Opposition mounts against Pope's attack on women's rights, 'liberation theology'

by Mary Holmes

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Eyewitness report: Iran's ongoing revolution

Editor's Note: As we go to press, the revolution in Iran is moving to every new stage, following the defeat of both the Shah and his stand-in, Bahalir. The anti-Shah coalition, which found a unity in what they were against, now faces the question of what the many different forces active in the revolution can do. The reversal of the Shah was but the first act of revolution. As against the "unanimity" behind Khomeini which the world press has praised, there is a new emerging awareness that genuine, revolutionary class forces are contesting for leadership. The following letter, sent to us Jan. 26, provides an overview of an ongoing revolution that demands the support of revolutionaries throughout the world.

Abadan, Iran

The movement against the Shah is the unchallenged role of religious Mullahs, their strong clamp on every sector of the revolution has contributed to misunderstanding and misrepresenting a philosophy on the part of the radicals has left the numerous groups with a lot of confusion among the people. In turn, this has provided an opportunity for "dissolved" SAVAK agents to infiltrate both groups and build support for the Left. It is mostly under the influence of the pro-Brezhnev Tudeh Party and different types of Musoils. This is the fruit of half a century of repression and dictatorship imposed by the Basalvi dynasty.

The second obvious feature of the movement is the self-activity, self-organizing and creativity of the masses of the people. It has amazed both revolutionaries and reactionaries. In every city and village you can find all kinds of self-created committees, councils, associations and other forms of organizations, such as Kanoon (which means focus) or Anjoman (soviets). Every strata has its own organization: students, writers, lawyers, teachers, bazaar merchants, bank and government staffs, and workers. Workers' committees have disbanded all the government-made unions and called for formation of a "Confederation of Iranian Workers." In their revolution they have declared that even though they accept Khomeini as the leader of the revolution, they would make their own decisions about the strikes. Here are some of the demands they want the government to respect:

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Women fight national attack on abortion rights

New York, N.Y.—Park Med, a private abortion clinic, has declared war on both poor women and its own employees for trying to unionize. Just two weeks after District 1199 filed a petition for a union recognition election, Park Med laid off 40 percent of its staff, with the explanation that it was no longer going to accept Medicaid patients, and if other clinics follow suit, it will be disastrous for poor women who need abortions.

On Jan. 19, drew over 400 women and men to show their concern that, six years after the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, women are still far from having even that control over our bodies. This was the first time since abortion was "won" that so many diverse groups have come together to make the loss of abortion rights to poor women a major issue.

This concern will manifest itself internationally on March 21, an international "Abortion Rights" with events scheduled in the U.S., Europe, Asia and Latin America.

San Francisco, Cal.—Hundreds of women attended demonstrations and conferences throughout the Bay Area in late January to protest the Supreme Court decision that gave women the legal right to abortion.

The demonstration was to show the workers that it will be disastrous to try to prevent women from exercising this right. The demonstration was "a resolve to reject the right-wing pressure to force" abortion.

State and federal funding of abortions for poor women have already been cut, while at the same time the funding for stem cell research has doubled. The "right life" groups are now calling for a constitutional amendment that would prohibit abortion altogether.

Besides vigorously opposing the Equal Rights Amendment, their literature is increasingly against contraception — which reflects the policies and heavy funding of the Catholic Church.

DETROIT AREA READERS—

Come to a revolutionary celebration of International Women's Day, 1979

Raya Dunayevskaya

author of Marxism and Freedom, Philosophy and Revolution and "Women Thinks and Revolutionaries"

will speak on

ROSA LUXEMBURG AND MARX'S PHILOSOPHY OF REVOLUTION

a presentation on her new book-in-progress

1 p.m., Thursday, March 8

Hillbary C. Student Center Building
Wayne State University

Sponsored by WSU News & Letters Youth Committee

Women as Reason

A Radical Life is the autobiography of Vera Buch Weisbord. Vera was an activist through an important period in American history — the time of the fight for unionization by textile workers — most of whom were women, which followed the Palmer raids where police broke into Leftist meetings, beat up participants, and deported thousands of foreign-born activists. The 1972 self-defense killing of a white man who had molested her son, now faces trial a second time on Wash. state's new felony murder charge. Contributions to fight this racist judicial system and end Yvonne's six years of torment should be sent to: Yvonne Warrow Deference Committee, 1985 South Tower, Seattle, WA 98104

(Off Our Backs)

In Bangkok, 56 girls ages 8 to 15, were fined by police in November from a factory in which they had been confined, working 12-17 hours per day running taffies for $35.00 per year. The money came only after the death of two of the children workers at the factory one of 3,000 such in Thailand. Twenty of the girls still remain "unclaimed" by relatives...

(Soljourner)

Prisoners at the Bedford Hills, N.Y., Correction Facility for Women have succeeded in having male guards restricted from certain areas of the prison and have plans to fight until male guards are excluded from prisoners' living quarters at all times.

A look at 'A Radical Life'

The Weibords conclude, "from now on the divisions of the American Party would be but reflections of those in Russia." But it is only after Albert is expelled that they draw up a "statement of resignations." It is after the two textile strikes, and after they leave the CP, that Vera takes "a month off" to read Marx's Capital. She says "I seemed to find at last the truth which I had been seeking all my life." The reader left is left asking what spoke to her so profoundly. She doesn't hesitate, however, to tell us what she thinks of Russia: "there was never a complete revision to proletarian capitalism."

In 1977, Vera has nothing to say on the Women's Liberation Movement and not a word on the CIO or the 1930s. Does she think that women's power, their salvation, is left out? She does not hesitate to tell us what she thinks of Russia: "Russia was never a complete revision to proletarian capitalism."

The questions that Vera Buch Weisbord avoids by leaving everything at description are the very ones coming from workers, women, Blacks, and youth. What does Marx's philosophy have to contribute to our daily praxis? What is the relationship of theory and practice and organization? In our age of social revolutions, we are trying to work out answers today — before a revolution. We don't want to end up like Russia, China, etc., but do want to have a revolution so that every segment of the population is free...

—Terry M.
7,000 farmworkers march at Contreras funeral

Calexico, Calif. — El Hoyo de Contreras is where they came from. The streets were packed with 7,000 strong. Most had been there many times before, for this was where the growers' buses would come in the morning to pick them up and take them home. This was the first of its kind at Rouge.

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**EDITORIAL**

When the 14,000 workers at Tenneco's giant New Port News, Va., shipyard walked out on strike Jan. 30, they joined a long line of struggles to put an end to the Carter administration's "voluntary" wage control plan and the "Southern strategy" of corporate power. As one of the 244 picket lines that sprang up at the shipyard, the workers felt they were doing their duty to publicly declare a political break between himself and President Carter.

The battle lines have been drawn on Carter's demand that workers accept no more than a seven percent wage increase in new 1979 contracts, while inflation now soars at a rate of near 13 percent. For what government terms "essential components" — food, housing, transportation, medical care — and while proposed "controls" on the very same has been gobbled up.

In their latest predictable charade, a unanimous chorus of government officials is proclaiming the coming of $10 a month from Social Security and blaming it all on the Iranian revolution.

CHALLENGE CARTER’S WAGE PLAN

What, however, was totally unexpected to them, as well as to business executives, was that the first major challenge should come from the New Port News shipyard workers.

After all, isn't the yard located in "right-to-work" Virginia, where union shops are banned and scabbing is given special legal protection — with the result that only one union in ten workers are "organized"? After all, hadn't that particular shipyard experienced 39 years of a company union, kept to the CIO, and which never called a strike. And yet that very same yard is striking this month.

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The New Port News shipyard is the world's largest, and it ranks as the largest private employer in Virginia.

Under contract right now are less than three tankers, eight nuclear subs, two nuclear aircraft carriers and a guided missile cruiser. For this reason, every possible company tactic was tried, especially the legal filibuster pioneered in textile by J. P. Stevens Co. Yet the truth is that WLM is arising in the South and it is taking all available forces to meet the challenge.

What Newport News has shown so clearly is that within the new stage of the class struggle against imperialist domination-wide is as well the emergence of new forces and new organizations out to transform this society. It is no longer just and simple struggles, but with uncovering the new revolutionary subject and its dialectical relationship to the proletariat.

The sentence "No greater empiricist ever lived than the great dialectician, Karl Marx," certainly startled me. Emerson's "One must be a revolutionist to me, the very opposite of empiricism, to me, is the very opposite of dialectic method, and the fatal trap of bourgeois "thinkers." Surely you must have meant that Marx treated "empiricists" seriously, that is, in a dialectic manner.

**MARX'S PHILOSOPHY OF REVOLUTION**

I wish we could have that blue banner—"Relationship of Philosophy and Revolution to Women's Liberation" — every issue, as a reminder of Marx on Women's Liberation and Youth Liberation Movement or not. It is one Liberation.

**THE TENG VISIT**

One of the places Teng visited was a Ford LTD plant near Atlanta—a plant which alone produced 14 times the number of cars produced in all of China last year. Teng's design is to use such technology against China's own resisting masses instead of seeing that he will be importing with it more of the same chronic unemployment and economic crisis endemic to the U.S. At the same time, the Carter administration is holding the new big orders from China will help its trade deficit problems, several of which are directly responsible for the massive increase in debt, which caused the cancellation of over $7 billion in armaments orders.

**THE NEWS & LETTERS**

It is a skillfully argued piece and its scholarliness, in its presentation of the thesis, is impressive. Poor Hal Draper, to have been given such telling critical blows at what I deem to be the one of his many volumed magnum opus.

**THE PRIVATE PROCESSION OF IMPERIALISM**

The present procession of imperialism is to see that it does not go beyond February.

**THE REVOLUTIONARY OBSERVER**

When I heard who Khomeini had chosen as his prime minister, the sound seemed familiar and I ran to check the last issue of *News & Letters* where I had pin-pointed him in your Editorial, as the very one the oil workers had boosed when Khomeini sent him to get them back to work in the beginning of January. It certainly gives you a good idea, just that there is a future, of what the future struggles in Iran will be.

**REVOLUTIONARIESads**

I cannot get over how quickly a revolutionary gesture can be transformed into its opposite, a counter-revolutionary incitement. I refer you to the difference between the women who wore the hijab, the black-hooded Shah and those who wear it now and stay separate and behind the women in obedience to the command. To wear the chador now when "Islamic Law" is the law of a very serious breakdown.
**Two Worlds**

by Raya Dunayevskaya

Author of PHILOSOPHY AND REVOLUTION and Marxism and Freedom

Generally, News & Letters reproduces criticisms of any sort of writings under the title, "As Others See Us." In the present case, I felt it important to reproduce it in my own column because, as against Howard Parsons' "unorthodox declaration of the day," I believe, as against Parsons' re-Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (June, 1975), the sharp criticism of my work by the scholar, George Armstrong, in his Redefining From Elusius, will, I believe, stimulate a serious discussion on the chapter "Why Hegel? Why Now?"

From Hegel's Retreat From Elusius, by George Armstrong, Princeton University Press, 1978 (pp. 239-243):

An arresting chapter of a new book by the unorthodox revolutionary Marxist Raya Dunayevskaya is entitled "Why Hegel? Why Now?" These questions are broadly answered in the following manner: "No matter what Hegel's own intentions... how could he have stopped the ceaseless motion of the thought of his day?" The latter part of his Encyclopaedia of Philosophical Science? (p. 6)" This writer, who finds even Mao's "cultural revolution" derivative in spirit and intention, opts decisively against the interpretation of Hegel that I have been exploring. For his complex lineage of political and philosophical identity within the matrix of "absolute idea," Ms. Dunayevskaya proposes to subdivide into unchanging "potencies" which she baptizes "Absolute Method," a method that "becomes irresistible;... because our hunger for theory arises from the totality of the present global crisis."

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*Except for footnote 33 we have inserted text pagination references to Philosophy and Revolution.*

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**Views**

very moment when the enemy was right in Lebanon that the civil war there was lost. Now he's being viewed as right in the Middle East. The fedayeen are fighting for Khomeini, to stop them and establish his identity with Khomeini, one could argue that the stage in place instead of "pro-social revolution" becomes the unifying force.

withevery revolution in Iran could read Raya Dunayevskaya's Political-Philosophical Letter on Lebanon: The Test of the PLO and the Need for a Revolutionary Detroit.

Editor's Note: Single copies of the Political-Philosophical Letter are 50c, the entire collection of 10 Letters $2, plus postage. (See ad, p. 7).

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**AFRICA'S STATE**

Interesting that one of your correspondents picked up on the mass institution of the Black Bourgeoisie, the fedeyeen who are fighting against the loss of their Revolution.

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**Continuing Labor Struggles**

Can workers' struggles have smashed the five percentage limit of the NFB or who won is still not acceptable to the Federation were not even interviewed.

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**FEDERATION OF THE BLIND**

The National Federation of the Blind of Michigan worked very hard the past two years to create the Commission for the Blind because the Baby Blues have been meeting our needs. Now they are treating us like adversaries when we want to meet them. The candidates they have chosen represent the same forces which ran a sheltered shop I was in, in 1981, that still exists. At that time all those people were making 15-20c per hour and had never lived anywhere but an agency shelter. They had never considered that they could have their own homes or families. We have no illusions that the Department of Labor will not still try to push one of their candidates in.

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**Blind Activist**

STOPPING in Delaware for two days. We will also be looking for new members and to add some additional members as well.

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**Correspondent**

Glasgow

TV really hit the pils a few weeks ago with its presentation of the Triangle Factory fire. Not only was the incident factually inaccurate, but it depicted the women as babies—weak, hysterical, helpless. The only honor displayed was that of the forefront. A maintenance worker was blamed for repairing a door that was "stuck."

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**In a reality, it was "not stock". It was locked on purpose to keep union organizers out. The door, when it finally opend, was boarded up and not outward, crushing the women jammed near it. A group of people tried to go down the fire escape but collapsed. Escape was impossible.**

A tragedy that was an historic event, a turning point in the American labor movement that paved the way for safety standards and unionization, was presented by everyone but gave a disgrace to every working man and woman in this country.

**White-collar Worker**

Oak Park, Mich.

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**Several months ago we wrote to tell you we had won a favorable ruling in the written dispute involving Workers of America Local 1101. Dave was ordered reinstated because he had been removed from office because of his published criticism of union policies.** The Local appealed and the court will hand down that ruling this Spring. We are continuing our efforts to reach rank and file unionists and to build support for the Local. If you happen to be in the New York Area, any readers who can arrange to speak at the meeting of their local or with groups of friends and co-workers can contact:

**Telephone Workers Legal Defense Committee**

727 Seventh St.

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215

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**MARGARET MILLER**

Thank you all at News & Letters for sharing our win and helping in our support. Hopefully, the long history of struggle for the children of mine and I have suffered will result in a better and peaceful world for us all, not just a few. I feel my victory is important because it shows that we who know about the rights of say people are starting to see us as human, without so many barriers.

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**Margaret Miller**

Ann Arbor, Mich.

Editor's Note: Margaret Miller won custody of her daughter, Jillian, in Michigan Supreme Court. She then took into consideration Jillian's preferences and went on to say that she was entitled to remain with her mother and dispelled her father's opposition to Mrs. Miller's declared lesbianism.

**Marxism and the Pope**

I'm sure many readers must be wondering why the world Raya Dunayevskaya knew, on Oct. 16, when the Pope had only just been elected, had made only one "utterance," and everybody else was talking about his relation only to his being the last Pope of the American Civil War: it was against the Latin American liberation movement he would be moving, first and foremost, and it was against the Women's Liberation Movement he would direct, second. But you can tell us that there are some "liberation-theologians" in Mexico who must be anti-Pope in such a case. That is a cause when I discussed her short piece in the November N & L with them on a recent trip, and naturally, with her completely, there were others who dismissed it by stating that she didn't know anything about Marxism or liberation.

Eugene Walker

Los Angeles

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

As many of you who have read Raya Dunayevskaya's article, I've decided to take subscriptions for three of our other journals: The World, and News & Letters money, since anyone who has ever produced even a leaflet knows $1 a year isn't enough to buy even a copy of YSL. Please be sure to start the subs with the Jan.-Feb. issue.

**Subscribers**

I got a letter from the ACLU appealing for membership. On the envelope were written the words "freedom of speech and press" and inside a letter defending the ACLU's right to use money for "freedom of assembly and speech." Like hell I'll defend either one. I hope other readers can write letters about the ACLU. What I would ordinarily send the ACLU and giving it to your fund instead.

**Editor's Note: Our thanks for the many generous and creative contributions readers have sent on our urgent appeal for help. We will be happy to include N & L, and... HAVEN'T YOU SENT YOURS?**
Will China- Vietnam conflict trigger Russia-China war?

At the very beginning of the Sino-Soviet Conflict in 1969, Raya Dunayevskaya posed the then-striking question: "Can there be war between Russia and China?" And in 1975, while Mao was still alive and a new constitution was apparently being prepared for publication of Marxism and Freedom, a wealth of research and analysis—as the events were unfolding—has been available to News & Letters readers. To understand the events of today and tomorrow in China, we call to your attention:

- **MARXISM AND FREEDOM: Chapter 17: The Challenge of Mao Tse-tung** and Chapter 18 on "Cultural Revolution or Marxist Reaction?"


- **SEXISM, POLITICS AND REVOLUTION: including both "Chiang Ching, Hua Kuo-feng in post-Mao China" and "Mao Zedong and women." This is a full-length essay by a Chinese woman and a short interview with a Hong Kong reporter on the Cultural Revolution."

- **MAO'S CHINA AND THE "PROLETARIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION" in the United States, 1968: Spring 1968; available both as separate pamphlets from the Walter Reuther Library of Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich. 48202. In Detroit, they are also in our extensive lending library at 2822 E. Grand Blvd., Room #304.**

- **STATE-CAPITALISM AND MARX'S HUMANISM: especially the chapter on "The Philosophic-Economic Problems of Today,"


- **BOUND VOLUMES OF NEWS & LETTERS: From 1960 through 1970, including "The Hua Kuo-feng Interview," and "The China of the Cultural Revolution," published by the 70's, Hong Kong.**

- **ALL THESE BOOKS AND ESSAYS are available from News & Letters (see publications ed., p. 7) and on microfiche in "The Raymond L. Brown Library," published by the Walter Reuther Library of Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich. 48202.**
by Peter Wermuth

There have been several meetings by Iranian students here in New York in support of the ongoing revolution in their homeland, the most recent a rally of 50 in downtown Manhattan, Feb. 7, and a Feb. 12 meeting of 150 commemorating the 1970 Siakal armed uprising. I was told that such developments could occur only through formation of a carefully planned strategy beforehand.

The Jersey City demonstration was a response to the arrest of three Iranian students at Jersey City State College for refusing to present ID cards to school authorities. Of the 21 arrested in that demonstration, seven were Iranians, a $50,000 bail and a very serious threat of deportation.

The severe repression in the U.S. against the Iranian students, in particular, shows how much the U.S. rulers fear their potential influence on American youth struggling here at home. Indeed, as the revolution proceeds, more will be heard of its successes and richness of the movement. It is confused by U.S. imperialism.

The Left instead feels outside the flow of these developments. They want to improve the self-activity of the masses inside Iran. Since then nothing typifies the practical consequences of this attitude better than the behavior of the Maoist groups, who only a year ago claimed a significant relationship with all the forces of progress and freedom. Once it was clear that the Iranian revolution would not follow the pattern and mentality of Maoism, they ignored the students who had been fired since last summer. Now many Iranian students I talked with are calling for a new movement.
Note to our readers

Because, as we go to press, China's invasion of Vietnam, to stop Communist expansion and prevent a spill over into an actual China-Russia confrontation, while the U.S. continues to play Russian roulette, by sending the U.S. fleet to the China Sea. The China war is still, originally for this spot, and are expanding it to deal with the global ramifications next issue. We urge our readers to study the Marxist-Humanist analyses of the Sino-Soviet Conflict over the past 20 years. See p. 6.

Jamaica

Street protests and strikes broke out all over Jamaica in January when the government of Michael Manley announced that gasoline would go up to $1.99 a gallon, its third price hike in 20 days. The Manley government, which was in power only six months when it succeeded to a crisis in a economy which now has an inflation rate of over 35 percent, coupled with an unemployment rate of 24 percent.

Many workers, who have been driven into the street, are demanding better living standards, and others in which more than one-and-a-half million workers have been involved—the government's attempt to impose a five percent reduction in hours has fallen into ruins. More and more workers are showing they are no longer prepared to pay for the Manley government's program.

The most exciting thing about the current strike is that it is the rank-and-file workers themselves, and not the bosses, the government, or the trade union bureaucrats, who have decided what moves and what does not. Furthermore, the workers have enforced their decisions with mass pickets. Attempted to impose legal restrictions on picketing have met with mass defiance. At the oil refinery at Grangemouth, near Edinburgh, oil drivers, train drivers, public employees and others—determinedly, for months—have decided what is the right to picket.

British Leland auto workers join thousands on strike throughout Britain, who turned out on a march to remember "Bloody Sunday" called by Sinn Fein. This march was attacked by a mob of National Front thugs who threw bricks, and even one worker was carrying a gun, but the police took no action against him.

 Leading fascist Robert Jeff has recently been imprisoned for publishing racist leaflets and is threatening a hunger strike to the death. The fascists will probably use this as an excuse to step up their campaign against Black people and the left. 

—Terry Liddle

Rhodesia

The following excerpts are taken from a response we received, from a correspondent in Britain, to the article on Rhodesia in the December, 1978 "Our Life and Times" by Peter Mallory says of Sithole and Chirau that they were once more serious nationalists. True for Sithole . . . but totally untrue for Chirau. Chief Chirau is the leader of a party created by the Rhodesians "tribal chiefs"—these are not hereditary or elected chiefs . . . but are purely government appointees.

Poland

Though less than a foot of snow fell in Poland in a January storm the whole country was virtually closed down for nearly a week, with whole towns and sections of Warsaw without heat, electricity or water. Polish workers took the opportunity to stay away from work en masse. The rate of daily abortion, even on nice days has reached a million people, or eight percent of the workforce.

Workers are fed up with all the extra time being lost in the expanded menu and bread lines. The government had this to say to the foreign press on the crisis over what would seem to be a simple snow storm: "The economy is becoming much more sophisticated, much more delicate and must therefore be much more perfectly organized. It takes only a little to throw such a finely tuned system out of order."

Opposition mounts against Pope's attack on women, 'liberation theology'

(Continued from Page 1) with the organization of unemployed and homeless people out of work, to live in city slums, who are demanding electricity, water and jobs. In Ecuador, the priests have joined in creating Indians' cooperatives. At times, this activity has taken the form of joining the armed struggle, as did Camilo Torres in Colombia and Garcia Laviana in Nicaragua.

It was against this growing relationship between Catholic radicals, the mass movements, and independent Marxists—dubbing it "liberation theology" by the activists in the Church—that the Pope's first mission in his reign outside of Italy was directed. And to the masses engaged in the local struggles in Catholic countries, live, the Pope came to preach that the "saving of souls" for the next world is more urgent than revolutionizing the conditions of the poor.

As we wrote in News & Letters last fall, "With the election of President Jimmy Carter, the Vatican was again plunged deeply into its professional anti-Communism, this time aimed not just at Russia but more specifically and overtly against the Latin American liberation movement. It is this which brings many Catholic liberationists into dialogue with Marxists. And it is this which unites the counter-revolutionary ruling classes, whether it be the Pope or our Baptist President Carter. After the Pope left Mexico, he was followed by another Jesuit and New York Baptist, in search of control instead of souls. But before he left the U.S., Carter showed that a Baptist can be every bit as reactionary as the right-wing of the Catholic Church, in particular its attacks on the women's movement.

Only two days before anti-abortion forces, heavily financed and organized by the Church, were scheduled to demonstrate in Washington D.C. on Jan. 22 for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion forever, Carter, a long-time foe of a woman's right to abortion, instituted some last minute changes in his proposals. What looked like a critical breakthrough for setting up birth control clinics and contraceptive research. Instead, he substituted an agency for pregnant teen-agers to be called the "Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Project." Carter's new agency will be concerned with family planning, including education, not the bosses, the government, or the trade union bureaucrats, who have decided what moves and what does not. Furthermore, the workers have enforced their decisions with mass pickets. Attempted to impose legal restrictions on picketing have met with mass defiance. At the oil refinery at Grangemouth, near Edinburgh, oil drivers, train drivers, public employees and others—determinedly, for months—have decided what is the right to picket.

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Our Life and Times by Peter Mallory and Ron Brunkmeyer

At my college, the Army—attempting to exploit the high rate of graduate unemployment — tried to put me on a stage a recruiting display less than a week before the anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," when soldiers fired into crowds in Derry, Ireland, killing 13 people. However, the threat of a picket by socialist students made them change their mind.

Many students were among the 2,000 people who turned out on a march to remember "Bloody Sunday," called by Sinn Fein. This march was attacked by a mob of National Front thugs who threw bricks, and even one worker was carrying a gun, but the police took no action against him.

Leading fascist Robert Jeff has recently been imprisoned for publishing racist leaflets and is threatening a hunger strike to the death. The fascists will probably use this as an excuse to step up their campaign against Black people and the left.

—Terry Liddle

Rosa Luxemburg is the leader of a party created by the Rhodesians "tribal chiefs"—these are not hereditary or elected chiefs . . . but are purely government appointees.

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