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UAW leaders and ranks: the gap grows
by Charles Denby, Editor

Workers in Chrysler plants have forced the UAW to call a strike against that corporation by their rebellions against speed-up and inhuman working conditions, but many workers were surprised when it really happened. The leadership of the union is so full of games and tricks when it comes to workers' problems, that many felt the UAW would stall and act up to the deadline, then yell to the workers that an agreement had just been reached. Some are saying they believe that the UAW leadership got together with the company and agreed to call a short strike because some opposition in the union had been seeing months ago that the contract was already settled.

"TIME RUN OUT"

Throughout the history of the UAW, a strike against any company has meant rebellion against it that brings with it picketing of the plants, demonstrations, and many times open hostility between company and union. In this strike, both sides are participating and putting each other on the back, saying how hard they have tried to reach an agreement but time just ran out. One worker said, "This is the strangest strike I ever witnessed in my 30 years here."

These union leaders believe that all workers are dumb and that their brains must be fed and taught. Many radicals and liberals think the same way about workers. It is impossible for them to see that workers have a mind of their own, a philosophy of their own. They are seeking a unifying philosophy which will unite their everyday practice with their thinking—that is, a complete change in production relations. That is what the wildcat strikes were all about.

W.A.M., the radical organization that tries to take credit for the wildest strikes in Chrysler, seems to think that they can be better leaders for workers. They are calling for most of the same things in this new contract that the UAW is asking for, like 30-and-out regardless of age. Walter Reuther picked that slogan up from his opposition long before his death.

No one is against 30-and-out, but it does not begin to solve production relations in the shop, which is what strikes arise from. W.A.M. does not seem to understand the methods workers use in the shops. Workers are ready and determined to make a complete change in our

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Philosophy and Revolution

Endless crises throughout the world show need for new human relations

By Eugene Walker

The multiplicity of world crises seems endless, whether one looks at the latest military coup in Chile, or Nixon continuing to move the clock backward on every front beginning with his Southern Strategy of anti-busing, or the abyss of corruption called Watergate, not to mention the imperialistic complicity the world over, including the latest tragedy in Chile, where ITT-CIA played so vicious a part.

If we take a second look at both parties in the Sino-Soviet conflict vying for favor from U.S. imperialism at the very moment it is destroying Vietnam, North and South, Laos and Cambodia—and then go to the other extreme and view the fragmentation of the Left, old and new—it becomes clear that this fragmentation is by no means due only to the counter-revolution against the Left. Rather it is due to the fact that its own activities cannot move to socialism since they lack any economic base and will of necessity be nationalist revolutions with petit-bourgeois leadership.

On a second level is the argument that so all-encompassing has become the domination of modern man by the advanced industrial state that revolt cannot come from within these industrialized states, or at least not from the working class which is both repressed and satisfied by the technological monocentrism. And finally, the world dominated by the other nuclearly armed superpower, Russia, is either ignored in terms of revolution, or distorted in meaning by those who look through the glasses of the Cold War either from the East or West. For this reason alone it is refreshing to read the thoughts of one who has not resigned herself to the impossibility of revolution. Raya Dunayevskaya's study is a penetrating and stimulating exploration into the questions of revolution today.

A LIBERATION OF PHILOSOPHY

The very ground that others dismiss with a wave of the hand—the African Revolutions of the '60s, the East European Revolutions against state-capitalism, the new passions of Blacks, anti-war youth, women's lib and rank-and-file labor in America and West Europe—is the point of departure of her search for the historical and most especially the philosophical threads that in her view will reconstitute the superpower a reality.

Raya Dunayevskaya's work is at once the liberation of philosophy from the academic ivory towers where it has resided, and the philosophical capturing of the revolutionary practice of the 1960's and 60's. The total-

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Alpert's 'Mother Right': racist, anti-theory
By Deborah Morris

Jane Alpert's article, Mother Right: A New Feminist Theory (Ms., August 1973), calls for a very serious critical examination of Marxist feminism. Ms. Alpert seems to have focused in internal political struggles that discredited the Women's movement as irrelevant, and the women ended up by choosing sides with their men, rather than looking for very different grounds than the white, male Left or SNCC. This is a sad realization, and isn't so much that their men became more important, but that the struggle for liberation presented that gave them an alternative.

But Alpert takes that defeat and the specifics of the relational conditions presented by her work which, if it is a conceit, it is one she is certainly not alone in. Marxists both in and out of the Women's Movement have, in various ways, articulated the situation of their conditions of labor, so women are struggling with the same questions of theory as Marx does with the working class. Moreover, just as the proletariat is struggling for a redefinition of its conditions of work, so the women's movement is trying to redefine their own existence in more human terms.

Women are emerging as a new historical subject, but not as yet as the only subject, as Jane Alpert proposes, nor as nearly as narrow a subject as is her view of women. In contrast, what Raya Dunayevskaya has done in Philosophy and Revolution (second and book review, p. 1) is to capture what Marx saw in the self-developing subject. As Marx's notebooks show, what has always been needed for new emerging forces, Ms. Dunayevskaya shows the new forces that are emerging historically, and that the Black woman has had to be strong, yet we must define our own existence in terms of our own lives.

The Black woman has had to be strong, yet we are not permitted for having done so. We have been called "matriarchs" by white racists and Black nationalists; we have virtually no positive self-images to validate our existence. It has been hard for us to emerge from the myriad of distorted images that have portrayed us as grinning Beulahs, castrating Sapphires and pancake-box Jemimahs.

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UAW pact: weapon against workers

When the workers formed the UAW, it stood for the forty hour week, and that's what they wanted. They tried to get "30 for 40", and Reuther gave it life service. The new contract writes in law what the UAW leadership long ago gave up in favor of an eight hour day, the forty hour week.

CAN'T LEAVE WORK

They won't let you go as the rules you have to follow if you want to take one Saturday off out of three. You must work the two previous Saturdays, and you must work every Monday, Thursday, or Friday in the week before the Saturday you want off. A Chrysler worker spelled it out: "You ain't no fool, you got more than work to do. But you got to get your work done on Monday, Tuesday, or any other day, or you better not walk out. The company will use it like that. Stay on the job if you want your Saturday." One older worker said, "If this lousy contract is ratified, I'll retire tomorrow rather than stay another day on this lousy job."

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Woodcutters strike in South

Eastabuchie, Miss.—More than 2,000 black and white woodcutters in Southern Alabama and Mississippi are on strike against giant paper and pulp companies. The first strike was called by the Gulfcoast Pulpwood-Association (GPA) after the companies refused to respond to the demands the union made for higher pay and better conditions.

The companies offered a 3% raise, but the union demanded 7%. Under the proposed contract, new hires will be probationary workers for six months, and to revive the name of the great "flying squadrons" of UAW history as goon squads to beat up workers who have no rights, and no representation, the company said about the contract. But they weren't so ready to ant to tell what it means." Another worker disagreed, "In my plant, maybe 25% of the workers have less than six months. They are the ones who have to work the overtime."

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COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN CHILE: THE END OF ILLUSION

Reformism has shown itself to be as hopeless a road to new society as the guerrilla movements of the '60s. When will the American intelligentsia learn that it is not a strategy from above, but the self-activity of the oppressed which makes a revolutionary change possible?

New York

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The press — free and otherwise

The press has played up the "strikes" of the rank and file, in the way the truck owners in Chile as if they were the "masses." We have heard very little about the miners' desertions, the CP's own strike in the engineering sector which has proposed a new rule to keep workers, a little better wage was promised in the future. Even after the "objective" press will now shed tears for the workers that so many people, especially among the workers, have been virtually excluded from the decision have proposed a new rule to keep workers. The Watergate press will now shed tears for the worker and peasant demonstrations. The treatment of Watergate by the press will now shed tears for the worker and peasant demonstrations. The treatment of Watergate by the press has been more clear. They are almost totally silent about Nixon's role. News of his self-defence is still on the air. Nixon's role. Nixon's role is still on the air. Nixon's role is still on the air.

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Detroit

The Nixon counter-revolution against workers and all minorities in this country has had such sweeping victories that we are sometimes forced to dig for the_swamp.
Economics phase-out, global politics phase-in

By Raya Dunayevskaya

Asia, Latin America and West Europe. Do the radical youth of America deny that they are struggling against capitalism, racism, sexism, and exploitation everywhere in the so-called Third World, and are they willing to support freedom struggles in Africa, Asia, and Latin America?

The freedom of Czechoslovakia on Aug. 22, the anniversary of the destruction of the Prague Spring five years ago, is a beacon for the small, almost entirely attended by Czech-Americans. It was amazing to me that none of the young radicals in New York showed up. There are rallies every week to support freedom struggles in Africa, Asia, Latin America and West Europe. Do the radical youth of America deny that they are struggling against capitalism, racism, sexism, and exploitation everywhere in the so-called Third World, and are they willing to support freedom struggles in Africa, Asia, and Latin America?
UFW takes strike to cities, asks for support

New York, N. Y.—Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers Union, has called a halt to picketing of the grape and lettuce fields during harvest, due to the violence provoked by the growers, Teamsters, and police. Instead a campaign of appeals and boycotts is being launched across the country, bringing farmworkers and their families to all the major cities to help make the grape and lettuce boycott effective.

In New Jersey, 50 of the arriving farmworkers began their activity Sept. 11 by sitting in the Shop-Rite offices in Elizabeth. They were arrested. Sixteen of them vowed to stay in the offices until Shop-Rite agreed to sell only UFW grapes and lettuce, so they spent the night in jail with their families. An all-night vigil was held outside the jail by other farmworkers.

Chavez said the arrests just came from California: "I'm from the Coachella Valley. The union had contracts with 3 large farms there, and only two renewed it. The rest signed with the Teamsters. And most of the people there thought they were still under Chavez.

"When I landed in jail, they gave us mattresses and blankets. There were 50 of us. We were all arrested together in Bakersfield. We started yelling "Cesar, Cesar!" and chanting and making noise, so they took away our mattresses and blankets and shoes, and watered us down with a hose. All the farmworkers arrested are demanding separate jury trials. Yet no migrant farmworker will be on the jury, since they generally can't register to vote. In the meantime, the owners are still out to break the Farmworkers. A farmworker said, "I've been picking lettuce and cucumbers here for 24 years. I have big savings and they're not owning the lettuce. They think they'll break us in a minute. But we're just going to hang on, until we get our contracts."

BOYCOTT A&P, G&L

The priority target of the Farmworkers in New York is A&P. They are planning for a total boycott of the store until they agree to sell only UFW lettuce and grapes.

A boycott of Gallo wines is also being called for. All labels of Gallo, including Paisano, Thunderbird, Carlo Rossi, Tyraila, Ripple, and Triple Jack, are not to be bought. Gallo is the largest wine producer in the country, corresponding to the grape industry.

The military is still buying tons of acaba lettuce and grapes for servicemen. At Hunts Point Terminal Market the other morning, when most of New York's produce comes in, and where the United Farm Workers have a

RCA dumps students

New York, N. Y.—One of the largest corporations in the world—RCA—has three times more workers than there are Vietnamese veterans—Blacks, Latin Americans, and others of the already hardest hit. RCA has decided to "phase out" their electronics training schools without compensa- tion for the 3,000 students yet to complete their training or for the 800 new applicants for the next term.

A large percentage of these students are vets and may lose their benefits if unable to complete these courses. Some of the students from Africa, Asia, and poorer nations will lose their visas and have to leave the United States. RCA has decided that education does not fit in with their profit picture.

We urge you to be in touch with any war resisters you know and help spread this information.

For more information write: Americans for Amnesty 533 East 65th Street New York, N. Y. 10021 (212) 771-7899

California canny workers support UFW strikers

A picket line every morning, a driver contracted by the Army to deliver the vile vegetation refused to cross the UFW picket line. He told the picketers he had 800 boxes of acaba lettuce, and he was turning right around with them.

The farmworkers need support, especially food, clothes, and information. More farmworkers from California are expected. If you have room you can spare, or help you can give, contact the United Farm Workers office in your city. In New York it's: United Farm Workers, 231 W. 50th St., New York, N. Y. 10024.

U.S. exiles in Canada

New York, N. Y.—More than 20 American exiles remain in Canada in constant danger of deportation into the hands of American military courts. Many "illegal" males—war resisters, their sisters, both draft refusers and deserters—live a hand-to-mouth existence as day laborors or occasional workers. All of them fear that the Canadian government may ultimately find and deport them. These American exiles, who are in Canada "illegally," now have one final opportunity to legalize their presence in Canada and to bring stability to their lives.

An exile who becomes landed under this new law will still have the choice to return to the United States if an amnesty is granted.

For a period of 60 days following the enactment of the amendment of the Immigration Appeal Board Act, every existing application in Canada (arriving there after Feb. 12, 1972) can be processed. An application will be made or entered under which conditions he remains, may apply for landed status. The immigration authorities are ready to process these applications.

It is expected that the Canadian government will be extremely lenient this last time in applying the standards for becoming landed. All applicants will qualify. But, the Canadian government has made it very clear that this is not an opportunity for "illegal" residents to legalize their status.

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Scotland: TUC leaders betray

Glasgow, Scotland—The TUC is meeting at Blackpool and the decisions do not reflect the wishes of rank and file trade unionists. It is inevitable that further talks with Heath will take place.

Jack Jones is blossoming out as a statesman but still trying to retain his reputation of being on the left. He speaks at all the important TUC meetings but continues to attach importance to talks at Downing Street. There will be an increase of one pound (about $2.50) per week in the month of October. It may suit Heath to add to his own position by making a further increase. This would add to the prestige of Jones even if all the other issues are won.

The TUC has a new Secretary. His name is Len Murray. If ever there was a crooking careerist, he is one. He is a wheeler and yet he will lead the trade unions to Downing Street. Heath will have reason to be happy when he meets this fellow.

The truth is that apart from the victory won by the miners through strike action, there is little to boast of. The miners are trying to retain their reputation of being on the left. But they speak of industrial action on old age pensions but still trying to retain their reputation of being on the left. Heath will have reason to be happy when he meets this fellow. The miners are still fighting, whether called private capitalism or state-capitalism, the battle of wages and conditions. The threat of mass unemployment has made them more desperate of its demand, that we prepare for uprooting the system before the multiplicity of its crises the world over retrogress to the level of barbarism.

The political ambitions of a number of trade union leaders are affecting the whole movement. We are suffering from a set-back because of reluctance on the part of the so-called leaders to face up to the situation.

FREE FIRE ZONE

(Continued from Page 5) the ace in Cambodia which means the whole Indo-China peninsula and the "presence" of both the U.S. and North Vietnam.

WHETHER OR NOT the "Nixon Doctrine" of making Asian oil to continue to operate in Southeast Asia depends not much on U.S. might as on the Sino-Soviet conflict, peace in Vietnam is sought. American justice system, the prisoners who demanded their freedom are calling for a total boycott of the store until they agree to sell only UFW lettuce and grapes. They are calling for a total boycott of the store until they agree to sell only UFW lettuce and grapes. They are calling for a total boycott of the store until they agree to sell only UFW lettuce and grapes.

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fullly conscious of, but must become so, if we are to have a future that will not be a repetition of past, muddled movements. Where much of the new left had proudly rejected any conception of theory or, like Cohn-Bendit, felt that it could be picked up along the way, Dunayevskaya traces historically the necessity of theoretical preparation for revolution. Such preparation must begin by a rediscovery of the philosophy of liberation of our age—Marxism.

PREPARATION FOR REVOLUTION

Theoretical preparation for revolution is no catch phrase, nor is something one can merely read the essential books and write out the essay of the moment. It must instead involve a full awareness of what Marx meant by praxis. It is a coming-together of practice and theory in so dynamic a manner that theory is no more a separate, revolutionary practice and practice itself contains theory.

More than any other place it is today's United States, through her vision is global, that both allows and drives Dunayevskaya to search for the historical and philosophical roots to match the present day passion for freedom. In her book, the work, the action of the women's liberationists, the workers on wildcat—all are the new left—all are the creative engines of revolution—which she sees demanding conditions to the laborers which created the philosophy of human liberation, Marxism, and which in turn will help release today's struggles to make the leap to revolution.

Dialectics, which materialists have at least equated to the class struggle combined with the party to lead, but which have been banned in the past by various groups to redefine without the class struggle to be what they will it to be, is instead shown by Dunayevskaya to be both the class struggle objectively based, and the self-movement, the subjectivity, from below of the forces of production in thought as well as in action. Just as the very struggles of the fifties and sixties—in Europe, in Africa, in America—contained the dialectical heart of it, so is today's struggle that become the challenge to which she devotes Part III of Philosophy and Revolution, "Economic Realities and the Marxian Dialectic," and the opening chapter of REVOLTS FOR HUMANISM

Perhaps most manifest in the post World War II world are the East European Revolts that have been in progress in Slovenia and Czechoslovakia in the early and mid 50's. Dunayevskaya analyzes these and shows how initially the revolt was a mass movement which is itself a form of theory. She links the activities of masses in Poland and in Czechoslovakia of the late sixties and seventies to those of the later revolts as a movement from practice which is implicit in that movement is what Dunayevskaya concludes on. In turn, the movement from practice itself opens up a new vision for comprehending the Hegelian-dialectic as integral to the movement toward revolution.

Here is how she expresses it: "For Marx the dialectic of liberation . . . not only 'concretized' the Hegelian dialectic as 'algebra of revolution', it also, and above all, emerged from history, proletarian history, from the experience of the class struggle of the Marxist dialectic was thus not a mere standing of Hegelian philosophy on its feet instead of its head. It is true that it had been Marx's head and not his philosophy: but Marx saw masses not merely as 'matter' but as Revolutionary, the self-freeing task, and that is why he was Marx who was universalising their praxis." Because Dunayevskaya follows the movement both in its revolutionary totality and its contradiction, we cannot express how great is this movement for revolution, how hard the task is that is still to be done. It is not to be a footnote to history but the source of new becomings. Dunayevskaya's contribution toward that task opens up new paths in thought and practice and finding is an indispensable work for every serious revolutionary.

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UAW: leaders and ranks

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lives in these plants. But all W.A.M. did was get all of these workers thrown out of the plant, along with dozens of innocent workers as happened after the wildcat strikes.

There are other questions that some workers are asking, and thinking about, in their own lives. How do I vote, how do I decide to protest in a city primary election in Detroit. The leaders of the UAW supported a white City Commissioner named Ravitz for mayor, and refused to support a Black that had come up through the ranks of the union before being elected Sheriff.

This caused concern among the Black community, and even among some Black labor leaders. The white city leaders preferred to see Coleman Young, did not have a chance—there was no big money backing.

A Chrysler worker told me that for the first time in 36 years of working there, not one piece of campaign literature for the black candidate.

It was not until Black workers began to show their resentment against racist white workers supporting Wallace's campaign that the UAW began to make a firm statement against Wallace. It was because of the racist attitudes of white labor leaders and their belief that Black workers would not vote for Wallace that they spent thousands of workers' dollars on a losing candidate.

Another worker said,""The company and the union are so concerned about money that new workers can break almost any company rules as long as they do not interfere with production. Workers there were for years fired for, superintendents and foremen see young workers pull off things we've never seen before." He said,"I do agree that they will take a complete change and reorganisation of this union from top to bottom. But it is not at the point of production. We must break the stranglehold of the company and union over us to be free again."
Sino-Soviet conflict dominates Non-Aligned Nations Conference

By John Alan

World revolutions were all about was shot down into the wings of the Conference, while sharp charges raged around whether the “non-aligned” should or should not support the world interests of the Soviet Union.

It was not by chance that such a debate took place.

Those who favored the world interests of China, while keeping a low profile at the Conference, made such a debate inevitable.

SINO-SOVET SPLIT ERUPTS

The fact that the deposed head of the Cambodian Government, Prince Sihanouk, who was deposed by his own government, has been able to retain his position in Cambodia.

The Soviet-Union, that the UNS makes to have diplomatic relations with the Lon Non Government, was not a sign of any diplomatic relations.

What was clearly being imposed upon the Conference was the Sino-Soviet conflict—a conflict which is inevitable and a conflict which all the third World nations to people to complete their liberation.

We must burn into our memory that the State-Capitalist systems of Russia and China had nothing to do with the liberation struggles of Africa and the Third World peoples to free themselves from the bondage of Western imperialism.

In Fanon’s words, the Algerian Revolution would be "the oxygen which brings about, and sustains, a new kind of human being." But this cornerstone of Fanon’s philosophy of what the African and the other Third

Soviet dissidents

With two victors, Victor Krasin and Pyotr Yakir, already tried, convicted and exhibited to the press in a style reminiscent of the Moscow trials, the stage is being set for the arrest and trials of nuclear physicist Andrei Sakharov and Marshal Ivan Solomenyuk. "If I have been killed or suddenly mysteriously dead, you can infallibly conclude, with 100 percent certainty that I have been killed with the approval of the KGB or by it," said Solomenyuk.

Sakharov held a news conference at which he accused Soviet psychiatrists of injecting a depressant drug, haloperidol, into dissident physicist Leonid Plushch in Dnepropetrovsk Prison Mental Hospital. His wife, Lyudmila, the wife of General Pyotr Grygorenko, held in a mental hospital, reported that her husband has become totally indifferent under the influence of the drug.

A violent campaign is raging in the Soviet press against those who dissent from the Soviet regime, by writers, authors, musicians, composers, and conductors who are worse than prostitutes for the Soviet police state. This doesn’t mean it is restricted to the people in the arts—the revolutionary dissidents suffer in silence since the “West” doesn’t even offer the protection of headlines.

The police attack on the peaceful strikers was met by a violent reaction in the Black community before communications on the results were cut off by white racist police.

Needless to say there is not a word of protest on the massacre from the Nixon Administration that resounds the apartheid government. This favorable trading partner and is disregarding the UN requests for a boycott of its goods.

Israeli-Arab relations

A combination of Palestinian commandos and the Israeli military commando was highly unlikely, yet the rumor mill indicates that Israeli military commanders would not be opposed to some of theirPalestinians taking over the Kingdom of Jordan as a Palestine homeland, if only they would keep out of Israel and cease fighting.

The plot of Abu Daood, the Palestinian leader who was arrested when he attempted to enter Jordan last winter disguised as an Arab, in an effort to take over the Jordan government, sought to establish a base for a return of the “commandos” to Jordan.

Interviews with the Fedayeen leaders by George Geyer of the Chicago News indicate that the effort not only had their support, but that such Israeli leaders as Moshe Dayan and Golda Meir, the Prime Minister, pushed strongly that “no support to the Palestinian “Homeland” being located in Jordan rather than the territory now occupied by Israel.

Sino-Soviet conflict dominates Non-Aligned Nations Conference

By John Alan

World revolutions were all about was shot down into the wings of the Conference, while sharp charges raged around whether the “non-aligned” should or should not support the world interests of the Soviet Union.

It was not by chance that such a debate took place.

Those who favored the world interests of China, while keeping a low profile at the Conference, made such a debate inevitable.

SINO-SOVET SPLIT ERUPTS

The fact that the deposed head of the Cambodian Government, Prince Sihanouk, who was deposed by his own government, has been able to retain his position in Cambodia.

The Soviet-Union, that the UNS makes to have diplomatic relations with the Lon Non Government, was not a sign of any diplomatic relations.

What was clearly being imposed upon the Conference was the Sino-Soviet conflict—a conflict which is inevitable and a conflict which all the third World nations to people to complete their liberation.

We must burn into our memory that the State-Capitalist systems of Russia and China had nothing to do with the liberation struggles of Africa and the Third World peoples to free themselves from the bondage of Western imperialism.

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Black-Red View

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From all reports, the recently concluded 4th Conference of Non-Aligned Nations, held the week of Sept. 9 in Algiers, was a dismal failure. It was a study in the absurd situation where James Baldwin, the world famous American novelist, chi Manley put it, even though 60 Chiefs of State and Government heads attended to “reaffirm the principles of non-interference and independence and not to ‘end the pillage of the underdeveloped world.”

What is so tragic is that the Conference demonstrated how fragile the concept of “non-alignment” is, and even more depressingly revealed how the Sino-Soviet conflict, in less than a decade, has destabilized the revolutionary effort and weakened some of these Third World nations.

A BITTER CHANGE

One cannot help but strain a feeling of sadness, when we realize that the host country, Algeria, less than 20 years ago was conducting a bitter war against the French, and the other participants, and the hostile philosophy of that was posted by Frantz Fanon, a Black man from Martinique, who saw the struggle of the Algerian people as a mighty effort to “restore the human being to his proper place—the very center of any society.”

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10th Chinese Communist Party Congress revises constitution

According to Hainan (official Chinese News Agency comment published in NYT, Aug. 30, 1973) the Chinese Communist Party Congress revised the Constitution that resulted from the discussions of three years of the so-called Cultural Revolution, lifting the ban on criticism of the party leaders adopted at the 5th Party Congress had designated Lin Piao as “Chairman Mao’s closest comrade-in-arms.”

Whether the ex-Defense Minister was shot because he opposed Mao’s suddenly rolling out the red carpet for President Nixon, or his plane crashed as he tried to escape to Russia after an unsuccessful coup against Mao, as now alleged, Lin is now declared to be nothing short of a “bourgeois修正派, conspirator, counter-revolutionary, double-dealing renegade and traitor.”

The reporter on the revision of the Constitution was one Wang Ilmeng, a newcomer to the leadership who is supposed to prove just how “proletarianized” and “young” the leadership has become. Wang is 36 years old, a former textile worker who had, with the Red Guards established by Lin, become one of its leaders in Shanghai. He read out of the Party not only the dead but also Chen Boda, the long-time Secretary and ghost writer for Mao. Like Lin, he was not only one of the original leaders of the revolution that brought Communism to power in 1949, but, specifically, a leader of the Cultural Revolution which ousted Lin Shao-chi and the party leaders who had “opposed Mao Tse-tung Thought.” Presently, he is declared not only to have been part of the “Platypus Party clique,” but nothing less than an “anti-Communist, Kuo-mintang element, Trotskyist, renegade, enemy agent and revisionist.”

The 1349 delegates “unanimously” voted for the expulsion of Lin and Chen and adopted the revised Constitution. All one can conclude from the “West” and semi-Colonial countries during the years is that is that the euphemism for purges. Now, however, the emphasis is on “United and don’t split.”

In any case, it was not the newcomer to the leadership who gave the chief, the Political Report. Chou En-lai clearly, he is the formulator and executor of China’s foreign policy. And, where as words were still used to speak against “hegemonism of the two super-powers, the United States and the USSR,” the specific thrust was against “surprise attack” by Russia which is now referred to as “social imperialists.”

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