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Sexism, Politics and Revolution in Mao's China  

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Alienation and Revolution: A Hong-Kong Interview with a Chinese Refugee

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(4) Simon Kunznetz, Postwar Economic Growth. See also his Capital in the American Economy.

(5) See Ernest Mandel's Introduction to the new English (Pelican Marx Library) edition of Marx's Capital, as well as his analysis "A Hesitant, Uneven, and Inflationary Upturn" in Intercontinental Press, 11-28-76.

To think that one can laugh off the latest appearance of regression by such supercilious remarks as, "You can't refute a joke," is to allow one's senses to be dulled while shoking off the revolutionary intellectuals' responsibility for unraveling a Marxist banner that would unite philosophy and revolution and thus lay the ground for a new society on truly human foundations. Time would indeed be running out not only objectively but subjectively, were we to bow to an attitude that would accept a "lesser evil." As if state-capitalism calling itself Communism is the only alternative to decrupt private capitalism.

Mao's Humanism expressed itself unequivocally also on the question of time when it defined "Time" as "space for human self-development." The very urgency of time's "running out" demands concreteness on all matters, subjective as well as objective, beginning with facing the alien reality as is, as rooted in economic crises and in political crises. The lunatic fringes feel thoroughly at home in these crisis-ridden times, as witness the brazen, open appearance of the KKK and the Nazi joining forces in anti-Semitic and anti-Black pogroms in Georgia, in Ohio, in Chicago. The fact that militant counter-demonstrations stopped them in their tracks does not mean they will not reappear — especially when the very day before the lights went out, the President at his press conference spoke out so vehemently against abortion rights and showed such indifference to the poor and to segregated education.

I. The Sick Economy

That this, the fifth post-World War II recession, is so hard to come out of, has bowed the capitalists themselves face-to-face with the reality, that the overriding fact of present day capitalism is stagnation. Thus, the only two "healthy" economies in the West — the U.S. and West Germany — are in an investment slump. Thus, the mightiest, the U.S., which is experiencing a 5 percent growth, is finding it barely keeping up with population growth, that is to say, it is at a standstill.

The answer the capitalist ideologists themselves give to the question, "Why Does a 'Healthy Economy Feel So Bad?'" is that they, nor the one that describes capitalists approving of detente as having "capitalist bodies with Marxist heads."

Not so this dehumanized thinking characteristic only of the West. While fascist superpowers, U.S. especially, what dehumanized creature could compete with the super-scientist-military-industrial complex of Steeler Planners which "orders describe a bomb as 'clean' because, though this neutron bomb can kill by radiation it leaves property intact.

In Hitler's Germany, from the 'secret weapon' with which Hitler threatened world destruction, to the actual genocide he practiced within his domain, is any match for the actual military technology now in the hands of the superpowers, U.S. especially. What dehumanized creature could compete with the super-scientist-military-industrial complex of Steeler Planners which "orders describe a bomb as 'clean' because, though this neutron bomb can kill by radiation it leaves property intact.

(1) Interestingly enough, the report on the "Op-Ed" page of the Sunday New York Times, 7-17-77, was by one who teaches African studies — Claytton Riley.

(2) The "Cultural revolution with a Human Face" calling itself "The New Philosophy" by its guru, Bernard-Henri Levy, hailed from the same famous university that produced Althusser in the early 1960s, and in the mid-1970s had produced this Solzhenitsyn-inspired elitism with the ex-Althusserite, Andre Glucksmann, who now calls Solzhenitsyn "the Shakespeare of our time." Their works have

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Students show their rage as police shoot tear gas at mourners leaving a church in Soweto in June. (Continued from Page 1)

wrote, "The point is that, even if one didn't wish to accept our analysis of state-capitalism as the totality of the contradictions, which is concentrated nothing short of revolution, and counter-revolution, one would have to admit that the totality of the contradictions compels a total philosophy as the book of Marx who, though he wrote during a free enterprise, private property, competitive capitalism era, saw that, instead of plan vs. market chaos being the absolute opposites, the chaos in the market was, in fact, the expression of the hierarchical, despotic plan of capital at the point of production. 'Marxright', about dialectics is 'ideology', bourgeois idealism of the state-capitalist age."

Such Marxist revisionism, like anarchist total rejection, not just of 'vanguardism', but of all organizational forms (See Part III), can only make razor-sharply precise that expression which has yet to complete any of the revolts and near revolutions that have spontaneously arisen in the movement from practice these past two decades.

II. Political Crises (Sino-Soviet Conflict included) in Our Age of State-Capitalism

The Plenum Coll, in recalling past Middle East crises and wars, including the critique of the UN Resolution on Zionism as Racism, and related to the tenacities of U.S. imperialism globally:

Take but a single paragraph from our very first critique of the UN Resolution on 'Zionism is Racism' and you will see what the Plenum had in mind for opening the discussion as of today on the question of the totalitarian agency proposed for Energy and how that relates U.S. imperialism's hand from the Middle East to Africa.

"In fact, detente or no detente, B1 bomber or no B1 bomber, does not mean the U.S. will stop its imperialist drive. Or that the U.S.'s imperial hand will not be present in Angola. Or that the Arab Mideast will, or Israel. In this, the over-riding goal of U.S. imperialism, whether it acts for 'Israel' and threatens 'Middle East all kingdoms with invasion, or the opposite, 'capitulates' to them and pressures Israel into concessions, is but one thing. It has no intention whatever of letting the world's main energy source run out of total control of American oil companies."

With that in mind, it is necessary to take a second look at the latest and most volatile spark to yet another Middle East war that the electoral victory of the extreme-right Likud produced. Nothing more reactionary than occurred in Israel, then called Palestine, since the Likud leader, Menahem Begin, led his terrorist organization, then called Irgun, into the perpetrated of an Arab massacre in Deir Yassin. Just as the genuine Jewish revolutionaries, then fighting for independence from British imperialism, considered Begin a racist counter-revolutionary (though both were fighting Britain for a new homeland for the Jewish), so now the Jewish masses must fight him to the end.

No illusions can be entertained such as are now being fed by the daily press, that supposedly power will well protect 'Western' rights in the Middle East. Or that the U.S. will now be ready to align with the most reactionary military regime in Ethiopia to have a foothold from where it can meet both the challenge of Arab potentates and the beady eyes of the U.S. and West and Israel to be a world economic power. The little value of Djibouti's "national economy" is disregarded as the strategic geography is looked at for control of the Red Sea.

Gone are the mid-1950s and early 1960s when Western Europe defined itself with its economic growth in that decade, it could outdistance the U.S. Gone is Mao's China's illusion that the superstructure (especially its Little Red Book) is superpower U.S. alone has. By now, so wobbly is the foundation of its capital that the global situation, itself, U.S. capitalist imperialism, has to fight for its life against its own masses, Black especially. The ideologues themselves have begun substituting "balance of weaknesses" for "balance of terror," which was supposed to be what will keep us from the final holocaust.

The serious capitalist ideologues know that it is impossible to consolidate the shaky Western system as the two nuclear giants keep girding for the final holocaust, and the North-South "imbalance" finds no "adjustment." That message came through loud and clear from the latest inconclusive conference between the industrially developed countries and those technologically less developed like which is way more a U.S. diplomats who worked for detente with Russia, but West Europe (especially West Germany) is trying to prod the Carter Administration to be so "naive" as to let the crucial detente with Russia come ungelled over some abstract "human rights" issue when everybody knows that there is no lack of violation of human rights in each of their own domains, the U.S.'s most of all as it collaborates most profitably with all counter-revolutionary regimes, from Chile to South Africa.

Even so totalitarian a regime as Russia can ask — and even be listened to because that is a question it is correct on — "How can one pose as a champion of human rights and at the same time brandish the neutron bomb that threatens the lives of millions of people... (What) revolts the reason and conscience of mankind must evoke a feeling of fright among the 'leaders of men' in Washington."

Naturally, the fact that Russia calls itself Communist cannot possibly eliminate its own class, state-capitalist class, nature, either in its own proletariat, or in the many crises that beset it as it competes with "the West," which now includes Japan as honorary member. But that is not what prompts Western Europe to prod the U.S. to cool off on the question of "human rights." Quite the contrary. What worries them is fear of revolution in their own countries; none has ever forgotten Paris, May 1968. Because that is so, they are trying to buy... (Continued on Page 11)
The papers exulting the plight of Black Detroit Congressman Charles Diggs, Jr., have been saying he is broke and in debt. The Black community has not been too concerned about it, although some Black leaders have come to his defense.

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DIGGS, JR. IGNORES MASSES

On the other hand, Diggs, Jr., since he has gone to Congress, he has accumulated and left him.

The Black community says there is so much corruption. The papers exposing the plight of Black Detroit Congressmen Diggs and corruption.

by Kevin A. Barry

At 9:34 p.m. on a hot July night, New York experienced a total electric blackout. Con Edison, which had just stated that a repeat of the 1965 blackout was "impossible", claimed that its Indian Point Plant was "struck by lightning".

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The Carter Administration's insanity of daring to mobilize fourgons and neutron bombs must be stopped by the widest possible activity — demonstrations, exposures, analyses and exposures of the actions of the government and its policies — which still remain to be done by any other organization. By doing so, we are asking you to join in our efforts to accelerate the new developments on the streets of our city and our country, not for the sake of the masses but for the benefit of the electoral. We must have to expand our work and see to it that the time that is running out is for capitalism, and not for humanity. The barest minimum we need for a SUSTAINING-ORGANIZING-PUBLISHING FUND is $15,000.

Our work is voluntary. We have no paid functionaries. The funds are demanded by our organization for the work of printing our paper and our projected pamphlets, for rent, for postage, for supplies. Here are our immediate tasks:

- To join with the activity of the elemental Black revolt uprooting from South to New York City, we propose to publish a new pamphlet, Franz Fanon, Soweto, and American Black Thought, by April, 1978.
- Along with our work in the Women's Liberation Movement and our continuing activities with working women, from the ARA here to the domes­
tic workers in Portugal, we have just published Sexism, Politics and Revolution in Mao's China, which we want to distribute widely, as a contribu­tion to the ongoing international discussion on women's liberation.
- In keeping with our activities with rank and file workers at the shop level, we plan to issue a joint British-American pamphlet on Marx's Capital and Today's Global Crisis, to reaffirm the con­tinuity with Marx's Humanism against the vulgar­ism of that vision by today's vanguardists.
- The new editions of Philosophy and Revolu­tion in Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, German and Japanese are an expression of a deepening world view that a growing number of others share with us. As one more expression of our interna­tional solidarity with the revolt against U.S. imperial­ism's oppression of Latin America, both here and abroad, we want to issue a bi-lingual pamphlet that will carry both the voices from below and the philosophy of liberation that unites all the strug­gles for a new world.

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Blackout illuminates the crisis of New York's poor and unemployed

In the ghettos, the youths, followed by the entire community, made the streets and the racist rip-off busi­nesses their own. They dubbed it "Christmas in July" as they smashed into the stores and took what they needed.

The stores were a frequent target and many were completely cleaned out. A Brooklyn store owner who was not hit, nevertheless complained later that there were no business because "everybody's wearing new shoes".

Places like the radio centers, "Crazy Eddie's" and "Leo's Sound Room," which advertise heavily over WRLS ("stereo in Black") to audiences, few of whom can afford their merchandise, were special targets in the Bronx, as was a car dealer.

On upper Broadway and in the Bronx, banks were smashed, possibly because they have become a symbol of the red-lining and cutbacks in social services and jobs which have been termed the New York "fiscal crisis." The banks, which are now openly running the city and telling the elected politicians what to do, have their outposts in the ghettos come under attack, including one very near to the CCNY campus. All kinds of stores were hit in spontaneous, yet in many cases, highly organized and orderly fashion. Some­times tow trucks were used to pull down the burglar gates, and there were often lines, just like at a sale. Stores selling TV's, furniture, clothing, and food were the major targets. Sometimes there were so many involved that the cops just stood and watched. In other middle-class areas such as the upper West Side, a child would often keep lookout while parents or older youths would do some "shopping".

POR QUE?

The Spanish-language El Diario ran the headline "Por Que?" (Why?) the next day and stressed the high (Continued on Page 10)
Detroit, Mich.—More than 300 supporters of Filipino nurses Leonora Perez and Patricia Narciso gathered outside the Federal Courthouse on July 13 to await the outcome of their trial. Disbelief and shock immediately turned into angry protest as a nine-woman, three-man jury handed down a verdict that failed to decide the evidence that Ms. Perez and Ms. Narciso were responsible for several breathing-failure deaths in 1975 at a Veteran's Administration hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Rampant racism has been a part of the case since the start of the patients over a year ago. A former VA patient had stated last year he believed there was a nationwide conspiracy of 1,800 Filipino nurses to kill patients in Detroit, from the verdict was announced.

Two patients in two different hospitals refused medication from Filipino nurses.

There has been a spontaneous and widespread wave of support for the nurses. On July 17, 800 people, at least half of them Filipinos, gathered in front of the Ann Arbor VA hospital to demand justice. Many on the VA hospital staff have resigned in protest of the verdict. At least one nurses' group has asked the nurses not to come into the hospital.

At a meeting of the Philippine Nurses Association in Michigan, a spokesman for the PNA, Room 316, Fisher Building, Detroit, Mich. 48202.

- Detroit Women's Liberation-NAL

Right-wing packs IWY meetings Hawaii

Kauai, Hawaii—On Friday, July 8,1400 buses, cars, and vans brought 1,700 Mormon women, 1,500 delegates to the International Women's Year Conference. By 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, the entire auditorium was filled with police, who allowed the priests and nuns in charge to refuse letting anyone else in because of fire regulations.

The Mormon women were not sent by their men; they were led by a group of the men's wives. The strategy of the men at that session was to disrupt things, but they had done as planned; it would not have been representative of the women of Hawaii. There were thousands of Japanese women who would not have come to attend because their husbands would not allow them to, and many would have had to stay home and obey their hand signals. In many states this conference to have been representative in Hawaii, it would have had to be conducted in English, Japanese and at least two Filipino dialects.

- Maggi Soleil

Montana

Missoula, Mont.—Montana's International Women's Year statewide meeting took place July 8-10 in Helena. At least here in western Montana, it was probably the most well-attended of all the women's conferences. When I arrived, I found there were 1,000 registered, including 300 men. About 800 of them had been organized by the conservatives (Mormon Church, etc.) and had or would have set up booths with sheets telling them what to say, how to vote and who to vote for.

In the meantime, many male, with walkie-talkies, folded them where to sit, what workshops to attend, and to obey the local authorities. Many of the workshops, chairpersons were elected by majority vote and those with opposing viewpoints were sometimes not permitted to speak, or were shouted down. There were 250 of us who knew that if we continued to remain in the meeting, we would not be heard. The whole weekend was organized by one separate conference where all voices would be heard.

Women from the original IWY organizing committees met to discuss what to do next. The whole weekend is about what really mattered to women were the individual discussions held while waiting in line to vote — for six to eight hours. The planners had expected 15,000 delegates to attend. Around 5,000 delegates were registered.

New York,13,000 women came to the IWY conference in July, even though it was held in Albany, far away. But because of the women's strength, the nation-wide and scholarships for expenses were given out. Around 5,000 delegates were registered, but there were also many unregistered women who had never been to a women's event before.

A busing arrived from Chisinau in the U.S.S.R. Many working class women came, some from the movement in the women's movement. As a result, the IWY conferences have had trouble.

- B.B.
Legal bureaucracy can't use truthful auto worker

by Felix Martin, West Coast Editor

I've been a working man all my life, a lot of that time in the shop. But recently I got the chance to see another part of this bureaucratic monster at work when I got called for jury duty for a month.

Picking a jury seemed like assembling a car. One lawyer was trying to build a Chevrolet, while the other was trying to build a Pontiac. So they inspect the jurors to see whether they are a part which fits their car. I must have been one of them because I didn't sit on a jury during the whole month. I think it was because I insisted on telling the truth each time I was interviewed.

The defense and prosecution attorneys use their game plan to eliminate anyone who might go against them as jurors. For example, the lawyers want to make sure that everything goes according to the rules of his or her part of the car. And the attorneys are to make the jury come up with one of only two choices — convict or acquit — all according to rules.

I couldn't see any value in it. It is not the jury system I am opposed to, but the tremendous waste of life and cheap labor that goes with the lawyers, judges, bailiffs and everything else. All of this is set up to judge whether or not a worker broke a rule of this society.

You can make such a decision if you really don't know what this society is about, if you don't see that it is the workers who built this courthouse with their surplus value taken from them in the form of taxes. But that same worker ends up breaking some rule that has been set, and finds that all the value he has produced is going toward a jailhouse. He becomes the dead end for workers.

In the case now before the jury also get trapped in this game. A Black woman was trying to explain to the judge that she didn't mind sitting on the jury if she could become something later to her lawyer. But the judge kept-saying, "I have to be.

A production worker was trying to explain to the judge that he was fired against his will, three days before, and he had called his foreman who told him to be back at once. "Don't worry, the company won't mind," the worker kept saying. The company kept saying his job would be in jeopardy. The lawyer couldn't see that the worker was a living being. He is trying to be a salary. I have done my "patriotic" duty and served my 30 days. But I don't feel very patriotic in sitting in on society's great game of "Strip the worker Wardson."

The cases are all set up to judge whether or not a worker broke a rule. A Black woman was trying to explain to the judge that her jury duty was up in three more days, the judge kept questioning her and she kept saying, "I have to be me." It's not even a game anymore.

The company offers free drinks off the lunch wagon. It's not even a game anymore. The defense and prosecution attorneys use their game plan to convince the jury that they are an honest labor society.

I worked ten hours at Fleetwood, and I'm just wondering what anybody says about him. He even brought in a guy with a stop watch to time people on their 15-minute break.

I think the company owns the people from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). If they are walking around and see a fire start, they don't say anything. But the minute a worker takes off his glasses or something, they are right there saying he did something wrong. If your heels are over an inch high they say something. They complain about. If you're wearing any jewelry, they say something. If you get three chances and you're fired. For all this we get $3.28 an hour to start, and after six months a whole $3.68.

— Rhodes worker, day shift

Heat impossible at Uniroyal

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TIME RUNNING OUT

The need for a stop is a small aspect of the total barbarity of disintegrating imperialism. I personally am scarred by the realization of the power in today's world, and who, in my opinion, quite sincerely and soberly think in terms of obliterating civilization.

There has never been a weapon developed in history that hasn't eventually been used.

Bob Peter

England

At our last union meeting there was discussion about how to counter a young white worker spoke in favor of the bomb for defense. As soon as he was finished, other workers, both men and women, hit the floor. All were saying the bomb would be used against workers who were unemployed, those on welfare and others. The motion made and passed at our meeting was for the UAW International to bring pressure on Carter to stop development of this bomb.

Activist

New York

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The Black woman's struggle against apartheid is one of the great human dramas of our time. It is a struggle that has been going on for decades, and it is a struggle that shows no sign of abating. The Black woman's struggle is not just a struggle for political and social rights, but it is also a struggle for cultural and economic rights. It is a struggle that is fought not only in the streets, but also in the homes, in the schools, and in the workplaces.

The Black woman's struggle is a struggle for freedom. It is a struggle for the right to live, to love, to work, and to die with dignity. It is a struggle for the right to be treated with respect and humanity. It is a struggle for the right to be free from oppression and exploitation.

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Thousands march for human rights in SF parade

San Francisco, Cal. — More than 300,000 people marched in the Gay Freedom Fifth Annual Parade on June 26, and jammed the streets here from the Ferry Building to the U.N. Construction. The crowd was made up of men and women, gays and straights, disabled and athletes, workers and unemployed, professionals and politicians, children and adults. Many said that the biggest of “dear Anita's” ilk were not going to get away with their by-now-hyperbolic lunch of the 17th century and of McCarthy's 1950's.

Solidarity and support for the struggles against sexual discrimination, Jewish Defense League, to come to Chicago and caused Rabbi Meir Kahane of the para-military organization, to stay away from Chicago.

Every civil and human struggle was proclaimed as part of the concrete agenda of the day, with clear opposition to the right-wing attempts to destroy the gains of human and civil rights won over 200 years of struggle.

The brutal murder in San Francisco of a young homosexual, a black youth, drunk and doped, intensified the seriousness of this demonstration and produced tremendous community participation.

Aesthetically the rally was the elitist cheerleaders for Russia and China. Many gay men said bitterly that “those sects for Marxist countries ruthlessly persecute and oppress homosexuals, who have been heroes of the Jewish-Maoist-Humanism and its philosophy of totally new human relations.

The lesbian women, active in movements in the women's liberation struggles, were very receptive to News & Letters' call to investigate discrimination against lesbians, and in major cities all over the country creative actions for all human rights are taking place.

TWO WORLDS

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b.) (In truth, however, it isn't Ms. Witke's "feminist bias": it is her petty-bourgeois kibitz that kept her from penetrating the death row issues. The ones who were executed among the masses, women included. Thus, as part of her 1972 article, she interviewed women other than Chao Chin Ch'ing. In her recent article, it was the pseudo-leaders, rather than the masses, as was the case with her report, "We Kuo-hsien: Labour Heroine to Vice-Premier." She becomes so great an apostle for Mao's China that she designates the case of that Chinese Stalinhophe as "the ultimate triumph of Maoism to date." Today in China she represents women in total control."

And how did that display itself? Well, she quotes Wu Kuo-hsien as saying that she prefers to remain with her First National Textile Mill of Hsiennyang rather than to go to the center of power of the work; she puts it in her own words, in a way that kept me away from work only one month; I did not need the usual 365-day leave . . . "(9)

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Kent, Ohio—Blanket Hill is a magnet, drawing everyone to it, to talk about what happened here in May 1970—and in July 1977. In the parking lot nearby stands a small monument that reads: "In living memory of Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer, William Schroeck—killed by National Guardsmen on May 4, 1970 for protesting Nixon's invasion of Cambodia. But the real living monument is the determination of the new Kent State University students who refused to allow events to obliterate the meaning of their martyrdom.

The very first person we talked to at the Hill was one of the students who had been at the scene in May 1970. He said he had joined the Guards in '65 only to avoid getting drafted. He now remembers cutting flowers in his gun barrel, his superiors ordering him to put tape over his name tag, hearing the shots and hoping it was fencers who were getting called murderers. He had come back this time to join the students' protest. The day he climbed under the ropes and got arrested was the best day of his life. He said, "It was the first time I felt like a human being."

Sandy Schreurs's parents came by and talked with us. Sandy's mother showed us a hate-letter they had just received, and her father, Sandy, told us about the death of their daughter. "Every day," he said, "my heart is aching."

A student told us, "Just wait until the other students come here. They have to know what happened to us. They have to know what happened to the Hill. They did it in summer because they knew if they had tried in September they'd have to deal with thousands of students."

In the "showcase" capital of Brazil, classes are suspended, the University and police were called in to occupy the campus. In Peru, 1,600 students demonstrated and to prohibit any signs of anti-government activism room to the University in Brazil under the guise of promoting "human rights."

Nonetheless, a letter was passed to her which stated: "The reason for the police in our country since 1964 may have guaranteed a certain degree of stability that may be beneficial to American interests, but this has been done by the means of a strong police force which have been used to brutally suppress all student protests, in order to maintain a "good" image of the country.

In the United States, too, the police have made some efforts to, at least, give the students a "good" image of the country.

The students feel that the Federal Court decision was a victory even if it was a temporary one. They are heartened by the help they are beginning to get from other students at campuses across the country. At the moment the Government believes in the regime that has done so little for the poor; it has been more a "salesman" of the regime than the regime itself.

One of the most impressive actions of all of us, to us the students, is the movement to separate this time from the Black dimension, as it was in 1970, when the massacre at Kent State shut down no less than 266 campuses on May 4, while ten days later none protested the killings at Black Jack City, Mississippi. The protesters of 1977 are wearing height red "E" letters: "Remember the Spirit of Kent and Jackson State."

The single capital in the form of the state bureaucratic apparatus in the United States has placed these studies under financial siege. Any university or college that, a decade ago, placed Black Studies on their curricula as a result of the impact of the Black renaissance has now been under fierce attack by financial propaganda and political siege.

Black Studies has been under this "state of siege" for several years. The authorities of the University of California at Berkeley were among the first to exert strict control over the Black Studies department by making it a part of the College of Letters and Sciences, with the aid of some willing Black professors and desperadoes.

So far, at U.C. Berkeley, Asian and Chicano studies have escaped this fate, but since February, 1977, they have been under attack by the "students," the "politically" of the university to guarantee the continuation of the "state of siege." Whether it is in the East, West, North or the South, the pattern of attack on Black Studies is the same. The unchecked educational establishment has shown a direct dislike for Black Studies as they are now constituted, by failing to give them either moral or financial support. They have made efforts to get Black professors, or simply by dismissing them from the universities.

REACTIVE ACTION
California has added its own unique efforts to this national reactionary wave trying to extinguish, if not to kill outright, Black Studies at the university and college level—notably the Bakke decision by the State Supreme Court which would invalidate any affirmative action programs that would admit a specified number of students to enter graduate schools. And, not so notorious, is the recognition by the Board of U.C. Regents to give an "aptitude test" for students who apply, regardless of the fact that they had met the required "E" average grade standard, the usual criterion for acceptance.

At this time the students are in a "movement" of "Armageddon" that may go off this fall, when the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the case. If the U.S. Supreme Court agrees with the California court that race cannot be used as the decisive element
Blackout illuminates crisis of New York's poor and unemployed

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unemployment in the city. A young Black worker from Bedford-Stuyvesant told N&L: "In a class society you've got a split in the class that can be used by the politicians and newsmen are openly calling the youth, while ignoring the underlying causes. This time not only did she lose the Left's support because of her moves against the Trotskyists and Maoists, but they, too, lost all the seats they had held. They had been expecting a resolution of the current political situation, but instead there are new alignments. Although the new Prime Minister, Jayawardena, campaigned on a pledge to curtail state monopolies, a policy he has been known throughout his career as a conservative. He has announced his intention of modernizing and expanding the socialist system of government and adopting a presidential-type of government based on the French system, with him as President.

High unemployment and the lack of foreign exchange are blamed for the downfall of the previous regime. Jayawardena has promised to open up ports to foreign trade and to create 200,000 new jobs in the nationalized industries in 20 months, to give a "square-mile "free economic zone" as the solution to the unemployment problem and open up the region to a band-aid to the fostering sores of the country.

While it is true that the corruption and anti-unionism of the old regime left the country in the lurch, it is also true that the trade unions remain strong and intact, and will continue their opposition to both the old and the new regimes.

Peru

Rebellions in Peru's major cities erupted after the military government announced on June 10 major price increases on public utilities and mass transit. Students and workers struck and took to the streets in Arequipa, Chimbote, Ayacucho, Lima, and Urubamba. By the second week of July, Huancayo became the sixth city under curfew, with police ordered to shoot to kill. The government's decision to cut back on the price of bread, noodles, and flour, the strike spread to Lima, and 80 percent of that city was under curfew. Nine people were killed, and police were using water cannons against the protesters that were used to violate the strike in public transport. The extent of the revolt is still unknown, but it is estimated there have been 1,000 to 2,000 people killed and 1,000 to 2,000 injured, and 500 to 1,000 have rounded up and jailed labor leaders.

Peruvians have long been used to being ruled by their ineffective "progressive" military leaders, who are bowing to the international bankers who set the terms of trade. Peru is in debt and can no longer export its goods. It is living on its five billion dollar foreign debt.

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N-Bomb

Buried in a $10 billion "public works bill," under Energy Research (the annual pork barrel legislation) was a new device to destroy humanity, the neutron bomb. As the facts began to slowly emerge from the military smoke screen, this bomb was described as a weapon that can destroy only people while not destroying capitalist property, factories, cities, office buildings, records, deeds, etc., so that the cockroach can still run its business as usual.

The theory, atomic weapons are guarded against misuse by a trigger that only the President of the U.S. can authorize. The neutron bomb, which kills by inflicting radiation, has no trigger and, unlike a normal bomb, does not cause the same extensive catastrophic property destruction. Originally described as a weapon for the land-based missile, the neutron bomb, in the hands of the military brass, was presented as a weapon that can be capacitated as an artillery shell for use in the field against "enemy troops."

It is a farce for the Carter Administration to describe this as some kind of defense against terrorism, when its purpose is to move ahead to develop the neutron warhead.

OAU

The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) held a summit in Léopoldville, Gabon, beginning July 2. Before the summit, a week of pre-summit meetings were held in Kinshasa. The summit called for the development of a peculiarly African OAU. A Plenary of the heads of state and government decided to adjourn the summit and continue its deliberations on other issues.

The nuclear issue is a recurring one at OAU summits. This year, the issue of nuclear explosions in the Sahara was raised.

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's 12-year-old government of Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, who succeeded to office after the death of her husband, suffered an overwhelming defeat at the hands of 70-year-old Janus Jayawardena, the Secretary of the National Party in recent national elections. The victory of the U.N.P. was overwhelming, taking 130 out of the 168 seats, leaving only 39 seats for all other parties combined.

In the early days of her regime, Mrs. Bandaranaike was hailed as the first woman leader in the world. But this image has now been shattered as her regime over the past 12 years failed to solve the pressing problems that have brought Sri Lanka to the breaking point. Mrs. Bandaranaike is now a mere figurehead, her support evaporated to the point that, according to a recent poll, her government is now the least popular in the world.

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reported and those unreported, that have been continuous for two long decades. Moreover, the latest 1976 revolt in Poland has revealed that the Western powers' dissidence from them, Left intellectuals, are massively proletarian.

When myriad crises beset each country and the world as a whole, it may be pointless to try to 'solve' them. But one thing is sure. The Middle East, or the only one, though it may be the most immediate one. It may also come from the Panama Canal Zone. After all, it is the very first 19th century 'personal' imperialism. It is there where there have been many revolts, and at this moment, it has the potential also on it. It is to try to end that vengeful, endless imperialism.

For West Europe to glory in its being the key to the international situation means allowing the U.S. to continue its neglect of Latin America to the point where not the Secretary of State, but the U.S. to take full advantage of that conflict it so long had ignored. In the midst of the Vietnam War, Kissinger,Nixon-National-Imperialism, with its quick advantage to get both Russia and China to help the U.S. to get out of the Vietnamese War on its terms. U.S. imperialism was appreciative of such collaboration. China and the internal anti-Vietnamese War movement and Black Revolution in the U.S. were shaking it up so massively that it could possibly have won without Russo-Chinese aid!

Naturally post-Mao Chino's present preparedness to intervene in a global way is not a matter of its being "for" the West, but of its aims that China, as it is "Enemy No. 1" and this concept (which became dominant during the Cultural Revolution) is the absolute in China to. This has already led to such fantastic counter-revolutionary positions as to be very nearly with South America in opposition to the MPLA's victory of Angola independence with Russian/Cuban help. While calling the Cubans "mercenaries," China did nothing short of opposing the Portu­guese Revolution itself.

Such imperialist collaboration Schlesinger naturally prefers to detente with Russia. This is the same Schlesinger who, as Secretary of Defense, gave the go-signal both for the neutron bomb and B-52's. His support is for the new totalitarian monstrosity called Energy Research and Development Administration. It is necessary, therefore, to expose the N-bomb, keep in mind also the sneaky adumbrated one­liner, in the 1978 budget for ERDA (Energy Research and Development Administration) in which it was cited: "W70 Making Warheads Against Totali­


The Political-Philosophic Letters actually began in the special January-February, 1976, News & Letters, with "Will the Revolution in Portugal Advance?" By no accident, our activities likewise expanded internationally and nationally and not only in class struggles with the ARA women workers with Black struggles and in all strike practices, but also socially, the Critical, New Essays and Saxism, Politics and Revolution in Mao's China , that will actually initiate new practices this year and not only socially and internationally. The new international relations established from England to Portugal, and from Italy to Mexico, may also extend to China, to which subject we will return as we formulate the conclusion at the end of our Perspectives, 1977-1978.

Because politicalization had, in the hands of the "autonomous" movements, prefigured, we have kept away from the very word. It is high time now to let the "vanguard party to lead" appropriate the word, politicalization. The return to this capitalist, exploitative, racist, society, we participate in all freedom struggles and do not separate the mass activities of all classes, Blacks, women and youth from the activity of thinking. We invite you to join us both in the compelled work of working out a theory of liberation for our age.

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the quiescent decade with its own “best generation,” while women, at best, were looked at only if they “came in” in man’s world, single out women as one of the forces of revolution, along with Blacks, labor and youth. From this followed not only activities in struggles at the point of production as well as in all freedom movements, but breaking with the concept “vanguard party to lead” as well as all prepara­tives and a vanguard leadership. Not only was News & Letters established as the forum for voices from below, but we chose as its editor a Black production worker, Charles Denby, and as West Coast editor another production worker, this time white, Felix Martin. While the principle of decentrali­zation is carried throughout the paper, there is no division between theory and practice, as both are integral to the paper and its readers-writers. Though, by choice, we are not a Party, but a Com­mittee, we are active in, and not just in sympathy with, Marxist-Humanist philosophy in all class struggles as well as Black revolts, in Women’s Liberation and in war movements (See Kent State article, pp.9) The intensification of these struggles this year goes hand-in-hand with the international­ization of Philosophy and Revolution — Por­tuguese, Italian, Japanese and German editions will be published this Fall and next Spring. The Span­ish edition is just off the press (see ad this page).

When compared to the turbulent decade of the 1960’s at first by the revolution-DOWN, practically like “the quiescent” 1950’s—so much so that even the overthrow of the fascist leadership in Portugal in 1974 that began looked on as if it were no more than the substitution of “democratic” capitalism for fascist capitalism. With the overthrow of Spinola, how­ever, not to mention the world economic crises of 1973, the whole of the Left, Old and New, flocked into Portugal in recognition that a new age of revolu­tion has started.

The shock of recognition, moreover, was to the new, to the fact that something revolutionary was happening at one and the same time, in Europe and Africa. From Guinea-Bissau, Mozam­bique, and Angola, new international relations were established.

From Portugal a new word was born, apertur­daries (non-partyism), a new philosophy articu­lated of freedom in a new organizational form, with totally new elemental revolutionary forces. The non-partisan liberation army is an answer to the need of organization. Rather it was a rejec­tion of the vanguardism that has destroyed so many revolutions — and not only in totalitarian countries, but the initial stifled revolts even before they self-developed.

The fact that the Portuguese counter-revolu­tion of Nov. 25, 1975, could not easily destroy the ongoing revolution, the rethinking in the country, as well as in the world Left, shows that it is not just a question of a word, apertur­daries. It is a matter of facing anew the relation­ship of spontaneity to organization, of theory to practice, of philosophy to revolution.

The international event this year that made the greatest impact in the U.S. because of its affinit­y to the Black Revolution here is Soweto.

1960’s revolutions in West and East Africa. It is this relation to the Black Revolts here that gives a totally new aspect to the Black Revolution in the U.S. Though it seemed to have stopped, it actually contained an element not only to do, but to think, and to work out the very same type of relationship of philosophy to revolu­tion, the relationship of spontaneity to organiza­tion, and on the other hand, China.

It is this which makes our tasks all the more urgent, because the time that is running out is for capitalism, the time that is coming for a total uprooting of that which is. With this in mind, we present the following tasks (all of which will be fully developed in the Organization Re­port):

1. First, a new pamphlet, Frantz Fanon, Soweto, and American Black Thought. The publication date is “The Cultural Revolution” — published by an anarchist group, The 7Os, which compiled “Ultra Left” writings in The Revolution Is Dead—Long Live the Revolution. The most exciting parts of the book are from mainland China. It is clear that ever since the Cultural Revolution, many of the Chinese youth took Mao at his word that it was “right to rebel,” that the Party head­quarters must “be bombardeed,” and “capitalist­readers” stopped from introducing Russian “re­visionism”, and, instead, have the Party Commune put into practice. The fact that Mao and his Little Red Book promptly declared the Sheng-Wu-Lien “ultra-left” and imprisoned her leaders, simply drove the movement underground, but did not stop its further development. Quite the contrary. They arose again during the anti-Confucius, anti-­Lin Piao campaigns in the spontaneous mass demonstration in Tien An Men Square April 1976. The fact that many of these youth have a position for a philosophy of liberation as well as actual liberation opens the debate on an altogether new level.

This by no means ends our unscheduled pam­phlets. The first—New Essays—has not merely “updated” Philosophy and Revolution with the essay on “Hegel’s Absolute Idea As New Begin­ning”, but made its entry into the battle of ideas in a new field. The essay, “Leon Trotsky As Man and As ‘Theoretician’” anticipates the 100th an­niversary of Leon Trotsky’s 1923, with a more challenging balance sheet than Trotskyists, orthodox and split, can ever meet, for it relates Marx’s “History of the Russian Revolution” with the revolutionary philosophy of our day that opened up with the Hungarian Revolution.

The other unscheduled publication, Sexism, Politics and Revolution in Mao’s China, which the Women’s Liberation, News & Letters brought out, not only meets the challenge of the most current event—the fall of Chiang Ch’ing—but posed the questions left unanswered by the Women’s Liberation movements today, Marxist as well as anti-Marxist, apolitical as well as “strictly” feminist. This, likewise, will aid in the establishment of relations with Chinese revolu­tionaries.

Thirdly, nothing more is urgent in this neu­tron bomb age than the continuity with what was Marx’s new continent of thought and the contin­uity with all attempts to degrade Marx’s Hu­manism as well as Lenin’s philosophical reorganiza­tion to no more than a tactic for vanguardism. This brings us to the present article. The Spanish Edition as is characteristic of, on the one hand, Por­tuguese, Italian, Japanese and German editions will be published this Fall and next Spring. The Spanish edition of Philosophy and Revolution is just off the press (see ad this page).

When compared to the turbulent decade of the 1960’s at first by the revolution-DOWN, practically like “the quiescent” 1950’s—so much so that even the overthrow of the fascist leadership in Portugal in 1974 that began looked on as if it were no more than the substitution of “democratic” capitalism for fascist capitalism. With the overthrow of Spinola, how­ever, not to mention the world economic crises of 1973, the whole of the Left, Old and New, flocked into Portugal in recognition that a new age of revolu­tion has started.

The shock of recognition, moreover, was to the new, to the fact that something revolutionary was happening at one and the same time, in Europe and Africa. From Guinea-Bissau, Mozam­bique, and Angola, new international relations were established.

From Portugal a new word was born, apertur­daries (non-partyism), a new philosophy articu­lated of freedom in a new organizational form, with totally new elemental revolutionary forces. The non-partisan liberation army is an answer to the need of organization. Rather it was a rejec­tion of the vanguardism that has destroyed so many revolutions — and not only in totalitarian countries, but the initial stifled revolts even before they self-developed.

The fact that the Portuguese counter-revolu­tion of Nov. 25, 1975, could not easily destroy the ongoing revolution, the rethinking in the country, as well as in the world Left, shows that it is not just a question of a word, apertur­daries. It is a matter of facing anew the relation­ship of spontaneity to organization, of theory to practice, of philosophy to revolution.

The international event this year that made the greatest impact in the U.S. because of its affinit­y to the Black Revolution here is Soweto.

From Soweto come the most profound and most crucial events in the U.S. since the advent of the racist regime in the world—apartheid South Af­rica. High school youth, who read Frantz Fanon and Martin Luther King, look more to the Black Revolution in Africa than ever in the past. The move­ment that started so new a global decade with the