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Nonsense. It could never happen. The "unthinkable." Fail-safe back-up systems. We're the experts. We know what we're talking about. We know what we're doing.

Wednesday, March 28, 1979: "Pennsylvania Nuclear Plant Leaking Radiation." Friday, March 30: "Radioactive Bubble Threatens Nuclear Disaster." Saturday: "Ultimate Risk. Struggle to Avert Core Meltdown."

They didn't really know what to do. Try this, try that. Each option offers new dangers. Nobody has plans to deal with such a nuclear crisis. No evacuation plans. What the hell is going on?

What's going on is the criminal anarchy of the capitalist system. It smacks you right in the face. They've unleashed tremendous forces of nature and harnessed them to their blind god of profit. Safety precautions in case of

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## SHOWDOWN IN HOUSTON MOODY PARK 3 TRIAL BEGINS

(WPS)—April 10—opening day of the trial of the Moody Park 3 in Houston, Texas.

April 10—A black-robed pompous judge will bang down the gavel and prepare to deliver the flip-side of the same capitalist justice that fined six cops \$1 for the murder of Joe Campos Torres. This time they'll be aiming to stick three revolutionaries with 20 years each for leading the struggle against this outrage and for standing with the Chicano people of Houston's Northside who rose up and rebelled against a lifetime on the receiving end of capitalist justice.

April 10—It will be animal farm behind the courthouse doors, as 70 pigs prepare to parade through kangaroo court—70 pigs in blue, "star" witnesses for the State, have been lined up and coached for their role in this legal charade.

Coming less than a month before the anniversary of the historic Houston Rebellion, this trial is a trial of the rebellion itself—of all those who participated in it, and all those who have stepped forward to defend it. With this trial Houston's authorities will stage their big push to try to put the Moody Park 3 away for good. They'll be aiming to finish the job they began nearly a year ago and have brought to outrageous heights these last few months as they've seized on every law in sight and busted the Three time and again. Travis Morales, in particular, has been slammed away seven times on charges from felony spray-painting to leafleting without a waste-disposal permit.

Across the country the movement to Free the Moody Park 3 is growing and gaining momentum. It has become a dividing-line question for more and more people in the struggle against na-

tional oppression. Either you stand with the Three in defense of the rebellion, or you stand with the forces of reaction who rule with an iron fist and make life a hell-on-earth for the Chicano people, all minority nationalities and the masses of people in this country. Plans are well underway for an important rally on Sunday, April 8 in Moody Park,

the site of last year's rebellion. It is sponsored by a recently formed national Committee to Free the Moody Park 3 and has been endorsed by a growing number of progressive and revolutionary-minded individuals and organizations, including professionals, union locals, Chicano organizations, student

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NATIONAL WEEKLY STARTS MAY DAY

# TAKE HOLD OF THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY WORKER

*So many deeds cry out to be done, And always urgently; The world  
rolls on, Time presses. Ten thousand years are too long! Seize the  
day, seize the hour!*

Mao Tsetung

Great changes are called for in the publication of the *Revolutionary Worker*. The Revolutionary Communist Party, USA is proud to announce that on May Day this year we will begin publishing the *Revolutionary Worker* as a national weekly newspaper with local supplements. Up till now the voice of the RCP has been published in 19 local editions unified by a central Workers Press Service (WPS) under the leadership of the Party. These papers have been coming out more frequently, with nine cities publishing every two weeks, and distribution has increased, spreading the influence of the Party and bringing forward revolutionary fighters in common cause for proletarian revolution. But it is time to take a real leap forward.

We need a weekly newspaper that can follow closely on the twists and turns of events, exposing the meat-grinder operations of the capitalist system and the hands of the rulers and their sickening dog-eat-dog way of life behind every outrage. We need to be on their case in the way only a more frequent newspaper can be. We need to be toe to toe fighting these capitalists for public opinion, blasting their lying stories and summations, laying bare their system's ugly features and the need to rise in revolution to overthrow it.

We need a national newspaper that can go anywhere, a weapon in the hands of class conscious workers across this country and all those who hate the way things are. This newspaper will be able to bring together and concentrate stories from all over the country, bringing to the people a common picture of the development of the revolutionary forces.

Speaking about the need for a national newspaper, the great revolutionary V.I. Lenin compared this paper to "an enormous pair of smith's bellows." We need our own "bellows" that can blow today's sparks of revolutionary struggle, today's awakening revolutionary understanding into a raging prairie fire that will burn this system up.

This is no ordinary newspaper we're talking about. It's a social force for revolution. And this newspaper is a force that can organize for revolution. Lenin talked about how an army of class conscious fighters would systematically gather around such a newspaper and become trained revolutionaries. On the "ladders and scaffolding" of this common effort—the newspaper of the Revolutionary Communist Party—through distributing the paper, writing for it, agitating with it, discussing all the hot political questions of the day, the influence and organization of the Party will develop. Without this, there can be no revolution.

Storm clouds are gathering. War clouds. Revolution rears its head. In Iran. In Moody Park—seeds of the future. In this rapidly changing and fast ripening situation, how can we do without such a newspaper? We need a newspaper that can pierce through all the crap, hound the enemy and expose their every move, and present one common view of all the forces at work and the tasks at hand. We need a newspaper that can help build the Party that will be able to lead the masses of people to seize the time and make revolution. What we need is the national weekly *Revolutionary Worker*.

To get ready for such a newspaper and to build it once it comes out on May Day, we need an army of reporters, a network of people who are the eyes and ears for the *Revolutionary Worker*. We need people who will take this paper where it needs to be—everywhere that the masses are struggling. In every working class district, in every barrio and ghetto, in every factory and housing project the voice of the Revolutionary Communist Party must be heard. In this spirit we call on all the readers of the *Revolutionary Worker* to step forward now, take up this paper and swing it like an ax for revolution!

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## EDITORIAL

# REVOLUTION CANNOT BE JAILED

For the past 3 months, 24 members and supporters of the Revolutionary Communist Party have been arrested in the Bay Area. Others are under constant surveillance, stopped by the cops for no good reason. Some pulled from their cars at gunpoint. A closer look shows three arrested while exposing the Oakland Police Department's murder of 15-year-old Melvin Black; 10 for spreading the word about the Houston Rebellion and defending the Moody Park 3; others for selling the *REVOLUTIONARY WORKER*. Most charges include inciting to riot and disturbing the peace.

The ruling class is uptight and for good reason. Economic depression, war, revolution on the horizon—the laws of their system are pushing them closer to the wall each day. They claim to be enforcing the law -- the laws of the capitalist class. Laws to maintain their system of exploitation, to protect it. Laws to give them freedom to squeeze more sweat and blood from the workers. Laws to intimidate and shoot people in the ghettos and barrios. Beefing up their

police forces to keep people in line with their guns. All to enforce the myth that this is what freedom is, this is the best of all possible worlds and that it's worth fighting the Soviet Union in a new world war to protect it. The *REVOLUTIONARY WORKER* asks--Is this what freedom means? A society where the only freedom we have is to let the capitalists oppress us and exploit us? Do we have to be content to live like this? Hell, NO!

The Revolutionary Communist Party is out there showing people there's only one way out of this mess -- revolution. Overthrowing their rotten capitalist system and getting rid of the bloodsuckers and their vicious pigs once and for all. No wonder the capitalists are worried. They thought they left revolution back in the '60s, but no matter how much their pigs shot at it, their press lied about it, and their sell-outs stabbed it in the back, they can't bury it. Now that they see their "peaceful" political climate

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start to change, they're getting scared.

With their twisted logic they say we cause the trouble, we deserve what we get. But who's responsible for their wars? Who's cops terrorize the minority communities? Who profits from the factories? Of course, we disturb that peace -- the peace which allows them to rule, which allows their profit-hungry system to survive.

For standing up to the capitalist system, for leading the fight against it, for advocating the only solution to the untold misery and suffering that's

created by this system, we're proud to plead guilty. No matter how hard they use the power of their rule -- their courts, their cops, their politicians -- we won't be intimidated. Everytime they attack, they only expose themselves even more, how scared they are of revolution.

The *REVOLUTIONARY WORKER* will continue to get out more and more broadly to the masses of people. And the Revolutionary Communist Party will continue to be out there organizing to prepare people for the day when they rise up and get rid of the capitalists. No amount of harassment or intimidation will stop us. ■

Oakland, California  
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Weekend of May 5-6

# MAY DAY INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY

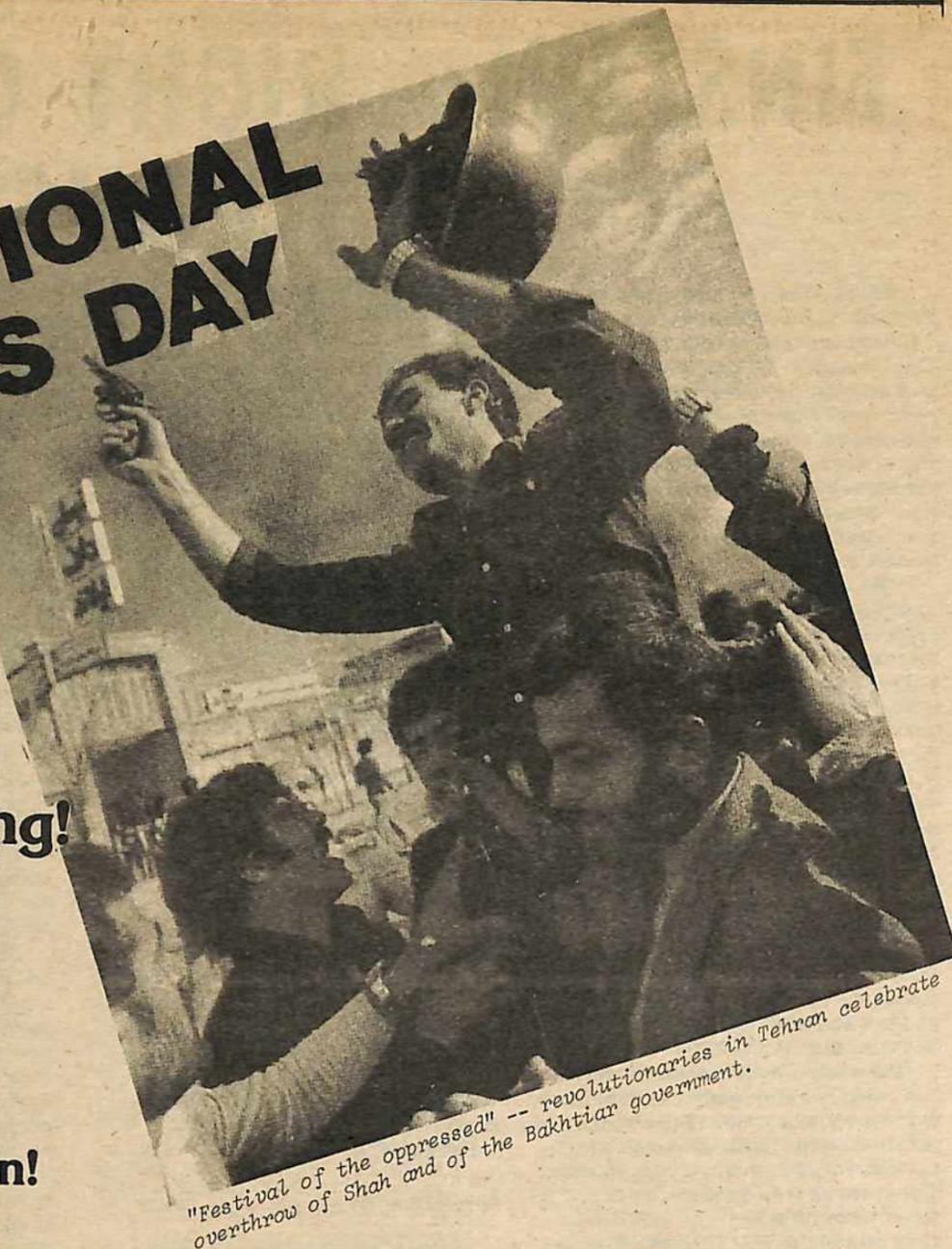
**In Iran, Around the World,  
And Here at Home Flames  
of Revolution Are Spreading!**

**Down with U.S. and Soviet  
War Moves!  
Free Revolutionary Fighters and  
Leaders from Houston  
to Washington D.C.!  
Workers Unite to Lead the Fight  
Against All Oppression!  
Hasten Capitalism Into Its Grave!**

May Day is the revolutionary day for workers and oppressed people all over the globe. On this day, even the hammerlock of our rulers' "press coverage" is often broken by news of big demonstrations, of revolutionary actions by our fellow workers from Iran to Europe to Africa to Latin America. And so we get a glimpse of the truth that the working class is one class worldwide, sharing one common destiny—to wipe out this hellish worldwide system of poverty, war and crisis and to build a whole new world.

And since May Day is a day when we hold high our dreams of revolution, then May Day is right on time in 1979. For the year since last May Day has been a year when revolution was powerfully blasted back onto the map by the heroic people of Iran, and in this country by the righteous rebellion of the Chicano people of Houston. And the potential for revolution looms ever larger with the deepening crisis of this capitalist system and its rumblings of war.

May Day is not just a day for us to dream of revolution. It is a day to gather forces and to make plans—big plans for the future—plans for bold new steps in making that dream a reality. And this year the Revolutionary Communist Party, the National United Workers Organization, the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade and the Vietnam Veterans Against the War are calling for such a May Day.



All those who hate this system, who want to spit in the face of our capitalist exploiters and want to move on toward the future, are being called to come out on the weekend of May 5 and 6 to Washington, D.C. and to Oakland, California for national demonstrations. D.C. is the capitalist citadel of bloodsoaked power, the spot from which their government directs its crimes against the people of the whole world and against us here at home. And D.C., too, is where their courts are hatching their frame-up plots against the 78 Mao Tsetung defendants who were arrested demonstrating against Teng Hsiao-ping's U.S. visit. These demonstrations will be saying that we will fight this railroad, and that they can try to jail some revolutionaries, but they will never jail the revolution.

May Day 1979 will be a day when seeds are planted and a declaration of war—class war—is made. May Day 1979 will see the birth of the first issue of the weekly national Party newspaper, the *Revolutionary Worker*. And on May Day 1979, right in Washington D.C., Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, will make an important statement—announcing major plans for our Party and all revolutionary people to step even more boldly forward in battle in the near future—this year in particular. ■

## KURDISH PEOPLE BATTLE IRANIAN ARMY

(WPS)—Since the popular insurrection in February that swept away the hated regime of the Shah, the words "the revolution is not over" have been on the lips of the Kurdish people of Iran. The people of Kurdistan, an oppressed nation of two million people in western Iran, are fighting for regional autonomy—for control over their own political and military affairs, for the right to develop their own culture and use their own language, and other democratic rights. This just struggle is pushing forward the continuing anti-imperialist democratic revolution of the Iranian people.

The Kurds played an important role in the revolutionary struggle that toppled the Shah's fascist regime. They rose up in arms throughout Kurdistan, meting out revolutionary justice to the Shah's local henchmen and liberating large arms caches to defend their victories. As the local "Islamic revolutionary committees" controlled by Ayatollah Khomeini's forces and the remaining army garrisons in Kurdistan moved to impose control in the region, sporadic fighting continued. The Kurds' native language continued to be banned from the local radio and television, which instead broadcast orders to hand in their guns.

In late February, a progressive Kurdish leader who had been speaking out in favor of autonomy was murdered. A note attached to his bullet-riddled body accused him of be-

ing a "reactionary separatist." Almost daily, soldiers in the army garrison in Sanandaj, Kurdistan's largest city, who rabidly opposed Kurdish autonomy, attempted to terrorize the masses with frequent armed forays into the city's streets.

In early March, the Islamic committee in Sanandaj started transferring arms out of Kurdistan to keep them out of the people's hands, and the army garrison began hoarding bread and other essentials, creating a food shortage. After street protests against these measures were fired upon by the army, the people's anger boiled over. A

general call to arms was issued!

Thousands of armed Kurdish civilians who had fought valiantly against the Shah surrounded the army barracks and demanded that the troops lay down their arms. Sanandaj's radio and TV station was seized. The police headquarters was occupied. With encouragement from the general staff in Tehran, the army threw tanks and U.S. Cobra helicopter gunships into the battle, killing 300-500 people. At the height of the fighting in Sanandaj, the Kurds put out a call to the surrounding areas for arms and food. The response of the people was so overwhelming that

after just four hours, they had to go back on the radio to tell the people to stop coming!

At this point, the central government stepped in to "mediate" and keep the struggle from spreading any further. Demonstrations were breaking out in the neighboring Turkish-speaking region of Azerbaijan in support of the Kurdish struggle. The Kurds' struggle was receiving widespread support throughout Iran, including from the influential Marxist-Leninist and democratic forces. Clearly on the defensive, in late March the central government promised it would recognize the demand for local autonomy and appointed an Interim Committee composed mainly of progressive Moslem and democratic Kurds to serve as the new ruling body of Kurdistan.

### NATIONAL OPPRESSION OF THE KURDISH PEOPLE

Under the Shah's rule, the Kurdish people labored under a double yoke of oppression. In addition to being robbed by foreign imperialists, big landlords and the Shah's generals and officials, they suffered national oppression in every aspect of their lives. Traditional Kurdish culture was trampled underfoot. The teaching or speaking of Kurdish in the schools was banned. The Shah appointed reactionaries of other



Rebel Kurds: living proof that the revolution in Iran isn't over.

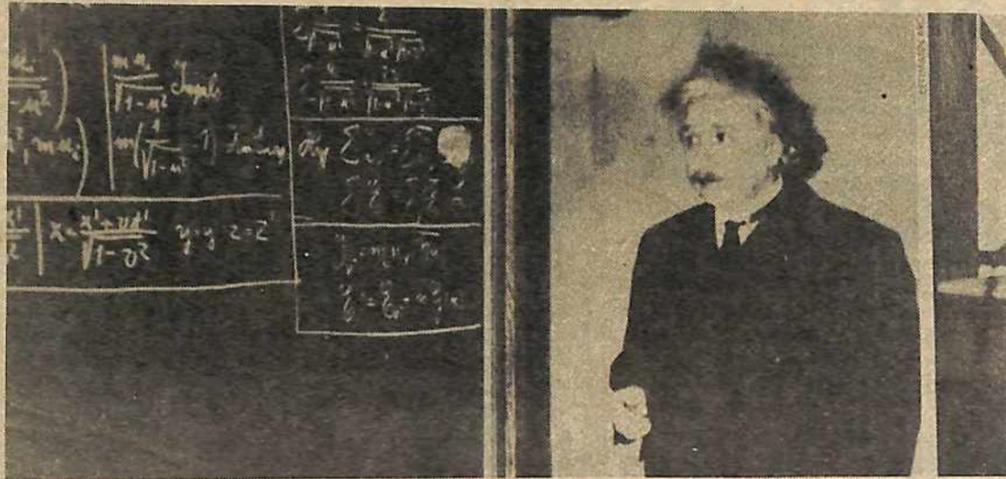
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# EINSTEIN - RIGHT ON RELATIVITY, WRONG ON GOD

(WPS)—The 100th anniversary of the birth of Albert Einstein, this March 14, has been the occasion for a wave of Einsteinmania—TV programs, magazine articles, photo displays, seminars and even T-shirts singing the praises of this great scientist. However, most of this praise has not been for the advances in human knowledge that Einstein helped make, but for all sorts of reactionary ideas about Einstein himself and his theories.

"He was a modern day Merlin, conjuring up astonishing new notions of space..." begins an article in *Time* magazine. The man was a genius, a shaggy-haired, absent-minded professor who, by the sheer force of his brain, unlocked the mysteries of the universe—and science is the property of such geniuses, or so we are told. The name of his theories, "relativity," is twisted to mean that "everything is relative," and as a result human beings can supposedly never obtain real knowledge of the objective world. And finally, we are reminded, even Einstein—a scientific genius—felt that the universe was far too complex and mysterious for there to be no God. So who are we mere mortals to doubt God's existence?

But when Einstein's theories were first advanced they were considered a threat to religion, mysticism, and the pseudo-scientific ideas promoted by many scientific authorities at that time. Higher-ups in the Catholic Church called them "atheistic." Even in 1922, when Einstein received the Nobel prize for physics, it wasn't for his theories of relativity which he had begun publishing 17 years earlier, but for his earlier theories about the effects of light.



*Einstein teaching his theories on physics. He was a great physicist who understood the science of the universe, but missed the boat on the science of society.*

It's said that Einstein worked alone—the true mark of a genius. But what was this "working alone" in opposition to? Einstein rebelled against the military-like, mind-crushing teaching in his high school. The teachers there called him an "idiot." In other words he didn't get his head filled up with a lot of nonsense that would have bogged him down in the rut of the physics of the day. He did not "work with other scientists" in the ivory towers of a university at that time. Instead he took a job in a patent office, where he studied new ideas in physics that were kept out of the universities.

#### Einstein's Theories

Most of Einstein's theories were developed in the early 1900s, at a time when physics was in a state of chaos. New discoveries had called into question the laws of classical physics set

forth by Isaac Newton more than 200 years earlier. Newton had said that matter could not be created or destroyed. He compared the universe to a giant machine, moving in a constant and unchanging way—a machine that in the beginning had been turned on by God.

Then radioactive material which transforms into energy at a rapid rate was discovered. Observing radium, it seemed to people that matter "disappeared." It was found that the sun had been burning for billions of years and, applying the old laws of combustion, people couldn't figure out why it hadn't burned out long ago. In addition, it was discovered that Newton's laws of motion, based on the "common sense" of everyday life, didn't apply to the speed of light.

These discoveries, and others, stirred up a great debate about physics and man's knowledge of the universe in general. Everything seemed to be up

for grabs. There was a big upsurge of religion. It seemed that the universe really was mysterious and unknowable after all. The philosophy of idealism—which says that ideas are the only real thing, that the real world is a reflection of our ideas instead of the other way around—was promoted like crazy.

Einstein's theories went straight up against all this nonsense. They showed that not only could human beings understand the objective world, but that the new supposedly "mysterious" discoveries had laid the basis for a deeper, more accurate understanding of reality.

Einstein broke with Newton's idea that matter (or mass) and energy are two completely separate things. He showed that instead they interpenetrate, and that one can be transformed into the other. This ex-

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## WORLD IN STRUGGLE

from the Workers Press Service



### Are These Men Vacationing in the Rockies, Mining for Gold in Alaska?



These men pictured with snowshoes are not vacationers or Alaskan gold miners, but some of the 450 U.S. marines on military maneuvers at the far northern tip of Norway. This is the third year U.S. marines have been sent to freeze their butts 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle—risking frostbite, hypothermia (a dangerous loss of body heat) and other sub-zero hazards—to demonstrate "the U.S.'s commitment to the defense of Norway." (Translate: To tell the U.S.'s main imperialist rival, the neighboring USSR, that Norway is still U.S. private property—Hands Off!) For their part, the Soviets have launched frequent military maneuvers out of nearby Murmansk, the main base for their nuclear submarine fleet. Even north of the Arctic Circle, the U.S. and USSR are preparing for a decisive military showdown.

### Somoza Dictatorship Hit by New Attacks

New outbreaks of fighting against the dictatorship of General Anastasio Somoza have swept through Nicaragua. 140 uniformed Sandinista guerrillas battled Somoza's U.S.-trained National Guard in seven neighborhoods of Granada, the third largest city, and then retreated into the hills. This offensive marked the 45th anniversary of the assassination of Augusto Cesar Sandino, an anti-imperialist fighter who waged guerrilla warfare against a U.S. marine occupation force in the early 1930s. In recent weeks, National Guard outposts and patrols in Managua and elsewhere have been hit repeatedly by the people's forces.

The Nicaraguan people are eagerly welcoming every new assault on the hated National Guard, which has unleashed a campaign of white terror against the masses since last September's popular insurrection. In front of a church in León, soldiers recently killed five unarmed youths who were demonstrating their support for fired hospital workers. And in the peasant village of El Tular, the National Guard killed 23 people during a "counter-insurgency operation," including an entire family of 11.

Though the U.S. government has supposedly suspended all military aid to the Somoza regime because of its "human rights" violations, the National Guard is being supplied by U.S. allies such as Israel, Argentina and Spain. Somoza recently attended a summit meeting of the U.S.-backed military rulers of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, at which these four dictators discussed setting up a "regional security apparatus" to check the spread of revolution in Central America.

### 200,000 Brazilian Metal and Auto Workers Strike

On March 14, 200,000 metal and auto workers launched a powerful strike that shut down the big assembly plants in the industrial center of Sao Paulo owned by Ford, Chrysler, VW, Rolls Royce and Mercedes-Benz, as well as numerous Brazilian-owned plants. The principal demands of the workers are a 77% wage increase to catch up with the skyrocketing cost of living, and an end to the companies' attacks on shop stewards. This is the first strike in Brazil led openly by the unions since the right-wing military coup in 1964.

Within days of the steelworkers' walkouts, the military dictatorship declared them illegal, and the Minister of Labor decided to start an inquiry to find out just who the "political agitators" are who are calling for the strike to continue. This is clearly a signal of new battles to come in Brazil. ■

# EGYPT JOINS ISRAEL UNDER U.S. WAR TENT

(WPS)—The spring sun shone brightly. The gaily colored tent in the White House backyard rustled gently as the 1300 honored guests inside listened to strolling violinists and capped off their meal with hazelnut gianduja mousse. Everything was smiles and flowers and a few hours later Jimmy Carter locked arms with Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin. Dozens of TV cameras whirred. Hundreds of shutters snapped and flash bulbs popped. Millions around the world saw the event. A "peace treaty" had finally been signed.

Outside the White House thousands of Palestinians and other Arab people demonstrating against the treaty, drowned out parts of the ceremony with angry chants.

Five thousand miles away a bomb exploded in a town near Tel Aviv. On the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip a general strike by the Palestinians brought everything to a halt. In the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon effigies of Carter, Begin and Sadat went up in flames. In Egypt the army was put on alert. In the Iranian capital of Tehran, Palestinians and supporters seized the Egyptian Embassy. In the Persian Gulf State of Kuwait hundreds of people stormed the Egyptian Embassy, smashing doors and windows. Similar protests and upheavals exploded throughout the Arab countries.

The love feast in Washington D.C. grabbed headlines, but the events with heavier significance for the future were the reactions of the masses in the Middle East.

There were other reactions also in which the U.S. ruling class was keeping a nervous eye. The day the treaty was signed the ministers of the OPEC countries were meeting in Geneva to set a new price for their oil exports. And in Baghdad, Iraq the finance and foreign ministers of the Arab countries were meeting to try to agree on counter actions and sanctions against Egypt's betrayal of the Palestinian struggle and Sadat's unilateral capitulation to the Zionists.

This so-called peace treaty is in fact neither a treaty for peace nor is it a treaty between Egypt and Israel. It is a U.S. imperialist treaty enlisting two client states into the U.S. war bloc. It has about as much to do with peace as the bombers that the U.S. will bestow on Egypt and Israel as part of the prize for signing the pact.

Overall what emerges as the two main significant factors are 1) The U.S. has abandoned the "no war-no peace" policy that has guided its maneuvers in the Mideast for so long, moving instead to try to pull Israel and the Arab nations together as a solid part of the U.S. war bloc against the Soviets. 2) The U.S. and its flunkies have not been able to smash the Palestinian struggle. And this can be seen both in the reluctance of Jordan and Saudi Arabia to openly go along with Egypt's capitulation and in the continuing and stepped up actions by the Palestinians themselves.

The terms of the treaty itself are quite simple. In exchange for the return of the Sinai Peninsula which Israel seized from Egypt in the 1967 war, Egypt gives formal diplomatic recognition to Israel and promises to end all hostilities against the Zionist State. As a reward, the U.S. will pour billions of dollars of economic and military aid into the two countries to further prop them up. In addition there are letters and memoranda of agreement that go along with the treaty which say that Egypt and Israel will begin to negotiate some form of autonomy for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

This is a well recognized farce. Begin has made clear that Israel not only claims the area stolen from the Palestinians up to 1948 as the historic Zionist homeland, but also the West Bank and Gaza, which were ripped off

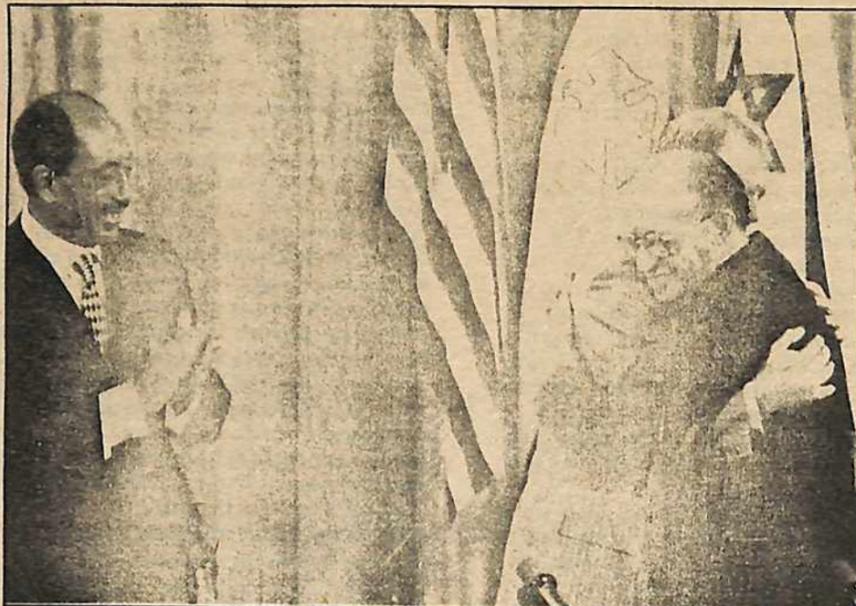
from Jordan and Egypt along with their overwhelmingly Palestinian populations in 1967. Begin insists on referring to the West Bank as the Zionist provinces of Samaria and Judea and says that Israel will never give them up.

In short, Israel has said that it will give up nothing to the Palestinians, not East Jerusalem, not the West Bank and Gaza, not self-determination, and certainly not a Palestinian state.

## ISRAEL—U.S. "DOG OF WAR"

The "no war-no peace" policy pursued by the U.S. in the region in the past meant basically that they used Israel to keep things stirred up with constant threat of military aggression and then the U.S. would step forward as the only power who could negotiate with both sides and whose domination in the region must be maintained in order to keep things from blowing apart again.

Since the 1973 "Yom Kippur War" and the Arab oil embargo and fourfold price increase, this policy has contributed to the U.S. being able to greatly strengthen its domination of the area at the expense of the Soviets. But while



Falling head over heels over each other, Sadat and Begin are the newest enlistees in the U.S. imperialist war bloc.

the Soviets suffered setbacks, particularly in Egypt, they did not stop maneuvering and pushing for position. They concentrated their efforts on the periphery of the Middle East, consolidating and propping up client states in Ethiopia, South Yemen and Afghanistan. At the same time they worked to tighten their grip on Libya and Iraq and to bring Syria more firmly into their orbit. The U.S. rulers viewed these Soviet moves as "ominous developments." Then came the massive uprising of the people of Iran, a revolution directed at the U.S. as well as its puppet Shah. They watched in shock as the reactionary government of the world's second largest oil exporter, one of the main "pillars" of their strategy for Middle East domination, crumbled before their eyes.

Meanwhile the pressures for the governments of the Arab countries were becoming greater. In the past 30

years they have fought four wars against the Zionists, all of which ended in either outright defeat or the failure to dislodge the Israelis from their occupied Arab lands. These reactionary Arab governments proved incapable of stopping Zionist aggression because they feared to unleash the forces that could wage this struggle successfully, the Palestinian revolution and the masses of people of the Middle East. In fact, they probably put more effort into crushing the struggle of the Palestinians and the Arab masses than they did opposing Israel.

As superpower contention for hegemony in the Middle East has become more and more of a central factor, these regimes have seen that in the long run they have no option but to join up behind either the U.S. or the USSR, for despite their much vaunted "oil muscle" these less powerful bourgeois governments will be forced to align with one or the other superpower war bloc—in order to protect what they perceive as their own national interests, i.e., the interests of their own ruling class.

Jumping in with the U.S. meant coming to terms with Israel. For the U.S. has no intention of letting Israel go down. It's too valuable for them. In fact, it is unlikely that Israel would even exist today if it hadn't been completely propped up and defended by the U.S. In the last five years alone the United States has pumped over \$15 billion in military and economic aid into this settler state.

Israel's role as a "dog of war" which the U.S. could threaten to unleash at any time on the Arabs was a strong wedge. It gave them something to bargain with, short of the threat of direct military takeover of the region's vast oil resources. With Israel there, the Arab states still have something to gain from the U.S., whether it be territorial concessions or limitations on Israeli advances in a new war, or adjustments in the status of Jerusalem.

## SADAT CAPITULATES

As the U.S. moved to whip these countries into more of a solid bloc, however, Sadat was the first to express his eagerness for open and complete capitulation to Zionism and U.S. imperialism. What he hopes to get in return is big bucks from the U.S. to salvage his rule in Egypt and to prop up the chaotic and weak Egyptian economy.

Sadat's capitulation was a big break for the U.S. plans. Egypt is the most populous and militarily strongest of all the Arab states. Without Egypt their possible actions against Israel are extremely limited. The U.S. hopes that they will see they have no choice but to hop on board. But to this point they haven't. Not even Saudi Arabia or Jor-

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## Egyptian Sailors Refuse to Load U.S. Arms

The freighter *Kuwait Horizon* sailed from the port of Wilmington, North Carolina on March 16—without a cargo of 20-and 40-millimeter artillery shells it had been hired to deliver. The crew of Egyptian sailors refused to load the arms, destined for the U.S.-backed military dictatorship in Thailand. After holding the ship's captain on board to press their demands, they were flown back to Cairo at the shipowners' expense.

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WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT IT?

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

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

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

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

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## BOOK REVIEW: BARRICADES IN BERLIN

STIRRING NOVEL OF  
ARMED CLASS WAR

*Barricades in Berlin*, Klaus Neukrantz, originally published in 1933. Republished by Banner Press, 1978. Box 6469, Chicago, IL 60680.

Berlin, May 1st, 1929: In the crumbling slums of the working class districts men and women poured into the streets and narrow alleys. Neukrantz describes the scene: "They were brought up sharp by the sight of a regular forest of shining red flags. There was scarcely a single window from which a red flag, however small, was not waving. From several windows large red streamers were hanging. 'Down with the ban on the demonstration' and 'Win the streets on the 1st of May.'"

It was less than eleven years since the people of Germany had toppled the Hohenzollern monarchy of Kaiser Wilhelm II. Red flags had flown from the masts of the German fleet after the sailors had revolted. Hundreds of thousands of workers had marched in the streets of Berlin and surrounded the government buildings. Workers and Soldiers Councils were established throughout the country. Now a "socialist," Müller, was German Chancellor. Another, Severing, was Minister of Interior. And the Socialist Zörgiebel was chief of police of Berlin.

These were "socialists" of Germany's Social Democratic Party, once the revolutionary party of the Ger-

man working class. But now it was the party of betrayal and treachery. In the name of "defending the fatherland" it had sent the German working class on to the battlefields of Europe in World War I, where worker was pitted against worker, wage slave against wage slave, to kill and die for the gain of their own imperialist rulers. It had made opposition to the Bolshevik revolution one of its cardinal principles. It had joined with the German aristocracy and capitalists to crush the workers' uprisings that exploded throughout the country in the 1920s. And now, in 1929, still claiming to be the party of the German working class, and still holding the confused allegiance of many workers, it had banned May Day demonstrations for the first time in 40 years! What not even Kaiser Wilhelm had ventured to do had been done by a stroke of Zörgiebel's pen.

*Barricades in Berlin* is a stirring novel of armed class warfare. And while it is a fictionalized account of the upheaval that shook Berlin with a few short days of massive street fighting between workers and police, the book is itself a document of that struggle. It is a story of the struggle against the power of a capitalist state bent on forcing the working class to bear the brunt of Germany's massive economic crisis and determined to suppress any revolutionary political movement among the workers.



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## BLOODY MAY DAY 1929

The Berlin workers faced a critical choice: let May Day be outlawed, let the cops control the streets, back down and let them take the first step of what would be a forced march right over the workers' necks—or meet them head on, toe to toe—the revolutionary violence of the working class against the reactionary violence of the state. A few comparisons with the Houston Rebellion wouldn't be out of order. *Barricades* shows why the kind of revolutionary upheaval that took place in Berlin was the answer workers will give to the attacks of the ruling class. The opening quote to Part II, titled "Bloody May

Day 1929," is taken from Lenin, and cuts right to the heart of this point, and in fact, the essence of this novel:

Events of this kind show clearly how armed insurrection against the despotic government does not merely develop as an idea in the programmes and heads of revolutionaries, but as the natural, the practical, and the inevitable next step of the movement itself; a result of the growing indignation, the growing experience and the growing courage of the masses.

The events of those times, which the author so vividly presents, make clear the necessity of rising up. And the heroism of the masses makes clear that they can and will rise up in the face of oppression, and grow stronger in the course of struggle.

At the same time the story unmask those pseudo-revolutionaries, those phony socialists, the Social Democrats in Germany, who like the Communist Party Marxist-Leninist (CPML) in the U.S., preach struggle when it is safe, but tell the workers to kneel and beg for crumbs when times get tough—to fall behind the imperialists when they prepare to send the workers marching off to war.

But *Barricades* also dramatizes that the working class can and will break the shackles these betrayers try to bind them with, especially when they have revolutionary leadership—the German Communist Party in 1929, or the leadership of the RCP here in the U.S. today. And heroes came from among these people, created by the needs of the class war being waged. "The builder's labourer, Kurt Zimmerman was one of those proletarians who in unforeseen emergencies become revolutionary leaders, without knowing it themselves." Kurt and his wife Anna are just such heroes, like many other workers of Berlin portrayed in *Barricades*. And such are and will be the heroes of the revolutionary movement in our country, heroes like the Moody Park 3.

The workers in Berlin took the streets, and despite massive attacks and brutal repression, they gained a victory. One battle is not the whole war, but in that battle the strength, the determination, the basis and ability of the working class to achieve victory shine out for all to see. And throughout the story the reader can't help but feel a part of these events and sense this strength and determination, the sorrow and the joy of these workers. The last chapter is aptly titled: "End and Beginning..."

As the introduction to *Barricades* says, although it was written over forty years ago, it has a liveliness and emotional impact today that is in large part due to the fact that what it describes is a struggle which certainly did not end with that May Day battle in Berlin in 1929.

If you don't yet have *Barricades in Berlin*, get it and read it tonight. It's one hell of a story and working class art at its finest. ■

YOU GUESSED IT...  
TRAVIS BUSTED AGAIN

(WPS)—Travis Morales had been out of jail for barely a week when... you guessed it, the Houston police hauled him in again. It was his sixth arrest in as many months. Apparently when Chief Pig Caldwell told Travis last December that people would never listen to revolutionaries like him, what he meant, but forgot to say, was "because every time you open your mouth, I'm going to throw you in jail. That way they can't listen to you!"

Travis and another Chicano revolutionary were standing on the front steps of a house in Houston's Northside talking to some people about the upcoming trial of the Moody Park 3 and handing out leaflets when the pigs moved in. Both men were arrested.

The official charge: "failure to carry receipt for clean-up fee for non-commercial handbills." Their bail was set at \$203.50 each and they were both released on bond later the same day.

The arrest was a continuation of the outrageous harassment of the Moody Park 3 and their supporters. The phony charge was as transparent as glass, and the message behind it was very clear: if you dare to take up the fight to free the Moody Park 3, if you dare to uphold the Houston Rebellion and carry forward the revolutionary struggle, then you will know no peace.

But the Chicano people of Houston, like oppressed nationalities everywhere, have never been able to "live in peace." Do the Houston capitalists seriously expect their warnings to be heeded?

Much to their anger and dismay they are finding out that their assaults on revolutionary leaders bring more and more people into the struggle. In fact, it is the Houston rulers and their vicious pigs who will know no peace.

Three days after Travis was arrested, the pigs tried to get him again, this time at a fund-raising picnic for the Moody Park 3. The people there drew themselves around Travis and stood firm in the face of the enemy. On that day, the pigs retreated. ■



The Houston Rebellion...an unending nightmare for the capitalists. It hasn't been crushed...it only spreads farther and wider.

## SEATTLE

## PIKE PLACE 3 FREED

(WPS)—The trial of the Pike Place 3 ended with a powerful victory in early March when the jury came back with a 9-3 vote for acquittal for Dan Hurwitz. The judge declared a mistrial, and the prosecutor dropped all charges against Hurwitz the following day. The previous week, charges of felonious assault on a police officer were dropped against the other two, Doug Lommel and Dave Henry.

The vicious police attack on the October 28 demonstration in defense of the Moody Park 3 and the Houston Rebellion, which resulted in the arrests of the Pike Place 3, has focused the eyes of the city on the system of capitalist "justice."

In addition, the police assault on this year's Fat Tuesday celebration (Seattle's Mardi Gras) had sparked a mass rebellion the likes of which had not been seen in that city in many years. Seattle police had mounted an attack on a crowd of hundreds, beating and clubbing everyone in their path. This calculated police rampage ran head-on into a storm of bottles and bricks. The fight spread over a two-day period and

in the end the pigs were forced to withdraw. One young rebel put it well: "It was like the Houston rebellion out there!"

The mood of Seattle's population was changed. The role of the police in society was the subject of hot debate.

By the time the Pike Place 3 trial started, the ruling authorities of Seattle had been pushed back. Their plans for railroading the Three were being wrecked on the hard rocks of the seething anger of the people. The growing support in the city for the PP3 and the tremendous sentiment against the cops that had boiled over in the Black community over the murder of a Black man last summer, and now with the Fat Tuesday rebellion, mounted to a situation where public opinion against the cops was at a height not seen in this city since the 1960s.

The ruling class took some big losses in this trial. They were stopped dead in their tracks in their effort to railroad the PP3. No, "justice" was not served, but a great victory was won. A victory that will be built on in the fight to free the Moody Park 3. ■

# OAKLAND GHETTO TARGET RANGE FOR PIGS

(WPS)—Melvin Black. Age 15. It was a Saturday night March 17, and he was hanging out in front of the city-owned housing project where he lived in the ghetto of North Oakland, California.

Two plain clothes cops pulled up. "Spread 'em!" commanded these servants of the people. Melvin did.

And then the shots that were to leave Melvin Black dead in a pool of blood cracked through the Oakland night. The pigs took aim. Point blank.

But Melvin stumbled, struggling to get away from these maniacs, struggling to get to his apartment only yards away. Their work wasn't done.

The pigs fired again. And again. A shot grazed his head. Twice more. Another ripped through his body. One bullet entered his back. Another pierced his side. 15 feet from his door and Melvin's heart was still beating. Marking his path was a trail of blood. But not enough.

A shot blasted through Melvin's neck and into his brain. Mission accomplished.

The story was familiar. People remembered the 1973 police shooting of Tyrone Guyton, another Black youth, age 14, whose life was also ended when the pigs gunned him down in front of his house. The cops said that Tyrone was an auto theft suspect. They said he had a gun. It was never found.

This time, they said it was a .45. They said that Melvin Black might have been sniping at cars on a nearby freeway. "Justifiable Homicide," said the Oakland Police Department's investigation. But the names of their undercover pigs that murdered Melvin Black can't be released. It might blow their cover.

The city of Oakland says it has a lot to offer Black people. It's got a Black Mayor. Black City-Councilmen and even quite a few Black cops. "Follow us," they say. "You can make it," and "We're with you." So the enraged and grief stricken family went to the mayor. He said he'd try to see them, perhaps sometime next month.

But the city of Oakland has got even more to offer Black people. It's got twice the average unemployment like any ghetto. It's got the second highest infant mortality rate in the country—after Harlem. And it's got cops who put a bullet in the stomach of yet another Black man only 6 days after they gunned down young Melvin. Sure Black people can make it in Oakland. They can make it to the grave.

People didn't wait until "next month." When the City Council met that week, there had already been a press conference and a demonstration on the City Hall steps with members of Melvin Black's family, the Revolutionary Communist Party, and the Committee to Defend the Houston Rebellion. Feeling the heat, sensing that the word of this murder was about to shoot like lightning through the Black community, the politicians had to move. So the City Council voted unanimously in favor of appointing an "independent committee" to investigate Melvin's death. Another investigation, another committee, another whitewash.

But their plans hit a snag. The call to "Avenge the Murder of Melvin Black" was taken out to the people by the revolutionaries.

On the day of Melvin's funeral, they hit the high schools in Oakland and passed out 800 armbands bearing this slogan. They called on the youth to break out of school and attend this funeral. As 200 youth gathered around to hear what these revolutionaries had to say, the cops moved in and jumped an RCP member. They beat him up and hauled him and 2 others, members of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade (RCYB), off to jail for "inciting a riot, assault on a police officer and resisting arrest." They were held on a total of \$21,000 bail.

This move, designed to intimidate the students, only made them madder. When 10:00 rolled around, over 100 students from two Oakland high

schools walked out.

At the funeral, the preacher said, "We should be satisfied being sheep who need a shepherd, where some people are destined to be great, while others are to be nothing." The RCYB said, "Melvin ain't *nothing*, and we ain't sheep!" This was not a time for tears of sorrow, it was a time for rage. The revolutionaries called on people to turn grief into strength and fight the sadistic capitalist beast that murdered Melvin Black. When Melvin's casket went by, 100 fists were held high and hatred for this murder burned in the hearts of hundreds more.

After the funeral, over 100 people marched 30 blocks down to the police station. They demanded the release of the three brothers that were arrested at the high school. And they declared their vow to avenge the murder of Melvin Black.

The RCYB went back out to the schools the day following the funeral. The Oakland cops have been following them around taking license plate numbers and trying to scare people away from the struggle. The RCYB members, followed by cops, hopped on a bus to make a getaway. But the cops just followed the bus. The bus got farther and farther away, toward the end of the run. It began to look like the RCYB members were going up to some deserted part of town with nobody around—but the cops. The RCYB members talked to the bus driver about what was going on, about Melvin Black's murder. As the cop cars hovered around, the driver, who was

supposed to bring the bus into the barn, decided to turn around and make another run. As the bus went by a crowded area, he dropped the Brigade off. Such support is growing and is bound to grow more because this system makes people hate it.

The NAACP, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, got on the radio in Oakland and told people to kick the communists out of the community. They called on people to back their push for a federal investigation instead of listening to the revolutionaries.

And the FBI came in to "investigate" the Oakland Police Department—like Al Capone investigating gang problems in Chicago. All the FBI did was harass Melvin's family.

A few days later, the cops raided the NAACP office, claiming to be hot on the trail of a man and a woman—claiming the man was a "pimp". They had been to the NAACP office before—to report some information on

the murder of Melvin Black. And it just so happens that one of the pigs that raided the office was one of the three cops who blew that young Black brother away.

The NAACP can preach "legal" and "respectable" and "do it within the system" all day long, but the pigs break down the doors anyway, they do it with clubs, they do it with the gun, *they do it within the system*. And every day they prove it in a thousand ways—that there's only one place for the masses of Black people in this system—down.

America's ghettos and barrios are nothing but target ranges for the pigs. In LA these shootings come less than a week apart. In Houston, 6 police killings in 7 days. Life in this country is teaching us more every day that there's only one way to stop it. By putting the cops and the capitalist dogs they work for where they belong—6 feet under. There won't be any tears at that funeral. ■



100 students at two Oakland high schools turned a deaf ear to threats from school authorities and broke out of school to attend Melvin Black's funeral and join the call to avenge his murder. Grief at the funeral turned to righteous anger for a system built on national oppression of minority people. 100 marched to the police station demanding the release of three revolutionaries busted at the high schools that morning for exposing that capitalist class of dogs behind Melvin's murderers.

## MELVIN BLACK 'INVESTIGATION' COVER-UP FOR HOMICIDE

In the aftermath of the cold-blooded murder of Melvin Black, the city politicians and cops are crawling all over themselves to whitewash this case and vamp on the sparks of anger spreading throughout Oakland's Black community. Not only has the City Council called for an investigation, as well as the NAACP, but now Mayor Wilson, the City Manager and Chief Pig George Hart have joined the charade calling for yet another "independent investigation."

With four investigations going on (the cops are also doing their own) the people of Oakland are supposed to rest assured that the truth will be uncovered. It's the same jive that went down when Tyrone Guyton was shot dead by the pigs. The fury that was burning against Tyrone's murderers was squelched as people waited for the investigations to conclude. A couple of years later, the verdict came in: "Justifiable homicide." This same verdict

came down on all the investigations done in the last 10 years on pig shootings in Oakland. 28 people have been killed and 77 wounded—and all have been ruled either justifiable or accidental. And all the while, public relations builds up defending the pigs like the recent newspaper article in the TRIBUNE, explaining how difficult it is to be a killer cop... how it means sleepless nights for these thugs as they try to "justify to themselves what they have done." But the only sleep they lose is over fear of a bullet coming their way as people respond in righteous anger.

Mayor Wilson and Chief Hart cry about how concerned they are about "the quality of police services in Oakland." But a closer look at what's going on in the real world shows what their concern really means. Killer cop Ken Thornberry (who along with two other pigs shot Melvin Black) is still loose on the streets -- as a "transport officer" while pending the investi-

gations. In one day alone, this dog has beaten and arrested 4 people who have come forward with information on Melvin Black's murder. Their so-called "concern" only means how to tighten up this "quality" and keep the people of Oakland in line. The vicious, violent nature of the pigs is just how the rich man's class maintains its rule over the masses of people.

There may be a lot of squabbling and infighting between Wilson, the NAACP, and the cops over who has the most official investigation -- the best "bullet sniper expert", etc. -- but it's all meant to blind the people into accepting the way the cops operate. The ruling class can try all they want to whitewash their pigs and their stinking capitalist system. But more people are beginning to see through these smokescreens and no amount of whitewash can stop the growing anger of the people at every beating, every damn killing by these pigs. ■

# 65 DEAD IN CAPITALIST TORCH MURDERS

(WPS)—Fires are raging through the cities of northern New Jersey. Blocks of tenements in Newark, Jersey City and Hoboken are becoming rows of charred gravesites. 60 people, all of them minorities, have burned to death in this area alone in just the past three months. The bourgeoisie has tried to blame the people for these fires. In Hoboken, where 21 South American immigrants burned to death in a tenement fire, 8-, 9- and 13-year-old kids were blamed. One of these accused arsonists is dead from running into the building trying to save his family. In a Newark fire where a Puerto Rican man and his four children perished, the city arrested a local youth and also blamed the family for refusing to move out of a condemned building. But just the night before the fire broke out, the wife and mother of those who died had been in a meeting with city officials, pleading for better housing. The city gave it to them—pine boxes and five holes in the ground!

Each new fire has lit up the sky for all to see the horrid conditions the capitalists force people of the oppressed nationalities and urban poor to live in: tenements with dangling wires, busted walls, caved-in ceilings, cold radiators, and mice and roaches that never go away. These hellhole firetraps stand side by side with the wealth of the capitalists with their concrete and steel government buildings and golden domed city hall. These fires are not the work of some lunatic arsonist as the bourgeoisie would like people to believe. No, it is the bourgeoisie who forces minorities to live and die in American-style shanty towns; they are the ones who have refused to replace a light bulb but throw people out when the rent is late; they are the ones torching their own dumps collecting millions of dollars in insurance money.

As anger and fear of impending fire has grown, rather than have the whole scene blown open, the local press has uncovered just one of the slum landlords, Kibbie Kevelson. This slum czar has amassed a \$5 million fortune torching his 80 buildings. 7 Puerto Rican people died in January in one of his buildings. Yet when this murderer appeared in court—in tears!—he was fined \$370 for heating violations! It was only days later that another landlord's tenement burst into flames, killing 6 more people. What the capitalists are saying is that it is fine with them for Black and Puerto Rican people to burn to death.

Landlords are making a bundle on each fire. They sell buildings to themselves through phony corporations at two and three times their value. They then insure \$20,000 tenements for \$60,000. Their buildings are far more valuable burnt to the ground—more valuable than the lives of the people forced to live and die in them.

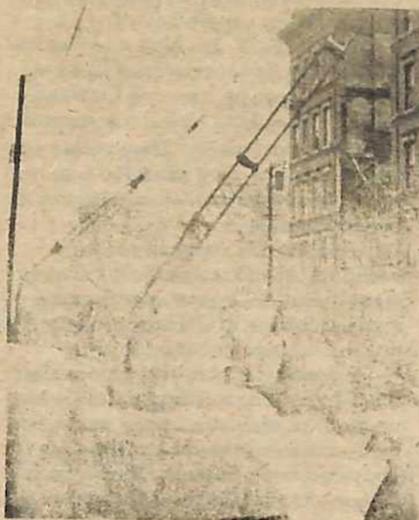
Local governments like in Jersey

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dan, which in reality have been in the U.S. camp for some time. In fact, the U.S. saw Saudi Arabia and Iran, along with Israel, as the bulwarks of its influence in the area. So why haven't they come along with Egypt yet?

Two reasons. The Palestinians and what happened in Iran. In short, they are afraid of the power of the struggling masses, especially the Palestinians, and fear that openly going along with the plans of U.S. imperialism and capitulating to Zionism would cause even greater mass struggle, and perhaps lead to the toppling of their own thrones. The Palestinians are a force the reactionary Arab regimes have had to reckon with. Not only do the Palestinians have strong sup-



Group of angry people at site of Hoboken, NJ fire that murdered 21 South American immigrants.

port among other Arab masses, they are a real force in several of these countries. There are still almost 700,000 Palestinians in Jordan, in addition to another half million in the West Bank. In oil-rich Kuwait Palestinian refugees make up a quarter of the total population.

Yes, the U.S. imperialists have their piece-of-paper peace treaty. But the final chapter in the current struggle is far from being written. The maneuvers of the two superpowers and their war preparations are a major determining factor. But as the revolution in Iran and the continued action of the Palestinians show, the forces of revolution set in motion by people struggling to be free from oppression and exploitation are powerful and ultimately the deciding factor.

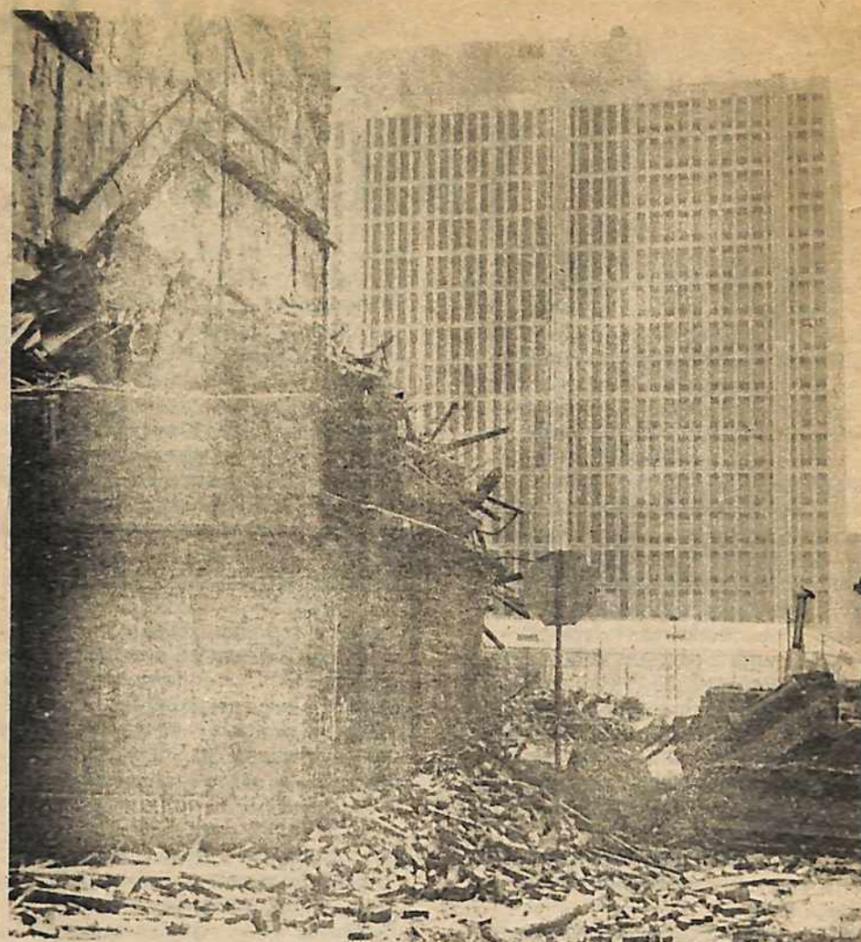
On March 30, five more people died in flames in Jersey City.

## ... KURDISH PEOPLE BATTLE

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nationalities to official posts who, together with landlords and tribal chiefs, bullied and exploited the Kurdish masses.

Kurdistan was maintained in a state of enforced backwardness. The vast majority of the people barely eked out a living on the land and still lived in mud-brick houses without electricity, plumbing or medical care. (In recent years, the U.S. and the USSR have at-



Fire in Newark where a Puerto Rican man and his 4 children died. Behind this building are the federal offices of Senator Harrison Williams and the Immigration Department.

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tempted to take advantage of the miserable conditions faced by the Kurdish people in both Iran and Iraq by organizing phony "liberation" movements as pawns in their imperialist rivalry in the Mideast.) Tens of thousands of Kurds have been driven out of their homeland to look for work in cities such as Tehran, where they face discrimination in jobs, housing and every other area. The same story could be repeated for the other oppressed nationalities in Iran—the Azerbaijanis on the Turkish border, the Arabs in the southern oil-producing region, the Baluchis on the border with Pakistan, the Turkoman tribesman on the northeastern border with the USSR.

One of the most important democratic tasks of the Iranian revolution is putting an end to the national oppression faced by these peoples who make up more than half of Iran's 35 million people. While the Kurdish people have advanced this struggle, they have also pushed toward and spotlighted the other pressing tasks of the revolution. The events in Kurdistan demonstrated clearly that much of the Shah's U.S. trained reactionary army is intact and is a potent force for counter-revolution. A doctor in Sanandaj told reporters that "We attacked the barracks because the barracks, everyone knows, is the same tyranny and the same symbol of imperialism it was under the Shah." For sure, the Iranian revolution is not over.

# DISASTER AT NUCLEAR PLANT CRIMINAL SYSTEM AT CORE

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major danger? "It falls between three stools," somebody says. The power companies say their responsibility stops at the plant property. The federal government leaves that sort of thing to the states. The state says emergency plans for nuclear "accidents" are the responsibility of the federal government. They have neither the funds nor the manpower.

It's not that they've somehow weighed the safety of a million people in western Pennsylvania or tens of millions of people throughout the country against their absolute necessity to maximize profit. It's not that they have balanced the threat to the masses of people against the threat to their worldwide empire from their rival capitalists in the Soviet Union. It's not that they've looked at these things and then opted for a mad rush to develop nuclear power as a cheap source of energy and one that is much more secure in time of war than the oceans' oil shipping lanes.

So, if they don't even really consider the interests of the masses of people, whose interests are considered? Nobody put it better than James Wyatt, Vice President of Harbor Insurance Co., a big insurer of nuclear plants. "From an insurance standpoint, this latest accident gives us no concern."

But when once again they bring some new calamity or misery or potential disaster down on lives and families and futures of the people, it's the same crap. It's somebody else's fault, or the people brought it on themselves, or "no problem," don't worry, everything is under control. Shut up and do what we tell you! We're the ones who know what we are doing.

After the news of the radiation leak at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant, they had not one but two reactions they were trying to cool out. They didn't seem to know what to do about the nuclear reaction. But they knew exactly what to do about cooling out the reaction of the people to this potential disaster. Crank up the propaganda mill. Stultify people, dull their minds with doublespeak, lies, claims and counter-claims. Paralyze them from thinking or acting in their own interests—even from leaving the danger area. Try to turn them into a bunch of sheep who can be pushed and shoved around and be forced to accept whatever they are told. Christ! If we let them get out of hand about this, how are we going to get them ready to nuke it out with the Soviets?

In a period of crisis all the stuff they do normally to create and mold public opinion comes out more blatant.

ly and outrageously, everything they constantly dish out to maintain their grip on the masses of people and maintain their allegiance to this rotten system becomes more concentrated and intense.

First come the lies, half-truth and doublespeak. Less than two hours after word of the radiation leak is public, officials from Metropolitan Edison, which owns the \$1 billion Three Mile Island plant, say "no leak," don't worry. An hour later, it's just a "little leak." "A small amount of radiation has been released into the atmosphere. No significant radiation is expected outside the plant area itself." Friday morning, more doublespeak. Secretary of Energy Schlesinger states that while the accident is serious, it really demonstrated "how safe nuclear power has been in the past." Not only a lie. It's like telling a man about to be executed how good that makes his years in jail seem.

A few hours later came news of a huge new release of radioactive gas. Schlesinger bemoans the problems this is going to cause in getting people to go along with "necessary" nuclear plans for the future. And then the word: there may have been an explosion of radioactive hydrogen gas in the reactor. An intensely hot bubble of radioactive hydrogen and xenon gas has formed above the reactor core. Concerned scientists begin warning of a "meltdown." Less than 1% of the reactor core has melted. A few hours later another Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) spokesman is forced to admit that "while a disastrous core melting is unlikely, the potential is there." Maybe as much as 25% to 50% of the nuclear fuel has been damaged, emitting ever stronger radiation through the four foot-thick steel and concrete walls of the reactor.

Now the people of Middletown and other surrounding towns in a five-mile radius are warned: stay in your houses, keep the doors and windows closed! Stay in your houses? If it can go through four foot-thick walls what the hell is that supposed to protect you from?

The story changes by the hour, by the minute. On Saturday, Met Ed announces the bubble of radioactive gas has been diminished. The core is cooling down. The situation is stable. The crisis is over. They will hold no more press conferences. One NRC spokesman concurs. Then the chief NRC representative on the scene says no. The bubble hasn't been reduced, the core continues to heat up. But, the situation is stable.

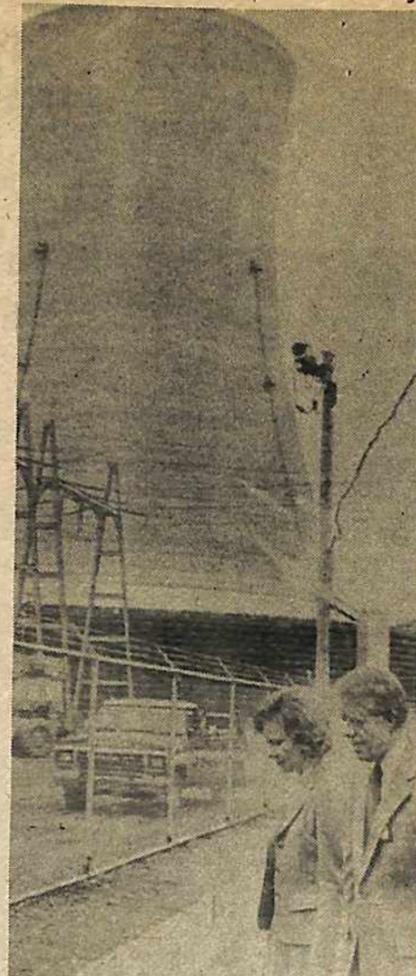
You want to reach through the television set and strangle them, squeeze the truth out of these bastards.

Meanwhile, molding rather than collecting public opinion, out come the public opinion polls. In the face of looming disaster, a Harrisburg newspaper says that 42% of the people aren't concerned about their safety. But 27% are very concerned. At the same time they publish an article headlined, "Harrisburg Citizens Are Less Interested In Moving Than The Average American."

So not only do they not have plans for evacuating people from the areas of highest danger, they don't want people to evacuate. What would they do if the million people who live in the four counties immediately endangered tried to get out? But it's not just a logistics problem. It would be a major political upheaval. If people were evacuated en masse—or worse began to evacuate themselves—what a blow it would be to their plans to push ahead helter skelter with nuclear development. And they sure don't want people to take things into their own hands and get the hell out. They want them to sit there in the face of potential death and genetic mangling of their offspring. The Bethlehem steel plant in Steelton, within sight of the nuclear plant towers, keeps working. "No demonstrable danger," so keep those furnaces hot. Keep those profits churning for good ol' Beth."

No, they are not just madmen. They are criminals.

But when their lies don't take, when people, despite all the efforts to block them, start to get the hell out before they are subjected to greater peril, the government and energy company spokesmen try to make it seem like they are the ones who are really looking out for the people's safety. The Governor of Pennsylvania first urges children and pregnant women to evacuate. And where to? To a hockey arena in Hershey, Pa. which is still within the area they admit is a high-danger zone!



Carter certainly didn't visit the Three Mile Island plant out of concern for human lives... his only concern is that the plant may have to be closed when energy sources are a prime concern to the capitalists' preparations for war.

When by Saturday, despite all their assurances that the situation was stable and getting better, they couldn't openly deny that the bubble of flammable gas was still there, the head of the NRC announced that "The situation is stable, but precautionary evacuation may be prudent—within a radius of 10 to 20 miles downwind of the reactor."

It makes you just want to reach out and wrap your fingers around the necks of these swine running their lies and distortions about Three Mile Island. You want to crush the life out of their whole damn anarchistic system. Because what has happened at Three Mile Island is a small crisis compared to what the capitalist system has in store ahead. ■

## THE PROFIT SYNDROME

(WPS)—Who says every cloud doesn't have a silver lining—even if it is a cloud of radioactive gas? Even as the selling price of nuclear energy-related shares dropped on the stock market, causing grave concern on Wall Street in the face of a possible fallout damage to their profits, the smart money moved into shares of Columbia Pictures, the owners of the film "China Syndrome" which is a fictional account of just such an incident. The price of Columbia shares soared straight up through market closing time on Friday, March 30.

People all over the country were lining up at the movies to find out what this nuclear danger was all about. In the film's first two weeks, before the Three Mile Island disaster, the film grossed a half a million in Chicago alone. During the weekend after the accident it made so much money that the company refused to release the

figures for fear that they would come under fire for "exploiting" human suffering. Columbia Pictures' top management gave Jane Fonda and other stars of the picture strict orders not to talk to the press about the disaster.

Of course, announcing loudly that they're not releasing the figures and are gagging the actors is in itself a way of building up the movie to exploit its new-found good fortune. But even if this concern was anything more than money-grubbing hypocrisy, so what? It was the capitalist drive for profit that created the conditions for this disaster in the first place. Even if this or that producer of "China Syndrome" might recoil in horror at what the profit system has done at Three Mile Island, capital goes on blindly seeking profit just the same. As long as the capitalists rule society, profit will run everything no matter what. ■



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plained why, when observing radium, mass seems to "disappear"—it is being transformed into energy. Further, he showed that this transformation takes place at proportions that can be measured. Thus the famous formula  $E=mc^2$  (where "E" is energy, "m" is mass and "c" is the speed of light traveling in a vacuum) showed that small amounts of mass can be transformed into huge amounts of energy. This formula explained why the sun—which burns not by combustion but by nuclear fusion, which is much more efficient—is still shining after roughly 5 billion years.

Einstein broke with Newton's view that time and space could be separated off from the events that give them meaning. Instead, he showed, time and space are functions of matter in motion, and time and space are interrelated. For example, radioactive material moving at high speeds decays more slowly—has a longer life-time—than the same material moving at low speeds. Now, if an astronaut were to be sent on a high-speed journey through space with a piece of radioactive material, it would seem to him that it was decaying at the same rate as usual—but only because the astronaut too would be aging more slowly. Two observers have different impressions but this certainly doesn't mean that "everything is unreal." Einstein showed that, while measurements of time and space are relative, because to measure something you have to compare it to something else, they reflect an underlying absolute reality.

In his general theory of relativity, Einstein junked Newton's concept of gravity as "action at a distance" transmitted at infinite speed. Since everything else in the universe moves at finite, measurable speed, this infinitely fast-acting gravity was closely linked to Newton's idea that behind the motion of all things lies the action of

God. According to Einstein, a gravitational field has measurable limits—its effects cannot be transmitted infinitely fast, since no matter can go infinitely fast. With his new concept of the effects of a gravitational field on space and time, Einstein was able to correctly predict the amount that light rays are bent by the sun's gravity, to explain the wobbling in the orbit of the planet Mercury, and so on.

## Contradictory Views

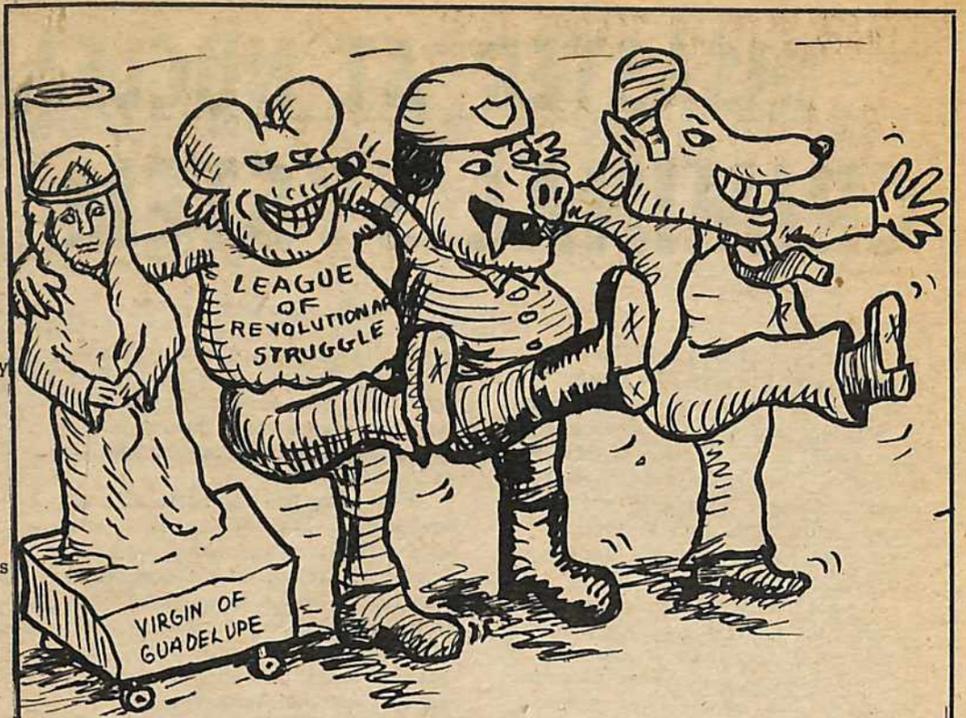
Yet, despite Einstein's contributions to science, his own views were very contradictory. He stubbornly insisted that, "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind," and maintained that science could not be applied to human activity—which is straight-out anti-scientific idealism, running in direct contradiction to the advances he helped make.

This contradictory world outlook held back and limited Einstein's contributions to physics. When new discoveries led to the theories of quantum physics, Einstein opposed these because the theories could not be explained by the kind of simple laws that Einstein thought flowed from the divine Reason and Harmony of the universe. He felt that he had brought order to science and saw the new theories as being "disruptive." As he put it, "I cannot believe that God plays dice with the universe." (Of course in one sense he was right. God doesn't play dice with the universe, because there is no God.)

These same contradictions also came out in more obvious ways in his views on society. Einstein used his prestige to promote a progressive stand on many burning political questions. He opposed World War I, and later fascism in his native Germany. Later, in the U.S., he opposed the McCarthy witch hunts, and the U.S.'s nuclear blackmail and bullying in general. But because he had no scientific way to analyze and understand society, his progressive stands were based on

liberalism mixed with utopian socialism, and he fell into some outright reactionary positions (like supporting Israel and saying that the then-socialist Soviet Union was basically the same as fascist Italy).

He saw no role for the masses of people in the development of science and felt that some people were just naturally superior to others. For example, he thought that war was caused by "the fact that the intelligence and character of the masses are incomparably lower than that of the few who produce something valuable for the community." This view of Einstein's has lent itself very well to the capitalists' notion that you "have to be an Einstein" to understand things, and that some people are just "meant" to rule over the "ignorant" masses.



## SAN JOSE' SPIRITUAL MARCH ATTEMPT TO LOVE ENEMY FLOPS

San Jose, March 24 -- A sure sign that the ruling class is getting up tight about something is when it takes the wraps off its hired hands and sends them out to "organize the people." Lately, in the face of events like the Houston Rebellion and the farmworkers strike, they've figured it's about time to make sure the Chicano people don't get out of hand. So in San Jose, they trotted out a collection of hacks and would-be hacks to stage a demonstration -- "For the love of the people, not the hate of the enemy." Their advertised speakers were a who's who of reformism clearly designed to attract people to the sorry spectacle. The big names didn't show up, neither did too many people. Noteworthy, were the Virgin of Guadalupe posters carried in the front of the march, and also the fact that a group calling themselves the League of Revolutionary (?) Struggle joined with the police and other march leaders to keep the Committee to Defend the Houston Rebellion, the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade, and the Revolutionary Communist Party from injecting some revolution into the otherwise tired show. Well, "spiritual love" never knocked anything down, and it's going to be the revolutionary hatred of the masses of people that will bring the enemy down! ■

Einstein's contradictory, idealist views aren't unusual at all in a capitalist society—because idealism is the ruling outlook of capitalism, the outlook of the capitalist class itself—and to the extent that people don't understand this and consciously struggle against it they fall victim to it. This is what happened to Einstein and to many other scientists who have made contributions to human knowledge but are then held back by their outlook. For example, the scientist Lorentz who contributed to the development of the theory of relativity once said that he wished he had died five years before other new discoveries were made because he could not accept them!

In developing science the capitalist class faces a contradiction. On the one hand the capitalists need idealism. They promote religion, superstition, and ignorance among the masses on a large scale, to get people to willingly accept a life of slavery to them. And they themselves are idealists—for to have a truly scientific outlook would mean to understand that their own

system of exploitation is doomed to extinction. On the other hand they need scientific knowledge to carry out production. But to the extent that scientific theories are true, they reveal a real world that is dialectical (ever-changing through the development of internal

contradictions) and material (existing independent of human thought)—and this goes against all the capitalists' idealist notions.

With their current Einsteinmania the capitalists are trying to turn this around and say that Einstein came up with his theories because he was a "genius," or because he was religious—and that his theories prove that the universe is too mysterious to understand. The truth is that Einstein made contributions to science in spite of the fact that he was held back by religion, believed in the idea of geniuses running science, and so on. And he was able to enrich human knowledge only because his theories were based on, and reflected, a real world that the masses of people can understand and can change. ■

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# WHAT'S WRONG WITH TREASON

(WPS)—In September 1965, Marine private Robert Garwood, a jeep driver, disappeared on the way to division headquarters near Da Nang, Vietnam. Now, thirteen years later, Garwood has come back to the U.S., where he is being kept under lock and key on a military base on charges of having deserted to the other side and trying to get other GIs to do the same.

Shortly after Garwood disappeared, an American was spotted fighting alongside Vietnamese liberation forces. As *Newsweek* put it, "It may or it may not have been Garwood, since a handful of other Americans also had gone over to the other side. These deserters were known to American troops by nicknames such as 'Porkchop,' 'Tex,' and (in the case of a white renegade and his black sidekick) 'Salt and Pepper.'" This was in 1965, in the first months of all-out American troop involvement, before thousands of GIs declared their own peace with the Vietnamese liberation forces and American officers seemed more likely to get killed by their own men than by the other side, before GI rebellions began to blow the U.S. armed forces apart.

When men accused of siding with the "enemy" came home—and there were more than a few of them—they faced the stockade or prison mental wards. The military used every psychological and chemical means at their disposal to break them—not to get them to recant, which was impossible, but to convince them that it was useless to hold out. Their families came under intense fire. Sinister "friends," like lawyers eager to "save" them if only they'd be "reasonable," sprang up from nowhere. At least one ex-POW who was the victim of such an assault was driven to suicide.

These men had it driven home to them—if they hadn't figured it out already—that this wasn't their country, that it's the capitalist ruling class that runs it and tries to crush all resistance.

When these men were coming back from Vietnam a few years ago, the bourgeoisie did their best to keep it quiet. They tried to keep it out of the public eye, and didn't make a big deal about denouncing them as traitors before the people, for fear that a great

many people would support them and realize that they too supported treason.

With Garwood, it's different. Now the imperialists have no choice. They're dusting off the uniforms and the rifles, and they know damn well that an awful lot of people didn't like the last war and don't want to fight another one. So they throw the book at Garwood and threaten to take him out and shoot him, and hope that all the guys who'll be the grunts next time are watching and learning a lesson. At the same time they're hoping they can get Garwood to say that he didn't do it, so that they can pretend that it's impossible that any American would ever turn against "his" country.

But to some extent, and for a time, millions of Americans turned against "their" country during the war in Vietnam. A great many came to stand up for the other side. This has left a deep impression, which helps to prepare the

conditions so that next time, when it won't be a matter of going over to the "enemy" but of opposing both super-power sides, GI rebellion can lead to turning the guns around and waging revolution.

Those GIs who committed treason were the only American heroes in Vietnam. Those who refused to go out in combat or fragged an officer, those who rebelled, demonstrated, mutinied—they struck a blow against the common enemy of the people of the U.S. and Vietnam. There were thousands of heroes like this in Vietnam, thousands who betrayed their country, betrayed the imperialist blood-suckers who rule America and sent them to Vietnam, and in this way stood up for the real, basic, revolutionary interests of the American people and the people of the world. Those who took their guns and went over to the side of the Vietnamese showed true valor.

They joined up with and waged a war against the U.S. imperialists. Such men pointed to the future. One day, if in other wars the rulers of the U.S. put guns in our hands, the American working class and the masses of American people in their millions will launch our own war and wipe them off the face of the earth. ■

## CAPITALISTS ON WORLD WAR 3— STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

(WPS)—O.K. If you don't believe it when we say the U.S. ruling class is gearing up for World War III, take another look. In recent weeks the following items have appeared in the press. You don't have to take our word for it. It's straight from the horse's mouth!

\*\*\* Defense Secretary Harold Brown, just back from a swing through the Middle East, said of his trip to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Egypt: "I went there to reassure our friends that the U.S. will take a more active role—militarily and in terms of economic development—in the region." He said that to assure the continued flow of oil to the members of the U.S. war bloc (especially U.S., Western Europe and Japan), "We'll take any action that's appropriate, including the use of military force."

\*\*\* In a speech to the U.S. Naval Academy, headlined "Moynihan Fears For US Survival in 1980s," Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan accused the Carter Administration of underestimating the dangers of growing Soviet military might. The Soviets will be "clearly ahead" within five years, he said, unless the U.S. rouses itself and ends its "restraint" in military spending. He said he felt a strange "foreboding" that the early 1980s will be "a time of protracted crisis and profound danger."

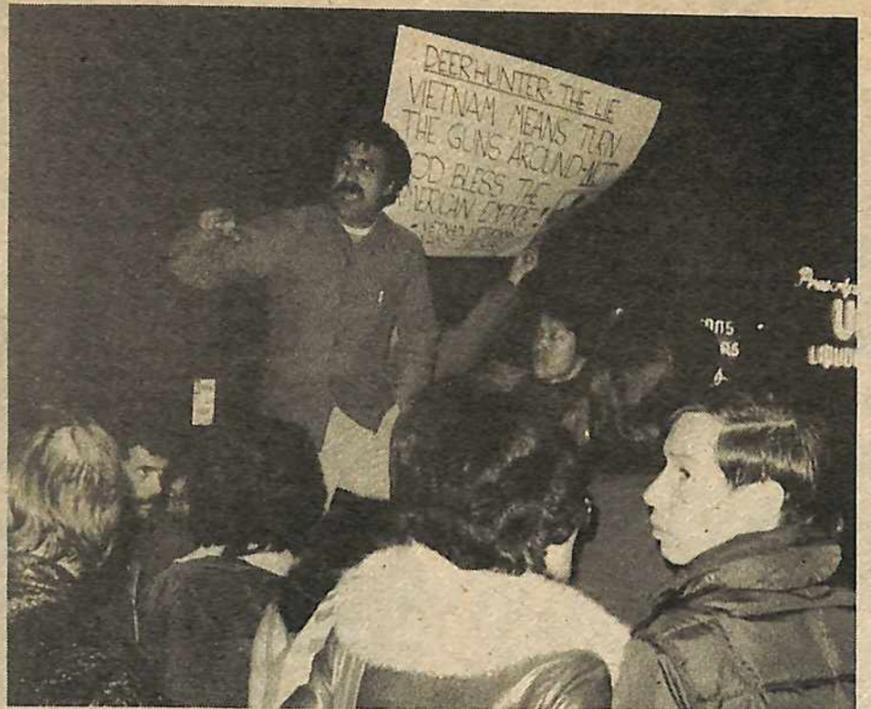
\*\*\* Senator Richard B. Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations

Committee's Near East subcommittee, is proposing boosting defense funds for both naval air strength and conventional forces. "We clearly need an increase in conventional strength directed at the problems of the Middle East and Asia," he declared. "We are stretched far too thin in both areas."

\*\*\* Representative Marjorie S. Holt of the House Armed Services Committee said: "The Soviets are weaving a web around the Persian Gulf" and that a move back to the draft would "show them we have the will" to counteract such actions.

\*\*\* A recent article in the *Washington Post* revealed that the Pentagon has commissioned dozens of studies by research firms, like the Analytical Assessment Corporation in California, to explore alternative ways to deploy U.S. strategic nuclear weapons so as to "destroy the Soviet Union as a functioning national entity" without reducing it to a heap of burned out rubble. "Past administrations," the article said, "have looked upon a major nuclear exchange between the two superpowers as so destructive that neither could survive." Now, however, the possibility of a nuclear exchange is considered "feasible."

"We are trying to see in the ultimate nuclear exchange what we should be trying to do other than just flatten their industry," said a Pentagon researcher. "It's thinking the unthinkable," another study participant said. "We don't want to bomb them in-



The Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) have been going to Bay Area showings of the "Deer Hunter", exposing every attempt of the U.S. imperialists to get people behind the next big event of the century, World War III. Most people haven't forgotten that it was the sons of the working class and poor people who fought and died in Vietnam to protect imperialist plunder of the world. VVAW is saying next time around it won't be like that--the imperialists' guns will be turned on them and then we'll see who's going to run for their life.

## PIGS VAMP ON L.A. PUNK CONCERT

(WPS)—On St. Patrick's Day, hundreds of "L.A.'s finest," in full riot gear, staged a vicious and cowardly pig riot at a punk rock concert at the downtown L.A. Elks Lodge. As one youth described it: "They arrested a few (8 people were busted), but mostly they were just beating the shit out of people."

Witnesses, who thought they were going to a rock concert and not a police riot, told what happened:

"This guy was sort of dozing in his seat when two cops came up behind him and put him in one of those choke holds. His girl friend stood up and four more cops jumped in and pounded both of them into the ground."

"One guy asked if he could go back and get his glasses and the cops grabbed him and threw him down this huge staircase, over 200 steps."

"Everybody was getting hit or shoved. When the cops were pushing us outside the club, we went through the lobby and saw this sofa which was covered with blood. All around were a whole bunch of people sitting around on the floor handcuffed."

The cops said they had to come in to break up a fight started by two guys who tried to get served at the bar and were refused. When it was revealed that the bar was closed at the time, the cops quickly thought up another one: people were throwing bottles and rocks in the lobby. Of course, no one in the audience saw this. And no rocks were found in the lobby of the Elks Lodge!

In fact there's a long history of the L.A. pigs attacking and busting up

rock concerts. That's one reason why members of the Committee to Defend the Houston Rebellion got such a good response from people at the concert earlier that evening when they distributed leaflets defending the struggle in Houston against national oppression and pig terror. The leaflets called on people to come to a benefit concert April 20, featuring a punk rock group called the Dils, to raise money for the defense of the Moody Park 3.

In fact, hatred for pig attacks was fresh in peoples' minds even before this latest one. Just a few weeks earlier the cops busted up still another concert, this one in nearby Riverside, California. The issue's become so hot that the local punk rock station has been letting loose with songs that hit the pigs and their masters, the capitalists.

After the St. Patrick's Day riot, the station was besieged with phone calls from people condemning the attack and blasting the hell out of the pigs. All the calls except one, that is. The cop who had been in charge of the attack was forced to call in to try to defend it!

In unleashing their rabid dogs against these concerts, the capitalists have picked up a bomb only to have it blow up in their faces. The upcoming benefit concert for the Moody Park 3—featuring the Dils and now other groups including a Chicano group from San Diego called the Zeroes—will be bringing out lots of youth who, in more than one way, will be spitting in the faces of our super-rich rulers. ■

to the stone age. We should have real objectives that make sense." "If we plan to win in a nuclear exchange," one AAC researcher said, "we would want them to be able to recover quickly since responsibility for getting the Russian people back on their feet would be a U.S. burden."

Is this Dr. Strangelove talking? No, it's the U.S. imperialists seriously considering how they are going to win the

world war that is looming on the horizon and still have somebody left to exploit after the radiation subsides. This is the kind of "restraint" the bourgeoisie is talking about as they are drumming a message to the American people—"Get Ready." And if you think they are kidding about going to war to protect their crumbling empire of domination and plunder by issuing us uniforms and guns and sending us off into their meatgrinder—think again! ■

# SHOWDOWN IN HOUSTON MOODY PARK



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## JUANA MORALES ATTEMPTED MURDER FRAME UP

(WPS)—On March 26, Juana Morales was arrested in Irvington Courts and charged with the attempted murder of Martha Pierson, the "prison warden" manager of the Courts.

Irvington Courts is a run-down, rat-infested housing project next to Moody Park in Houston's Chicano Northside. Many of its residents took part in the Moody Park rebellion last year, and the Courts has been a hotbed of struggle for some time.

Juana Morales has been in the forefront of that struggle. And because of this, she has been targeted for revenge by Houston authorities and their vicious little cockroach, Martha Pierson.

Earlier this year tenants of the Courts demanded a meeting with Pierson to get something done about the rotten living conditions there. Pierson decided to have a picnic in the park and invited some petty official there to try and cool people down. Juana Morales wouldn't have any of it. "We didn't come here to eat," she said. She talked about how people are outraged over rent increases, and how Pierson spends her time harassing people instead of making sure the apartments are maintained.

She denounced the police, who had been swarming over the Courts ever since the rebellion, and Pierson's snitches who keep an eye on residents' political activity. They had been responsible for a rash of eviction threats.

None of this sat well with Pierson or the official at the picnic. Immediately three of Pierson's spies jumped up and started squealing. "This woman sells the *Revolutionary Worker*." "This woman has meetings in her apartment!" "This woman is a communist!"

Two weeks before the picnic, Juana had gone before the City Council and denounced Mayor McConn for the city's arrest of people selling the *Revolutionary Worker* in the Irvington Courts. In the face of threats of arrest and eviction, Juana began selling the paper herself.

Martha Pierson was out to get Juana Morales—and so were the rulers in Houston. When Juana demanded that her refrigerator be fixed immediately (it had been broken for three weeks), Pierson used this as an excuse to launch an attack. She went over to Juana's apartment and jumped on her. When Juana

fought back, Pierson called the cops. This was their so-called "attempted murder." A few days later, Juana was given a three-day advance eviction notice.

The arrest and continual harassment of Juana Morales is an outrage. It was clearly a political arrest. News reports of the arrest focussed in on posters in the Courts calling on revolutionary fighters to step forward and join the RCP. Commentators droned on about how "dangerous" it was to live in Irvington Courts, because of all the "bad elements there." What they mean by dangerous people is folks like Juana Morales—people who step forward to fight their man-eating system. Dangerous to them.

Revolutionaries in Houston are taking up the defense of Juana Morales. One more crime against the people added to the already enormous list of outrages committed by the Houston rulers and their pigs.

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organizations and student governments.

For weeks the Houston City Council had refused to grant a permit for the use of the park and its recreation center. After his release from jail last month on \$75,000 bond, Travis Morales went before the Council to demand that the permit be granted. Later, at a packed City Council meeting toward the end of March, a speaker for the Revolutionary Communist Party read a statement demanding the permit and making it clear that, come hell or high water, a political rally *would be held* in Moody Park. The audience at the council meeting, including many city bus drivers there to protest attacks on them by the city government, greeted this statement with thunderous applause, with many asking for copies of it. On March 28, the City Council granted a permit for use of the park and its facilities.

#### PARK SHOWDOWN

This was an important victory and it was no doubt related to an incident that had taken place in Moody Park only four days earlier. People United to Fight Police Brutality held a fund-raising barbecue picnic for the Moody Park 3 on March 25.

The picnic itself was relatively small at first, but there were nearly 200 people in the park. Banners were tied to trees and a display of the Rebellion was set up. The Chainbreakers, a revolutionary singing group, began to perform and a couple of people went through the park handing out leaflets and talking about the trial.

A cop car pulled up on the street next to the park. Then a second one, and a third. Finally there were six squad cars lining the street. The people in the park were beginning to take notice. People driving by slowed down, some stopping to check things out.

A dozen pigs, including one of Houston's five police captains, got out and headed toward the picnic. Two of them had knives drawn. The atmosphere got tense. People gathered infants and children together and took them away from the rest of the group.

One of the pigs walked over to the Rebellion display and knocked it to the ground. The two with knives went up to a banner and cut it down from the tree. They tried to take it away, but People United stepped on the rope and grabbed the banner, yanking it away from the cops.

The other cops were making threatening remarks. The people began to chant in Spanish: "Abajo, abajo con la opresión; Arriba, arriba, arriba la rebelión!" The cops were beginning to get uptight. The captain threatened one woman with violence. By now, all eyes in the park were riveted to the confrontation. People thought something heavy was about to come down.

The group immediately around People United had swelled to nearly 100, and around them most of the other people in the park stood watching. In the street people stood on cars to see what was happening. The Chainbreakers were singing "Put the Heat on the Heat." Other revolutionaries were out in the crowd laying it down about the pigs.

The pigs tried to bust two leafleters, but the crowd stood in their way, chanting slogans in Spanish that the cops couldn't understand. The captain wanted to get at Travis so bad he could taste it, but he couldn't get near him.

Many in the park consciously joined forces with People United. They were ready for a fight and the cops knew it. The spectre of the Moody Park Rebellion was very much alive. One of the Moody Park 3 lawyers who was there talked to the captain, then to People United. He said the pigs wanted to pull out "gracefully." People United told him they had two minutes to leave, period! The twelve blue-shirted bastards turned around and left.

This whole scene flew right in the face of the capitalists' lie that the Houston Rebellion was caused by "outside agitators" and had no support in the community. Even more, it showed that the situation is excellent in Houston and around the country to step up the fight against national oppression and to free the Moody Park 3.

But it was only one small skirmish and one small, though certainly important, victory. It did not mean that the cops, not to mention the capitalist system they serve and protect, had thrown in the towel. On the contrary, they are striking back hard every day. And the more they strike back, the more they must be fought and exposed.

#### PRESS BLACK-OUT

In Houston, the capitalist press has done all it could to prevent such exposure by blacking out news of the growing struggle. But by stepping up the struggle at every turn, the revolutionary forces have made it more and more difficult for the media to pretend that nothing is happening.

When Travis Morales was arrested recently while talking to a woman on her own front porch, the press found the incident impossible to ignore. His release from jail was covered widely, and some reports even scolded the police—not in the sense of defending Travis, of course, but because the police had so clumsily and grossly exposed their rotten hand (i.e., their class role in society).

Throughout the city, and particularly in the Chicano neighborhoods, the Houston Rebellion and the trial of the Moody Park 3 have become the subject of much debate. You can hear it in the taverns and on the street corners, you can hear it in the housing projects. And you get a feeling of the importance of building the struggle ever more broadly among the people.



Houston- January 13, 1979

To our brothers and sisters  
From the people of Watts, se

The flames of burning pig carcasses  
bonds of oppression of your glorious  
like a light illuminating the road for  
Watts Rebellion in 1965 sparked  
anger, your rebellion reminds us that  
his days are numbered.

In spite of the promises of police  
pimps, the conditions which gave  
worse. The pigs are more vicious,  
ment higher, discrimination just  
capitalist system, the life of Jose  
\$1 fine. In Watts, Eula Love was e  
bill.

Our anger and resistance have  
So like a wounded beast, they have  
kill the Moody Park 3. It was the M  
defending the Houston Rebellion  
oppression. . . . There is only one  
up—not their legal system, but by  
Moody Park 3! Defend the Houston

# HOUSTON... MOODY PARK 3 TRIAL BEGINS

While putting up posters in bars on the Northside, members of People United got into a discussion with one man who thought the rebellion was no good. A friend of his interrupted, saying that he had first heard about the rebellion in San Diego and that everyone he knew thought it was a proud day for Chicanos.

At an apartment complex a Chicano man, hearing of Travis' latest arrest, rang everybody's doorbell and called people out into the hall. A half-hour discussion followed about the importance of the trial and the need to take a stand.

In the East End, another Chicano section of Houston, people went to put Moody Park 3 posters up in store windows. Almost every store owner they approached agreed to let them do it. This could not have happened six months ago. It was a very significant development, showing the increasing support for the rebellion and exposing the pigs' lie that the rebellion was aimed at neighborhood shopkeepers, that it was an attack against the community and had no support.

In the few remaining days before the trial begins, people in Houston and around the country are working hard to get out the word. While the trial itself is only one battle in the much larger war against national oppression and the whole rotten system that breeds it, it is one very important battle. It is a political battle whose real outcome will not be determined inside a courthouse in Houston, but in the streets and neighborhoods, in the factories and schools of Houston and cities all across the country—in the growing struggle of the masses against oppression. The Moody Park 3 trial is a focal point of that struggle.

In this light, the political rally in Moody Park on April 8 will be very significant. People will be coming from outside Houston, particularly from the



struggle in Houston, Texas.

of the Watts Rebellion 1965

the determination to torch the Houston Rebellion, has been forward for our struggle. Just as the powder keg of burning the oppressor bleeds too, and

politicians, preachers and poverty rise to our rebellion have grown housing more rotten, unemployment as poisonous. To this rotten rebellion in Houston is worth a lousy executed by the pigs for a \$22 gas

scared the rulers of this country. struck back by trying to jail or Moody Park 3 who stepped forward saying it's right to rebel against anything that can stop this frame-taking it to the streets. Free the Rebellion!

cerpts from telegram signed by 300 people in Watts to date.

West Coast and the Southwest to stand with the Moody Park 3 and the Houston Rebellion. Along with the masses of Houston, they will be going straight up against the ruling class, vowing to continue the struggle through the course of the trial and beyond.

Following the rally, on the day the trial begins, there will be demonstrations in Houston and other cities around the country. The Revolutionary Communist Party calls on all those whose hearts burn with the righteous hatred of the oppressor, who want to fight back against this system that unleashes its rabid dogs to kill and ter-

rorize the people at will, and who see in the Houston Rebellion a glimpse of the revolutionary storms of the future, to join in these demonstrations and take up the struggle to free the Moody Park 3.

**FREE THE MOODY PARK 3!  
DROP THE CHARGES AGAINST ALL  
ARRESTED!  
STOP POLICE TERROR—JUSTICE FOR  
JOE TORRES!  
DOWN WITH NATIONAL  
OPPRESSION!  
DEFEND THE HOUSTON REBELLION!**

## REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS - TRAVIS SPEAKS IN OAKLAND

*Who is this "outlaw"? Who is this "criminal" that the rulers of Houston can't stand to have out of their sight? It's Travis Morales, one of the Moody Park 3, who on March 30 brought revolutionary greetings from the people of Houston to the people of Oakland, "home of the Black Panther Party in the days when it stood for armed revolution."*

*In a speech at the REVOLUTIONARY WORKER Center, Travis vividly sketched the scene in Houston since January 13 when a revolutionary march of 500 people from all parts of the country reclaimed the Northside Chicano community and again the pigs didn't dare set foot there. A scene where the two opposing sides of the growing battle are becoming more and more sharp—the capitalists on the one side are unleashing their pig army to terrorize and intimidate, and on the other side, the growing army of the people against the capitalists. The significance of the situation, the importance of the upcoming trial, took on increased importance here in Oakland with the pig murder of 15-year-old Melvin Black the week before. Hundreds of dollars were collected in Oakland and more in San Jose the following night, as the people shared their experiences of support coming forward in the communities, showing that the fight is in no way confined to the city limits of Houston.*

*The REVOLUTIONARY WORKER spoke with Travis about his view of the trial and the lessons to be learned from the whole battle at this important juncture. The following are excerpts from that interview:*

**RW:** What do you think the importance is of mobilizing people from around the country to come to Houston for the Trial of the MP3? What will it mean for the trial itself? For the struggle?

**TM:** The Moody Park Rebellion wasn't something that just concerned the Chicano people in Houston. The fact is that thousands of people around the country have embraced it as their own and see it as the forward path onward for the Chicano people and the whole working

*class. It isn't just the MP3, right, it's the whole thing they're trying to teach people that if you dare to rise up and fight back against oppression, they're going to smash you. They're trying to teach not just the Chicano people, but all the people of Houston, people of this whole country. It's like the capitalists got their courts, their cops, and their politicians, they got everything... all the official avenues at their disposal to smash the people, and what do we have? We have the masses of people in this country that can take a stand around this thing and beat back this attempt to railroad us.*

**RW:** What effect has it had on the people to have the pigs chasing after you everywhere you go, busting you six times for things like walking out of your house?

**TM:** It seems to me that what it's doing is outraging people that much more around this whole struggle. Things weren't too hot before that Jan. 13 march. There was the whole news blackout and we'd call marches and not a whole lot of people would come forward. That Jan. 13 march made the whole thing about the MP3 and the Rebellion much more of a social question. Plus, it really made a social question of communism and revolution. On the front page of the Chronicle in Houston, it talked about a "communist rally" in Moody Park. They mention the Revolutionary Communist Party about five times. It puts the question out there, right. It made it much more something to be discussed.

*It has become a lot clearer to people these arrests are because of the political stand we've taken and what we've been putting out around not only the struggle for justice for Joe Torres, but more importantly, around the Rebellion. It's like, among a lot of forces like professionals, doctors and lawyers, people who have been sitting back and watching this thing have come forward and taken a stand, especially like around this rally coming up; people who we never talked to have endorsed the thing, said they're going to come, and donated money.*

**RW:** With the trial coming up, the bourgeoisie is making this



Travis Morales

*big deal that they're going to send the MP3 away for 20 years. If the Kangaroo courts come down and convict the MP3, what's that going to mean to the struggle around the Houston Rebellion and the overall revolutionary struggle against these bastards? TM: Whatever they do, there are certain victories we've achieved in the struggle. The Houston Rebellion was a real victory and we've built off that and that's something they're not going to be able to take away. They're going to try and teach us a lesson, but the fact is, like all their other attacks it turns into its opposite...what it does, it just exposes even more the naked dictatorship, how they maintain their rule. It came out in the Moody Park Rebellion...they sent 100's and 100's of cops into the Moody Park area and still it took 2 days to restore their law and order and if they jail us, o.k., it just exposes them even more. What the hell's going on when cops beat up a young Chicano and throw him in the bayou, murder him, and get off with a lousy \$1 fine and get a year in jail, and yet to this day they haven't served a day... and then they turn around and try to give those that stand up and say it's right to rebel, it's right the Moody Park Rebellion was a glorious day in the history of the Chicano people and turn around and give them 20 years...it just exposes them even more.*

*Like if we don't go to jail, it will be an even bigger victory because we forced them to back down. But the thing I think people have to be clear on is that the whole struggle is not about three individuals...the whole struggle is about our ability to fight, to unite ourselves, to have a clear understanding of who our enemy is, the capitalists, how they're responsible for the murder of Joe Torres, the oppression of minority people, the exploitation of the working class, the thousand and one abuses we face every day, and that's something that we're building on throughout this struggle, and will continue to build on. That's going to be one of the real victories in this struggle.*