Struggles in the Philippines face U.S. troops, repression
by R. Russell
Manila, Philippines—In the early days of the Philippine summer, the year-old administration of Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was forced to reverse its effect that would have switched the May 1 workers holiday to Monday. Arroyo's government was forced into a very visible threat of a 'slog in the rain' (general strike) if she had not backed down. Her government's excuse for trying to water down the historic holiday was to create a three-day weekend in order to increase tourism from May 1 to May 3.

The revolutionary women's group Gabriela, along with Bayan which represents an important section of the above-ground Left, then organized the real May Day rally at the presidential Malacanang Palace. This was achieved through a well-organized and atomized strategy. Massive security preparations were justified by Arroyo's government by citing terrorist threats and its requirement to 'protect tourism'.

At that earlier rally, forces backing deposed president Joseph Estrada stormed Malacanang. He had been charged with plundering the Philippine people and was overthrown in People Power II, which brought Arroyo to power. The embattled former president was nearly eliminated in dousing out the voices of workers and supporters who had planned the May Day rally at Malacanang to mark the resilience of the Filipino resistance.

It was to begin a new stage after a several years of setbacks due to growing movements of jobs to even lower-wage countries, union-busting, and the intensifying pressures on Filipinos workers to move abroad. We noted in a recent report that Arroyo's
campaign is to keep foreign workers at home and lure back returnees. She pointed out that May 1 commemorates the general strike by thousands of workers in Chicago in 1886 to push for an eight-hour workday. She declared, "Clearly she [Arroyo] does not respect the historical value of the militancy of workers not only in the Philippines but also in the international arena. The fact is she is totally alienated from the working class.'

These events unfolded during our discussions the Philippines with human rights, women and labor activists. During our visit the U.S.-led 'balkanization (shoulder-to-shoulder) military exercises were in their fifth month. During that time, the bloody fist of the armed forces came down hard in the provinces.

DEEPENING RELATIONSHIPS

In an attempt reported in the back pages of the Manila dailies, Benjamin Hernandez, Vivian Andrade, Crisanto Amores and Labcon Sinumon were executed by the armed forces, shot in the face at point-blank range. Hernandez was the 22-year-old Davao, Mindanao leader of the well-known human rights alliance, Kampa-
stan. At that moment, she met with her three companions, community activists in the Arakan valley region of Mindanao, following up on a mass meeting of indigenous people in the same area a year earlier. Ms.

What has distinguished N&L and Marxist-Humanism this year has been our refusal to separate the fight against Christian fundamentalism and Bush's wars at home and abroad from the struggle against terrorism and Islamophobia—and aligning firmly, instead, with the forces fighting both. It is why we have made available to anyone who sends it our statement on, "Confronting Permanent War and Terrorism: Why the Anti-War Movement Needs a Dialectical Perspective." In the July issue you will read our Draft for Perspectives for conceptualizing this further in the year ahead.

But we cannot do it without your help to keep News & Letters going! As we have done every year since we began in 1955, we must once again turn to you, our readers, to help us meet the ever-rising costs for our office rent and the printing of N&L. The new postage increases that begin at the end of June will be a special blow to this year's appeal. We also plan to issue a new edition of American Civilization on Trial. This fundamental work that places the revolutionary Black dimension as vanguard for the creation of a new society based on human rights is now almost out of print. That printing bill alone will come to well over $5,000.

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Bush's retrogressive, punitive welfare legislation reveals that it means to maintain the moral authority of the United States by emulating the Spartan training of their young in the White House. Bush is attacking not only poor women, but the very idea that women and workers have the right to take care of themselves and their families.

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What you won't hear from the punitivistic Democrats is that over 50% of Black Americans and 50% of Hispanic women who are working are in poverty. It is the revolt of women and workers that Bush is trying to crush with his ideologically driven welfare bill that has no basis in science or fact. It also has transformed the whole welfare debate. Work—and here we are talking about low-wage work—is now the only job. The welfare drudge work available in the U.S.—is so much a given that even the Left calls only for a decent job, while the Democratic candidates are fighting over the most humane to 40, and more, but not enough for a decent living wage.

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Replace Taco Bell!

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The protest was in support of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), who have been working to get Taco Bell to support their campaign. The CIW is a labor organization that represents workers in the agricultural industry, and they have been working to get Taco Bell to support their campaign for a minimum wage of $15 per hour.

The protest was held at the University of Illinois, where students and community members gathered to show their support for the CIW's efforts. Among the attendees were several members of the Coalition, who were showing their support for the CIW's efforts to get Taco Bell to support their campaign.

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Toward a new concept of organization

Marxism and Freedom

From 1776 until Today

Editor’s Note

Raya Dunayevskaya travelled to West Europe in 1958, seeking new international relationships with groups that rejected both petty-bourgeois, small-capitalist groups and the U.S. and Russia. In preparation for the trip and as an expression of her presence in Milan, Italy, she penned a draft resolution in June 1958, titled “World Outlook.” In it she discussed the philosophical groundwork needed for a new alternative to the concept of the vanguard party. Details of the trip can be found in The Raya Dunayevskaya Collec­tion and in 25 Years of Marxist-Humanism in the U.S. The resolution, excerpted here, is in the collec­tion. The remaining page of 2025. The heading, notes, and bracket material were added by the editors.

There can be no genuine unification of theory and practice in the tradition of Marxism unless we face boldly 1) the utter bankruptcy of thought of the existing vanguard parties; 2) the spontaneity of those truths that has always been used by theoreticians as both weapon in the class struggle and the method by which their ideas became effective. The responsibility

Responsibilities of Theoretical Groupings

Any analysis of the objective situation, even one as cursory as ours, cannot fail to meet the challenge to re-examine its own foundations, principles and perspec­tives in the light of the objective events, which nothing new in the betrayal of the Communists and the Social Democrats by their petty-bourgeois and Trotskyste. We must finally come to a confrontation

The repetition of the “need of a vanguard” did not succeed in putting football party mass movements which led the revolutions following World War II. On the contrary, they have ended as a tail-end to the revolution. But neither did the rejection of “the party to lead” become a theoretical focal point for revolutionary regroupment or a total disavowal of these groupings from the mass movement. It is time to draw a balance sheet on the basis of the actual world situation...
by Eli Messinger

Can dialectical philosophy help us comprehend the mutually destructive, intractable conflict between the State of Israel and the Palestinian people? Does the concept of transformation into opposite exist? Can dialectical philosophy provide a better understanding of events worldwide? These questions can be raised in the Middle East and globally? This discussion was taken from the editorial, "Israel-Palestine conflict: transformation into opposite conflict or mutually destructive, intractable conflict between the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) fresh from the fire?"

While a "final solution" in the sense that the Nazis attempted to physically exterminate the Jews, the current situation in both Israel and Palestine are attempts to eradicate the cultural infrastructure of the Palestinian people. The Israeli Ministry of Education, Health, Civil Affairs and the Central Bureau of Statistics were deliberately snarled. As the N.D. editorial stated: "The problem today is not the destruction of Israeli and Palestinians of the very idea that they can ever live in peace with both sides.

From a psychological viewpoint, this behavior represents an identification with the aggressor. This is a defense mechanism, originally pointed out by the child psychologist Anna Freud, in which the frightened child identifies with the aggressor and identifies with the child's terror. By the child taking on the role of the aggressor, the child expiates the aggression it once emitted and seemingly fortifies itself against another aggression. (The Ego and the Mechanisms of Defense, Anna Freud, The Hogarth Press, 1957).

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Sharon could not launch this assault by himself, without the support of the U.S. war machine. It is true that the Israeli-Palestinian war is slowing Bush's war against the so-called "Axis of Evil." But in my view, Sharon's war, which he calls "war against terrorism" is copied from the U.S. government's drive for perpetual war. Sharon was also helped by the actions of Islamist terrorist groups, Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah which have been providing ideological and material support to the people of Israel. At the same time, I find it most shocking that nearly 46% of Israelis support evicting the Palestinian people. This is a result of a shift in the minds of many Israelis, and 31% of Israelis are in favor of the racist expulsion of all Palestinians from the vil·lages of the Jewish people happened because it is not true. It is also a shift in the mind, because the very essence of mind, and that as its very actuality. Hegel said: "When individuals and nations have once got in their heads the abstract concept of full-blown liberty, there is nothing like it in the understanding of freedom..." It is true that the very essence of mind, and that as its very actuality.

The majority of the Palestinian people in their more than half-century struggle for independence and statehood, bears out Hegel's words. Indeed the spirit of Palestinian resistance has never been more obvious. It is all opposed to the U.S. juggernaut which insists that Apache helicopters are the ultimate determinant of history. If U.S. imperialism and determinism, or all that permanent warfare is the natural condition of mankind. It is fitting that the Palestinians are up and figured prominently in the April 20 demonstrations in Washington, D.C., against globalization and the U.S. war machine.

Within Israeli society, too, the forces of freedom are small but tenacious. These include the Refuseniks, reserve officers and men whose numbers have increased almost tenfold in the three months since the movement was launched, and Women in Black who stand for what they respect and believe in. Of special interest is the new role played by international organizations. The Human Rights Watch is one of the most effective groups. It has taken on the task of mediating the crisis without relying on any state structure including the UN. The New York Times carried this article: "Hasidic Rabbi Urges World Leader For Amram: 'Human Being.' It described the humanitarian aid carried out by a Jew from Erz Israel, an American citizen and a Palestinian from the besieged West Bank Palestinians.

When Jewish critics vilified him for betraying his people, he answered, "Who ever said I disagre with any line. The cause is justice and freedom — these are human causes." They also cited his role in the International Solidarity Movement use tactics drawn from the militant Palestinian anti-colonial tradition. Since, or supporting Palestinian self-determination means denying Israel's right to exist. It is crucial that we project a total view. This necessitates a large body of research.
STATE OF THE UNION'S GRAVE CONTRADICTIONS

With his "war on terrorism," Bush has shown that a "new territory" that was once the setting for a Cold War clash has now been transformed into a political arena that what passes over is the "state of the nation" right here at home, separated in a whole different way. Thus, we are supposed to have recovered from a recession, but unemployment is again rising, putting a strain on the working people who are going downhill. More and more people are losing their care insurance while those still working have to pay a greater and greater percent-age of their wages for their coverage. There really is no increase in union membership despite the labor drives talked about in the last few years. As for race, 10 years after the Los Angeles rebellion the condi-tions have changed, but there is a sim-u-lating wide gap compared to whites in terms of income, education and health care. The "state of the union" is full of grave contradictions, but little of it is seriously discussed.

Concerned Oregon

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In the Chicago media we are hearing about a so-called "ground swell of sup-port" for the Cook County Jail guard who beat one of the suspects in the Palestine Brown's Chicken massacre. Some don't think that this is part of the horrendous nature of the suspect's crime, but I say that is a small thing shot thing? I remember when my broth-er was in Cook County. He had a head injury and he was in the jail. A guard clubbed him across the head and said, "You may have knocked me out, but my brother could have snapped this fool in half!"

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We were all shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Holmes whose association with us went back to 1977 when we visited her in Britain discussing Marxist-Humanism here. We held a lot of meetings, including one with her in a hotel run by Harry McShane in Newcastle and I have powerful memories of that. The pamphlet she co-authored with Kevin A. Seales didn’t really say a rich life, she had a life interrupted but not incomplete.

Dave Black for the London Corresponding Committee England

Mary was a great teacher and helped me understand quite a few things. She will be missed not only for her works but also for her personality. Her stories about participating in the student struggles...isa great teacher and helped me understand quite a few things.

Auto worker
Louisiana

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Leasley
Okahoma

At a time when human life has the possibility of being extended, it is ironic that we have to talk about such a loss. Cancer is big business and we should spend some time reflecting on how little the cancer cures for the people it exploits. Perhaps in the tradition of an Irish wake we will spend time celebrating her memory. We are invited not to mourn but to organize.

Pat Duffy
Britain

When you come from another country and are trying to understand what people are saying at a meeting, it means a great deal to have someone help you to understand. I want to thank all those who honored Mary by to thank all those who honored Mary by organizing her inspirational life. We are invited to continue her legacy with us.

Roger
Toronto

While everyone knew Mary as the co-author of “Our Life and Times” not all people recognized the full extent of all the other work she accomplished for Marxist-Humanism over the years. Most recently, it included the painstaking and Herculean work to which she had devoted the one day each week she was off her regular job, in order to catalog the thousands of books from Raya Dunayevskaya’s personal library that were donated to the Wayne State University Archives Library. Her creative writing was an important contribution to the pages of N&L which we are honoring at the same time that we are mourning our great loss.

Olga Domanski
Chicago

**DAUGHTER OF PERSIA: REVIEW OF AUTHOR’S LIFE AND WORK**

I attended a discussion and book-signing with Sattpareh Farman Faramian of her internationally acclaimed book, Daughter of Persia: My Father’s Harem through the Islamic Revolution. The Video Theater auditorium was filled to capacity as she described how her father was once a wealthy and powerful prince in Persia who married eight times (but not as in Western culture, one at a time). Her father’s mother was the third wife and she was the third of her nine children. Her father had 30 sons and 30 daughters and made sure all were educated. On Fridays he had all the children present to check on their health and test them on their studies.

Faramian recited for us in Farsi one of the poems her father had written. It spoke of human beings all being connected to each other in one way or another. He died in his 80s under house arrest when the War II was fully under way. When he got to ship by boat to the port of Los Angeles. She attended Southern California University, later worked at Hull House in Chicago, returned to Iran to open the School for Social Work in Tehran, running it for 20 years until the 1979 revolution when she was imprisoned. Allowed to leave Iran in 1980, she worked for 22 years at UCLA before retiring. She has only a daughter.

George Wilfrid Smith Jr.
Chicago

The way prisoners’ rights are handled is all about control. The hopes and dreams of women in prison are all about seeing and being with our families once again. I very much value Mary’s book about the bonds that were broken or weakened by our substance abuse. Once in prison drug offenders are mandated to attend substance abuse programs. They help us maintain our value system and our understanding of who we are. They give us the tools we need to repair the broken promises and relationships we left behind. I feel visiting privileges with our families and children give us the opportunity to use these tools given us through our programs. That bonding is a vital part of our returning to society and feeling part of the community.

Prisoner California

As I continue to read each issue of N&L, I am becoming more pessimistic about the state of the world. Everything seems to end in violence. That’s the way it is. I am finding that the wrong have the upper hand to impose their will on others and have to find some way of producing the thought-provoking articles that have given me so much insight over the years about the state of the world.

Native American Texas

Editor’s note: Can you donate the price of a sub to our special Donors Fund which helps subs requested by prisoners who have no funds of their own?

**GLOBAL LABOR FERMENT**

You don’t have to search for news of labor struggles around the whole world today. Besides the largest general strike in decades reported in the May issue in “Our Life and Times” and the massive labor events shortly after in Germany, the end of May may also see widespread strikes in key sectors in South Korea. The unions there threaten to strike just days after the start of the World Cup finals, which kicks off in Seoul on May 31. This labor spotlight should reveal the thousands of taxi drivers and hospital workers as well as industrial unionists.

And not to be overlooked is what is going on at the University of California which pays for subs requested by prisoners. Members of the UC system plan a one day strike on May 29 if their union can’t get a satisfactory contract to replace the one that expired on April 30. What is getting headlines in this situation is the way replacement nurses (read: scabs) are being bought by the San Francisco firm, Healthcare Consulting and Staffing Services, via a web site named jailbids.com, which is offering them $15 per a 12-hour shift, plus up to $600 in travel expenses and "deluxe accommodations.”

Labor activist
Los Angeles

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Continuing price of slavery

by Robert Talalafierro

Reparations for slavery is a concept that is gaining more and more attention by the month. A recent lawsuit by Cesar Solis and other former Aetna employees against Aetna Inc., CSX Railroad, and Fleet Boston Financial Group has sparked the idea that one journalist in the public and media community is that "the pivot of industrialism." He wrote: "Without slavery you have no cotton, without you have no modern industry. It is slavery that has given value to the colonies; it is the colonies that created world trade; it is world trade that is necessary condition for large-scale modern industry."

It should be noted here that in the above quote Marx was not justifying African-American slavery. Instead, he was relating slavery to the totality of the economy, through which social capital is created both in the world market and industrial capitalism.

WHO WILL "RIGHT THE WRONG"?

Chinese labor brought to California built the railroads and Chinese railroad labor brought Rail to a new world market created in the 19th. By the time Chinese laborers came in large numbers to the U.S. They were for the most part non-white, and indentured servitude and legal slavery was abolished. In 1882 Califor­ nia, and the rest of the country, needed more labor they brought in the Japanese. In the 1950s a similar act limited Mexican immigration and that is when they started the bracero program to import Mexican labor.

A particularly problem confronting those who are demanding reparations is: who can they put on trial and who can possibly pay reparations for three cen­ turies of accumulated capital? Or, to put it the way Gov. Davis did, who is going to "right the wrong?" It would be extremely difficult to tabulate the tremendous amount of wealth accumulated by the multi­ tudes of extorted labor. Furthermore, the capital pro­ duce of slavery is the same dead, long, with the social capital of this nation.

FREEDOM MOVES HISTORY

Those who today demand reparations for past slavery should understand that a civilizing process by trial by demanding of the end of racism and permanent poverty. The only way to "right the wrong" if you want to be 'true to the spirit of the time.' It is only through the whole social capital to the workers who create it all. This world is filled with violence, thought, and social reorganization, which is much deeper than searching through centuries' old insurance archives to find your "rights." To those who say that a search may be interesting to the historian but politi­ cians and other workers can't go on that journey. The only determinant they understand is money. Con­ crete history is important because it proves that what matters was not the slave but the freedom for freedom.

That quest has always been the opposite of the accu­ umulation of capital in this country. That was also Marx's view as he saw the victory over slavery open up a whole new labor movement in the U.S. Only the comple­ tion of that revolution would free all the social problems and not Rev. Jackson's willingness to broker with Gov. Davis over a long history of the exploitation of African Americans.

José Solis transferred

Professor José Solis Jordán was transferred to Pue­ rto Rico from Providence, Rhode Island, to a military recruiting station in Chicago (see April 1999 News & Letters) Solís has been serving his 52 month sentence for uniting with other Afro-Cubans in Cuba. His transfer to the Puerto Rican Federal Detention Center in Guaynabo will keep him there until July 23, when he is scheduled to be transferred to a halfway house in Guaynabo. After the last Chicago Police Board meeting, I received a letter from the Office of Profes­ sional Standards that says they fed the police officers who came to my home and beat and abused me in the right. I am not letting this go.

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The wall of political will that has served to support the death penalty since its reappearance in the United States on July 17, 1972, has been crumbling. The state of Maryland became, on May 9, the second state to issue a blanket moratorium on executions pending the release of an academic study of the institution. A federal judge has issued a decision contending that the federal system is unconstitutional.

A poll carried out by ABC News in May confirms that public support for capital punishment has measurably declined. An ABC News poll shows that 65% of the American public supported the death penalty, a number 10% lower than the 75% support resulting from similar polls carried out in the mid-1990s.

These developments are to be welcomed wholeheartedly. The death penalty is a racist and sexist institution. It is a state-authorized form of partial denial of social control. It is in large measure a state-sanctioned murder of the lynching of Black people and the humiliation of their ancestors. Unlike the decision of Illinois Governor George Ryan, which has been hailed solely on the innocence of many of those on death row, the Maryland moratorium is not an opportunity to attack the institution at its weakest point as well as confront the larger issue of anti-Black racism in the United States.

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Liu Binyan said that when Wang Ruoshui returned to the mainland, he wrote "The specter of humanism is looming large over China and its history."

Despite the contradictions in the present moment, the movement against the death penalty now has the opportunity to rally itself to the position that the institution is too flawed to fix and that moratoriums must lead to abolition. Equally profoundly, the movement has the chance to confront the issue of racial disparities in the death sentence to strengthen its character as a solidly anti-racist one. Additionally, the movement has the opportunity to attack the life-without-parole sentence for the death penalty by asking what kind of society would routinely relegate people to a state with no future whatsoever.

This new moment for the anti-death penalty movement is an important one. The pro-death penalty forces in the Illinois state legislature. The federal case, which applies only to courts in New York, Connecticut and Vermont, is being appealed by prosecutors. The outcome of the case will determine whether some of the Maryland moratorium will not be determined by one man of power. The single individual's decision is now being opposed by the pro-death penalty opponents at crossroads.

RACIAL DISPARITY

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These typify American dreams
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At Columbia College, over 150 students, teachers and administrators gathered to listen to students speak out against the cuts in the MacKay Award, a $750,000 Grant budget. MAP Grants are need-based financial aid, and nearly one-third of Columbia students receive the assistance.

There are proposals in the Illinois State Legislature to cut MAP Grants for private institutions in Illinois. One proposal calls for cutting the entire $200 million Grant budget. Another plan by Senate Republicans calls for cutting only $50 million.

The students made signs with such slogans as, "Save our Education," and "Illinois Legislators: Vote No To Education Funding Cuts," and began to march down Michigan Avenue and State Street. Students chanted and the bucket-drum corps provided a beat.

At the same time, at Harold Washington College, students were joined by students from Harold Washington and UIC. Through a megaphone, various students addressing the crowd.

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New opening in Burma?

The release of Aung San Suu Kyi marks a new development in the fight for freedom in Burma. First confined in 1989 in the wake of the millions-strong pro-democracy uprising of the previous year, she spent most of that period under house arrest.

Aung San Suu Kyi has refused to compromise with the military dictatorship. She has pointed to the fact that her National League for Democracy won 82% of the vote in a national referendum. She has continued to call for economic and political sanctions against the regime.

At least 1,500 other political prisoners still languish in the government's jails, while the Burmese people live in poverty and ignorance. This only a third attainment school. AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis are rampant. Famine and disease are widespread, constituting a third of the population, have been crushed, with forced labor imposed on prisoners. The most persistent force of oppression, the youth, have seen their lives destroyed again and again.

In May, in a solemn ceremony attended by government officials and members of the Khoisan people, the mass mobilization and repression of 1988, the East Timorese workers and peasants, what Marx first called a new crisis of our nuclearly armed world, it is not seen for decades. How they meet the challenge of a new movement from practice that was a most sobering score for an open racist work as a torturer for the French army during the Far Right tests European freedom struggles.

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