unity between the oppressed whatever color they are, or whatever their ethnic back-

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ground, and this is what we have to promote and forge unity among, whether you're from Ankara or Inkster... This system has created all these divisions... but that doesn't mean that we can't overcome them and that we do have to strive to break them down. The reason I mentioned this banner is because it shows the potential that exists out there for people to understand the relationship between their struggle and the struggle of somebody halfway around the world.

"I don't know if people are aware of the situation in Turkey but it's like a military dictatorship, it's a fascist regime they've got going down over there. The revolutionaries can't go home. The people who signed the statement of opposition to my railroad can't go home. That's out. When they put their name, when they sent their names on the statement of opposition over to the U.S., to Detroit, they effectively can forget about going back to their country where they came from. I think that is a hell of a step. I think that this is something that

everybody here should recognize... These people, these Turkish brothers and sisters who signed that statement can't go home. That's a hell of a thing. They live on the fault line, you know. And their existence meant that this was something that they had to do. Now I don't want anyone to feel that they have to be in a situation where they can't go home to support the case. That's not the point, but rather let's understand what's at stake here and what people have done.

"...If a revolutionary situation presents itself I'm going to be ready for it, I think we have to prepare for this. Because if this whole situation of world war is thinkable then why not revolution. If they can think about destroying the damn world why can't we think about preserving it." There was mass applause at this point. Following this, a spokesperson for the RCP issued a challenge.

"We threw this back in their face. The people took the initiative in this battle but I think that the question that poses itself is are we just going to go from battle to

battle or is there something else more involved and isn't it necessary to take a step further. They are preparing for world war and there are big questions on the agenda. So we have to talk about stepping out, stepping out even further and actually preparing not just to further expose but to actually overthrow them, the system of imperialism on a world scale. And I pose a challenge. There is a party. I am a member of the RCP, USA that's preparing and training in a revolutionary direction to get rid of the system that's responsible for oppression around the world, preparing to bring together all these strands and streams of outbreaks and rebellions and to direct it in a conscious way, not just in sporadic, but in a conscious way against imperialism. I think it's time for revolutionary-minded people to step forward and join and be a part of this kind of party, this kind of understanding, now is the time to do this. Because short of this we won't be able to go all the way and defeat them. This is a great victory and we have to celebrate.

But I think we also have to take the lessons and go beyond this battle and go in the direction of getting rid of this system that's behind this kind of thing and the slogan we are raising is "Revolution in the '80s Go For It!"

There was a lot to think about and to struggle over in this short program. Now there was also the serious task of further celebrating the victory. The local reggae band Akoben, who played throughout the evening, struck up their song "It's a War Cry" and people headed for the dance floor. Darnell and another musician jumped on stage and joined in, picking up whatever available instruments there were, as the party continued into the night. □

Greeting the Victory...

The following statements were read at the celebration of the victory of the battle to free Darnell Summers.

To the Coalition to Free Darnell:

A righteous victory! The gauntlet has been thrown right back in their faces! Darnell's strength and the tireless work of so many is a true inspiration. Now our brother is free to make even greater contributions to the struggle that these mad dogs desperately try to stomp out. More than that, this whole vicious, outrageous attack has opened the eyes of many, not only to the nature of "democracy" on both sides of the NATO war alliance, but to the future revolutionary possibilities that our rulers have displayed such great fear of with this raggedy railroad. We have come out of this trial stronger than ever — Long live the unity of the people of the world!

FightTbAck
West Germany

The freedom of Darnell Summers is a political victory which we are particularly happy to celebrate. As we have come together to celebrate the freedom of Darnell Summers, we should not forget to celebrate the freedom of Assata Shakur, Bilal Sunni Alli, Fulani Sunni Alli, and other Black freedom fighters who have been liberated in the courts or by revolutionary force. Finally, we also should be mindful of the important victory which was gained with the winning of the Gale Simmons' case. We are forever critical of those who would collaborate with the enemy, yet we commend those who have strength to correct their error and fight the state. Free the Land.

Provisional Government of the
Republic of New Afrika

It is good news to hear that brother Darnell Summers' case was recently dismissed. Although that it happened at all speaks to the continual COINTEL-ish atrocities by the state in its efforts to railroad, exile, murder and subvert the efforts of progressives and activists in the country. We are grateful to the Coalition to Free Darnell Summers (both legal staff and political workers) who believed in his innocence and assumed the responsibility to remain steadfast on his behalf. It is always important that that happens, but more so now as in the present period the work to free political prisoners is not em-

braced as actively as before.

Akil Aljundi
of the Organizing Committee
of the Attica Rebellion
New York

The Vandenberg Action Coalition
sends its most solicitous congratulations!

The Vandenberg Action Coalition

I am quite happy to learn of the dropped charges against Darnell Summers. However the actions of the government in this case clearly demonstrates they had no case at all. We call upon all progressive people to continue the efforts until we are a society that can be enjoyed and shared by all.

Dr. Ernie Allen
W.E.B. DuBois Afro-American
Studies Department
University of Massachusetts

Resistance abounds and the spirit of freedom is alive. The San Francisco Bay Area joins you with joy in our hearts. As a woman veteran I stand united with Darnell's uncompromising example of valor under fire. Darnell has made it a habit to be forcibly returned to America in handcuffs. We can tell which side he's on.

We are thankful that today he has returned to the community unchained and alive. There is now a need to keep the strength of rebellion contained. Let our voice ring out. Strength to the people in the struggle. Strength to the people who are struggling now. Salute

Z. Smith
Women Veterans Against Militarism
California

I am very sorry I could not be with you tonight, but I'm very happy about the results in regard to your case.

From the inception of slavery, slavemasters try to strip every ounce of dignity from his slaves. However, inwardly they retained their pride, thereby making every effort to realize some type of advantage.

Most whites feel that Blacks are docile and have no capability of defending themselves or of even harming the whites who abuse them. They use Blacks and the poor as the object for the release of their

emotional insecurities.

Blacks seldom retaliate, but you did and won. This is a good example of the need for Blacks and the poor to unite to do whatever it takes to attain their rights. If not, Blacks will continue to deteriorate in this country and the world.

Your readiness to sacrifice your life is a lesson that should not be lost or forgotten.

Also because a group of people united around a common agenda, the results were beneficial and any time a total community unites toward a single focus freedom will be the result. Because of this unity, historians will record this has been our finest hour.

Hope you will pick up the pieces and do bring some happiness to someone's life.

Jimmie Randolph
President
Oakland County NAACP
Oakland County, MI

A couple of years ago on the cover of *Newsweek* a section of Vietnam veterans were pictured crying, sniffing, in front of a black wall in Washington, D.C. In opposition to this bullshit, stands Darnell Summers. Darnell was a part of those Vietnam vets who stood in opposition to "their monument" of the genocide of the Southeast Asian people and did an historic about-face. He was singled out for special treatment for not only being a revolutionary Vietnam vet but more because of his refusal to cast aside the dream of proletarian internationalism. The attack on Darnell was an attack on our future, a world without imperialism.

The message of "Don't dare rise up or resist us oppressing you while preparing for war" was put out but a different lesson was delivered by the masses — of a man who did not bow down and capitulate, as they tried to isolate Darnell, branding him an "international terrorist," as thousands internationally came forth to help expose just who the real terrorists are.

Darnell is on the streets and for those millions around the world who stand in opposition to imperialism both East and West, tonight is a celebration and the Seattle chapter of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War—Anti-Imperialist as well as hundreds here in Seattle join in toasting this tremendous victory.

But we want to make a few things real clear to the enemy with regards to Darnell and those like him. Try it again, mother-fucker, and we will be out there. You taught us how to fight and kill for your

aims but we've since learned what to fight for — you'll not take away our future. You'll regret us ever coming back alive!

Vietnam Veterans Against
the War (Anti-Imperialist)
Seattle Chapter

To Darnell Summers and the Coalition:

Congratulations on your victory for freedom for yourself and for all the people!

Your hard work and perseverance and faith are an inspiration to the oppressed everywhere.

Signed:
For Washtenaw CARD
(Committee Against Registration
and the Draft)
and Ann Arbor Draft,
GI and Vets Counseling Center

Comrades:

I have just received the good news! Score one for Darnell and all progressive people. As you're well aware, in these very trying times when the collective energies of our movement often don't get us very far, it is such a tremendous joy to see this system exposed for what it really is all about and to actually spring one of the brothers from their jaws. Since I doubt that I'll be meeting Darnell, please give the brother a giant hug for us out here in Mendocino. We are all sharing in his victory.

I also saw your request for funds to completely pay off all debts that have occurred due to the railroad. Enclosed find \$20.

Once again, congratulations to you all and our love and good wishes to Darnell Summers. In solidarity.

A supporter from Mendocino, CA
who has taken up distribution
of literature and promotion of
the battle to free Darnell Summers

Arrayed along the walls were many of the statements of support that the Coalition received in the course of the battle. Here are just a few of them:

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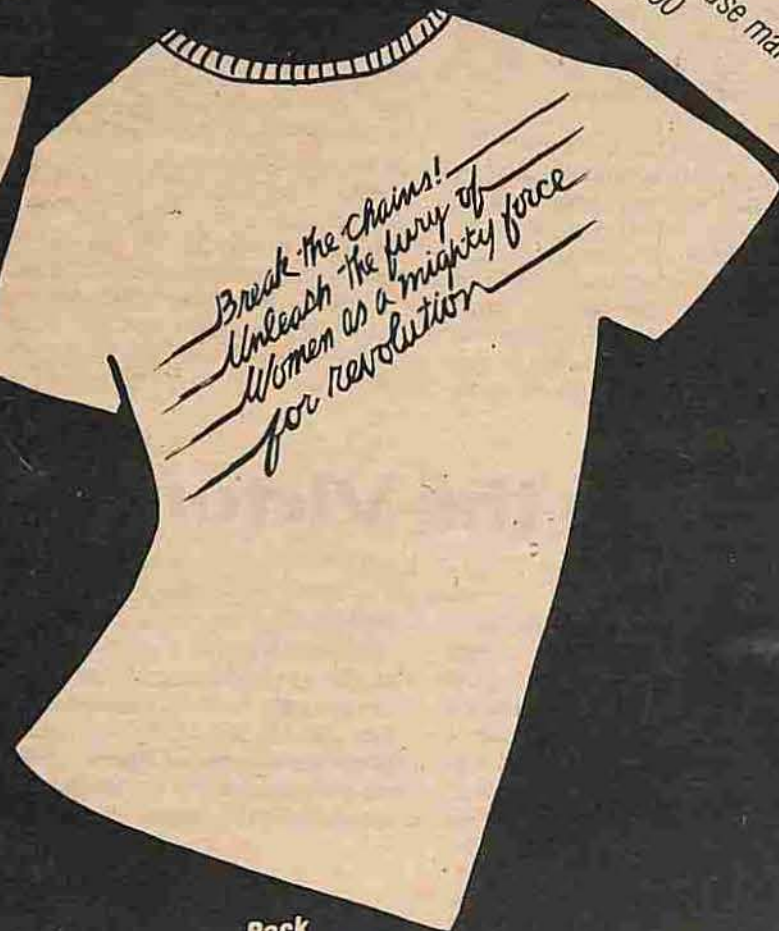
The news has reached the Bay Area of the injustice flowing from your doors.

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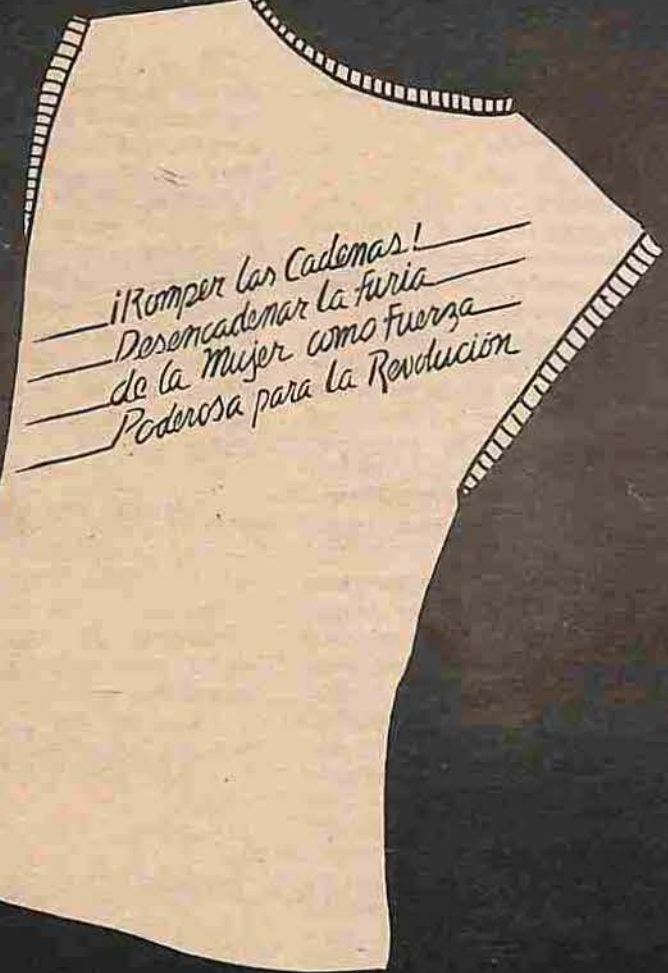
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oppressors, the rulers of the Soviet Union. Evil against evil, preparing to nuke it out to determine who will have the bigger share of the world's people and resources to exploit and dominate. But this situation strains the rulers on both sides to the very limits of their strength, wracking their economies, dispersing their armies, arousing and angering vast sections of their own population, even in the middle classes. Under these conditions of international crisis, fighting sections of their own population, the streets in turmoil as they were in the late '60s, is one of their worst nightmares.

So against all this they are preparing two armies of firefighters. On one side they are whipping up a backward bunch of macho-men, fools and fossils, out of the depths of white-bread-and-mayonnaise land, into a frenzy of fear and hatred of the rebellious sections of the people. To these reactionaries, Alvarez is a hero, a frontline fighter in the war to preserve "civilization as we know it." (Here it must be said that while the large

majority of this group in Miami is white and Latin, by no means are the majority of whites and Latins reactionaries. In fact, many are part of the oppressed masses, and some are potential allies; and many are proletarians, with a fundamental interest in revolutionary change — though many are not conscious of this at this time.) Always in the forefront of these forces are the cops, who now and again slime their way thru Overtown in large numbers. Cops in uniform and out; cops in new clothes, cops in old clothes, cops dressed like winos — a definite reminder to the oppressed that their ultimate and only real right is to obey the dictates of democracy such as are about to be handed down in Judge Gersten's court.

Then again, there are their "liberal" brethren, pounding the pavement — politicians, priests and "community leaders" — telling everybody about their "other rights." "Be Cool; Don't Get Excited; Work Within The System; Vote; Beg; Pray..." do anything but don't

openly challenge your own enslavement. Meanwhile, the authorities squabble amongst themselves about what is the proper combination of "cool out" and "stomp out," of guns and of lies, to be used (and this is absolutely the only argument of substance between Harms and Gary) and use these very arguments as further proof that we need to get involved in their democratic process. And we must say, when it comes to discussing the fine points and different tactics of oppression and deception, they can be very democratic.

For our part, we have no interest at all in these democratic deceptions, no desire to beg and crawl for a few crumbs and reforms, and no intention whatsoever of "patching things up" with our enemy at home so that they will be better able to (send us to) fight their enemies abroad. But we most certainly do have an international perspective. We scan the globe and see a billion people like ourselves, powerless, propertyless, under the weight of a vast structure which we alone built, and

which yields us only hardship. Whether in the hills of Lebanon, the mountains of Peru, the streets of Belfast or Warsaw or Gdansk, whether Black, brown, yellow or white, all those fighting any imperialism are our brothers and sisters.

"Give the system one more chance"? For what — to be betrayed, robbed, murdered yet again? "Join together as Americans"? Why — so we can help slaughter people just like ourselves on 5 continents? Fuck that!! We'd rather take the chance — take the opportunity of our real enemy's weakness, and "join together" with our oppressed brothers and sisters around the globe, to step up our struggle, and prepare for the day we can bury this insanity in an avalanche of righteous armed revolution.

Till then:

Rage On, Youngblood
Out of Today's Storms,
A New World will be born.

Revolutionary Communist Party,
in Miami

Greeting the Victory...

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Darnell Summers standing trial for a poorly disguised frameup has caused waves of indignation throughout the progressive community. Darnell should be branded a hero for his unrelenting stand against U.S. genocidal policies in Viet Nam and the current international picture of impending nuclear war. As a critical thinker, I will be watching the developments of this case closely. Political frameups are tactics of fascists, not guardians of democracy. Stop this injustice and drop all the charges permanently.

Women Healing Ourselves
Oakland, California

Gentlemen (Ladies):

I write this letter to join in the protest of the prosecution of Darnell Summers for the alleged murder of Michigan State Police Officer Robert Gonser in 1968.

As a minister and concerned member of this community, I sincerely regret the series of tragic events which led to the deaths in August, 1968 of Officer Gonser and the Inkster youth Jimmy Matthews. Further, I would fully support the prosecution to the fullest extent of the law of the persons responsible for their deaths. However after a review of the circumstances surrounding the prosecution of Darnell Summers for the alleged murder of Officer Gonser, it is my belief that glaring weaknesses and inconsistencies exist in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office case. The Prosecutor's Office's long delay in prosecuting Mr. Summers, its reliance on a convicted felon as its key witness against Mr. Summers, Mr. Summers' activism in Europe, the U.S. government's role in extraditing Mr. Summers and the Prosecutor's Office failure to pursue charges against anyone for the murder of Jimmy Matthews are all factors which have led me to conclude that the prosecution of Mr. Summers is "politically" motivated. It appears that the Prosecutor's Office has lost sight of justice and has been improperly motivated in its prosecution of Mr. Summers by its philosophical disagreements with Mrs. Summers' political beliefs and activities.

For the reasons outlined above, I join with many others in this state and in this nation, in protesting the selective and delayed prosecution of Darnell Summers and in demanding that all charges stemming from the 1968 incident be immediately and permanently dropped.

Very truly yours,
Charles G. Adams
Pastor
Hartford Memorial Baptist Church
Detroit

Friends,

We would like to support your struggle for Darnell Summers. Unfortunately we are not able to help financially but we would like to run an article in our paper *Direct Action*. Please keep us updated if you have material we could use in an article please send it to us.

For Peace and Justice
Darla Rucker
Livermore Action Group

Do you expect us to believe that Darnell Summers has been a 14-year fugitive after the original murder charges were dropped in 1969? To believe that he must be charged and held without bond on the basis of the "reliable testimony" of a witness who in 1969 admitted he was lying?

To believe that you are not prosecuting Darnell Summers for the political crime of being a revolutionary internationalist? This poison won't be swallowed and your railroad will be stopped. Free Darnell Summers. Immediate bond. Drop the charges.

Telegram signed by:
Mama Chris's Sole Food Kitchen
Winston-Salem, NC
Rose's Cafe
Winston-Salem, NC
C & L Grocery
Winston-Salem, NC
and five residents of
Lakeside Homes
Winston-Salem, NC
24 residents of Ray Warren Homes
Greensboro, NC
and others

The United States government has reached over thousands of miles, and back 14 years to attempt, once again, to prosecute Darnell Summers, a Black Vietnam veteran.

In a general membership meeting on March 5, 1983, the Rouge Valley branch of the International League for Peace

CORRECTION

With regard to the article, "Forum of Views," March, Highlight Atlanta Women's Day Events, that appeared in *RW* No. 245 (March 2, 1984) on page 19, a clarification should be noted. The Atlanta-based Women Against Military Madness (WAMM), as an organization, has no official spokeswomen. The sentiment referred to in the *RW* that the WAMM workshop for International Women's Day on "Women and Peace" should start from the view that the issues of the world are our issues, was the sentiment of a member of WAMM. □

and Freedom went on record in support of due process of law, and the civil liberties of everyone, including Darnell Summers.

Signed,
Secretary of WILPF

Mailgram

To: Coalition to Free Darnell Summers
To the authorities responsible for the frame-up of Darnell Summers, attention. Stop the raggedy railroad, free Darnell Summers.

From 300 participants
of the national meeting of
independent peace groups (BUF)
Frankfurt, W. Germany
January 22, 1984

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Coalition to Free Darnell Summers, I would like to call your attention to the politically motivated prosecution of Black activist Darnell S. Summers. In 1968, the Wayne County prosecutor filed charges against Mr. Summers for the murder of Robert Gonser, a former state police "red squad" agent. These charges were soon dropped when the prosecution failed to produce any reliable evidence against him. Now, over 15 years later, Darnell Summers is on trial again. It is my understanding that no new evidence has been developed.

Sincerely,
Zolton Ferency

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I pray my communiqué finds you in the Spirit of Internationalism. Prior to proceeding, might I interpose my utmost gratitude to you, and the RCP, USA, collectively, for your bestowing the exemplary *RW* upon me and the "cell." It is, of a surety, a true source of profound inspiration and an instructive, political course, especially rejectionists, who ascertain the reactionary nature of myriad "progressiveness" or, "liberation" movements. In this trust it shall indeed assist many Sisters — Comrades — Brothers or, whatever applicable appellation, in the evolution of a Revolution; the dawn of a New Era of time, when the critical masses unleash the Chained Reaction. "Les Damnés de la Terre" hath no other alternatives, — "in a world strewn with prohibitions, can only be called in question —"

Your "imagery," "Spookspeak" for photography, enhances *RW's* aesthetic appeal and Chairman Avakian's "Overrule this, Motherfucker," by virtue of its coined phrases alone, lends an aura of affinity and ensnares perception. Many Brothers here in the Procrustean Bed have begun taping it and "Accumulating Revolutionary Forces for the Coming Showdown" to their walls.

In your Communiqué to me, you spoke of forwarding the party's *Programme, Constitution* and writings of Chairman Avakian. I beseech, implore and entreat your compliance, Comrade, in said regard; with the inclusion of et sequentia, *Revolution* magazine, especially No. 51, Mao's "little red book," materials relevant to Franz Fanon, Patrice Lumumba, Kwame Nkrumah and any and/or all materials relevant to Giap, Van Hieu, Guevara, Mao, Marx and V.I. Lenin on "special," "peoples," "mobile" and guerrilla war. . . .

Though we're not ideologically homogenous, symbiotic assistance can be a reality. I'm a Moslem not a Marxist, though I recognize many truths in his doctrine and I assimilate any portions of his doctrine or, any other, for that manner which do not contradict themselves. Though I don't ascertain your thoughts on Nationalism especially of the descendants of Africa in the Diaspora, I cannot go on an assumption, but it is natural and just as normal, for us to desire, fight for and win Self Determination as the Palestinians, Azanians, Namibians, Irish or American Indians. I do know that I don't have to expound upon why. I am the end result of an sanguinary confluence of Moorish and Cherokee lineages and believe that both need to have Self Determinant requires upon territories in North America and are cognizant that we the last are to be first, it will only come to pass after a murderous and decisive struggle between the two protagonists. I believe in a symbiotic fighting

alliance with the proletarians of other nationalities, versus the ruling class for a (socialist) upheaval based upon such peoples right toward self determination and am a proponent of collectivism whilst endeavoring toward redress of just grievances, which is an "American prerequisite" the right of the people to alter or, abolish a government that disseminates doublethink, sanctimoniously asserting All men are created equal; yet some men are more equal than others. . . .

. . . I really enjoyed the articles pertaining to space and time! Whew! Please acknowledge whether you were indeed the recipient of my scribe — a paranoid is one who knows all the facts and I have the feeling that XX has his eyes on me. Though the ocean is surrounded the fish doesn't care. I can scarcely await to see the Angola and Che articles in *Revolution* magazine and if possible receive the other materials sought by the "cell"
 Uhuru Sasa — Viva la lucha armadas.
 Venceremos. When the Prison Doors are Opened!

Jefferson City, Missouri

Mentality Behind the Prison System:

To begin it doesn't take a very intelligent person to realize that prison was made with the influence of punished minds so therefore people who were sent to prison were going for punishment. The punishment was not specified. Many inmates in prison have been murdered by prison officials throughout the USA.

A society of people which are called (cons, jailbirds, inmates) are in a much more different world than that of people in free society. Many times we are remembered and given the idea of that of a zoo animal, the monkeys. Well picture if you will a monkey in a zoo. He is fed and taken care of by a zoo keeper. Now picture a human being in a cage which officials call a cell. One steel bed, a steel toilet and a tin locker all in one tiny cage (cell). We are let out of the cages for breakfast, lunch and supper. I will say 30 minutes each period which is 90 minutes, 90 minutes out of 24 hours equals 22 and 1/2 hours left in a cage. (Remember the word punishment.) Recreation periods are about 2-hours long about twice a day. That leaves about 18 1/2 hours left out of 24 hours a day.

Excuse me, how would you feel if you had to spend 18 1/2 hours a day for the next 5 to 9 years in a cage. Oops, I mean cell! And then ask yourself if you would put up with officials which think that you are to be punished physically and mentally. Please forgive me if I bite back.

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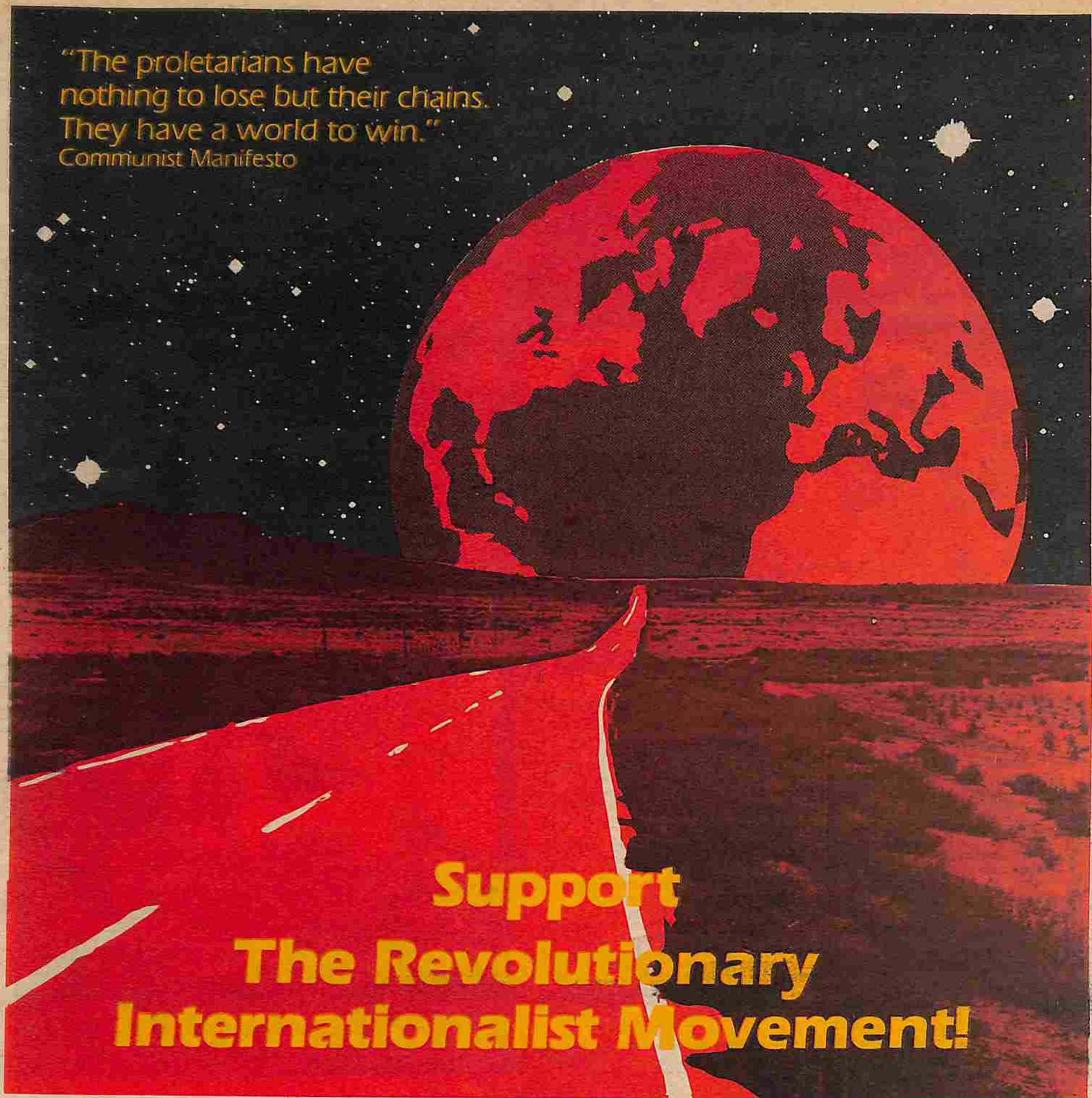
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They have a world to win."
Communist Manifesto



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We call for:

- Dramatic expansion in broad circulation of this issue of the RW which carries the Communiqué of the Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations announcing the formation of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement and important decisions and resolutions taken at the conference including international slogans for May 1st, 1984. Readers are especially encouraged to put the paper in the hands of proletarians and others from countries around the world and to send this news to their friends, relatives and contacts internationally.
- Correspondence, statements and messages to greet the formation of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement. (These can be sent via the RW, Box 3486, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill. 60654.)
- Banners and other forms of internationalist exchanges to be circulated and readied for May 1st.

• Full support for the launching of a worldwide fund drive called for by the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement by pledging and gathering funds.

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