Mass Unrest at Home and Abroad in the Global Year of the Missile

Introduction: The Supreme Artificer, Ronald Reagan

President at home was sharply and succinctly expressed by a Native American, Reubin Snake, chairman of the Union Shop at the United Auto Workers, speaking for the whole National Tribal Chairman's Association. He described the President as "the great general of capital and the great deceiver that sits in the White House." So disgusted are the Native Americans with the Reagan retrogression that they demand all programs relative to Indian affairs be removed from the jurisdiction of Indian Affairs and placed in the hands of Congress.

None at Williamsburg paid any attention, of course, to those voices. The same deafness was displayed by the rulers to all mass opposition — whether by labor, the Black masses, Women's Liberationists, or youth anti-war activists. They likewise kept mum about the U.S. stranglehold on Latin America; all of them have their own "spheres of influence," even as they collaborate with each other both in the Middle East and in South Africa — and, above all, in lining up with the U.S. nuclear Titan against the other pole, the Russian nuclear giant, as was clear from the military unannounced Reagan "breakthrough" of the one who called for the creation of "the new economy" as if that absolves them from responsibility for that "new economy," but at the true economic reality which includes the total mass opposition to the ruling classes.

1. See Albert Bressan's "Mastering the 'Worldeconomy'" in Foreign Affairs, Spring, 1983.

I. The "New Economy": Its Imperialist Tentacles Abroad; Its Labor Exploitation and Racism at Home

President Reagan, that supreme artificer, who had enough economic and nuclear might to christen the global death weapon, the MX missile, the "Peacekeeper," could say nothing that deceitfully dramatic about the economy. Thereupon, the pundits went on inventing new words for that "New Economy." Consider the extreme narrowness of the "conceptual breakthrough" of the one who called for the creation of a "brainstorming group" and proposed eliminating the space between two words so that "worldeconomy" as a single word would lead us to go beyond "national interests" and see that "our present crisis is one of values, world views, and economic philosophy . . . we seem to have lost the capacity for rediscovering the fundamental values we have in common . . ."

What exactly can writing "worldeconomy" as one word do when the reality shows the uncontrollable contradiction between capital and labor? The present capitalist onslaught against the unions, both in rolling back the hard-won wages and in worsening the conditions of labor, has not deterred the labor bureaucracy from its class collaborationism in forcing down the workers' throats those unconscionable wage concessions to produce ever-larger profits for the capitalist coffers. Just as the capitalists keep stressing what they call "the new economy" as if that absolves them from unabating unemployment, so the labor bureaucracy is using the question of the new technology to cover up the do-nothingness on the unemployment front.

The truth is that unionization would never have been born if the working class had buckled under to what Marx had called the capitalist "wrever's hunger" for ever higher and higher profits. Instead, they intensified their struggles, never abandoning their vision of a better world. The struggles for higher wages, for unionization, for changing the sweatshop conditions of labor, for shortening the working day, are what Marx called "a century of civil war between capital and labor." Indeed, it was only in that way that a modicum of success could be achieved. The fact that the labor leadership has since become nothing more than the bodyguard of capital will not stop the struggles. What does the "new economy" with its robotics offer working people that the old capitalistic economy didn't? Does it change the mode of production in any way to decrease the unemployable army? Quite the contrary. Of the 32 million unemployed in the industrialized West many will never be reabsorbed in the labor force. The fact that the U.S. has the highest number of unemployed — 11 million that are admitted to — doesn't mean that the situation is relatively different in any of the other countries, be that Tory England or Socialist France, or, for that matter, the state-capitalist pole, Russia, where officially they have "no unemployment.""
II. Political-Military Crises Abroad: in Latin America, in the Middle East — and the Ultimate Global Nuclear Threat

Ronald Reagan has this year begun an intense campaign to embold all of Central America in a militaristic counter-revolution. Not content with the wholesale destruction of the people of El Salvador, whom he has sworn to "liberate" in the past three and a half years under U.S.-sponsored terror, the Administration has stepped up its support for counter-revolution not only in the State but also in education. In 1983, in his Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right, Marx wrote:

"State objectives are transformed into objectives of the state military, the military objectives into objectives of the state. The bureaucracy is a circle from which no one can escape. Its hierarchy is a hierarchy of knowledge, the only thing other than the bureaucratic capitalism of knowledge, the official recognition of the bureaucracy. The bureaucratic legislature is sacred (in every examination it goes without saying, the examiner knows all)."

(Marx-Engels, Collected Works, vol. 16, p. 540)

What Reagan is now calling "merit pay" is one more artifice aimed, at one and the same time, to set parents against each other, to divide the teacher unions, part of the Grand Design to destroy all labor opposition for which he laid the ground with his destruction of the air controllers' union, PATCO.

The attack on public education and the cutbacks in federal financial aid for everything from school lunches to libraries, and on everyone from Head Start to the post-graduate level, has been the most devastating to Black students and Black colleges, whose students are going into Black communities across the country to beg money to keep their schools open. The Joint Center for Political Studies in its Pulitzer Prize report by Black scholars voicing alarm that the entire "30-year fight to de-Blacken white America" is under serious threat.

The truth is, however, that although the pundits have no trouble using such dehumanized expressions as "the one-on-one fight of the people," the rulers know that they not only have a need for human cannon fodder, but that human power has also been known throughout all of history for making revolutions. They are determined to keep it from being provoked. Those who wonder how that artistico, Reagan, with his skyrocketing military spending and his inhuman plus deficits, can continue the relentless mass murders at home.

And what about the Third World? Donald Kimmel, Director of the UN Food and Agricultural Organization, recently wrote: "It takes less than 200 million people there; they face the worst food shortages since the 1970's when no less than 200 to 300 thousand men, women and children starved to death. The 18 African countries threatened with the worst famine in a decade are Botswana, Cameroon, Cape Verde Islands, Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Ghana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

It is clear that the genocidal nature of imperialism has not changed even since it first appeared at the end of the 19th century. It was because of the barbarism of German imperialism and because the leadership of the German Social-Democracy showed such opportunism that it was possible in the 20th century to work in the service of the jews. Do you remember the words written on the work of the Great General Staff about Trotha's campaign in the Kalahari Desert? And the death-rattles, the mad cries of those dying of thirst, faded away into the subtle silence of eternity. Oh, does anyone believe still that for the mass, who suffer, who suffer, who suffer, there is a place reserved for the ghetto: I am at home wherever there are clouds, birds and human tears."

There is now an imperialist's tentacles in Latin America that are inciting the Salvador military clique to extend its genocidal war against its own people into regional wars by engineering attacks from Honduran soil by Nicaraguan counter-revolutionaries, specially trained and supported by an American military that has acquired its genocidal expertise in the unholy Vietnam War.

Political crises abound everywhere — and never for a moment does Reagan forget that the whole aim is the ultimate confrontation with the other nuclear Titans, Russia and China, in a struggle for global power and thus making this the "American century."

4. This letter from Luxemburg to Mathilde Wurm, dated Feb. 16, 1917, was written from prison, where Luxemburg was confined for the outbreak of the revolutionary activities. It can be found on p. 63 of Rosa Luxembourg, Women's Liberation and Marx's Philosophy of Revolution.
Nationwide anti-war protests confront nuclear arms build-up

by Jim Mills

"No nukes, no war, shut down Livermore!" supporters chant over and over as they line the roads around California's Lawrence Livermore National Labs. It is early morning on Independence Day, July 4, and we are watching groups of demonstrators get arrested and taken away. We are resisting Reagan's nuclear war drive and the nuclear weapons complex's growth and development which go on at Lawrence Livermore.

It's 7:30. An affinity group rushes past police lines to sit in the road, trying to block work at the lab, prepared for arrest. One picket sign at the side of the road reads, "What do you want to be when you grow up? Alive!" We speak to a housewife here with a few friends. Just two months ago she was among peace vigil participants at the Alameda Naval Air Station.

Eight-thirty. Fifteen "Elders for Peace" sit in the middle of the road. Police take them to waiting school buses. A young man watches telling us how recently he left the army only 28 days after going in. He was unwilling to kill "undisciplined" Vietnamese.

Nine-thirty. Police complete their arrest of 100 "Miners for Peace." Many are no older than 14. A worker among the supporters tells police they were fired for going on strike for union recognition in a small manufacturing shop. Despite Reagan's militarist and anti-union atmosphere, many young workers who follow the solidarity movement, declaring full support for the deployment by NATO of 572 Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Western Europe and has, if anything, in­

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISARMAMENT

While the Lawrence Livermore demonstration was the largest, there were numerous other demonstrations that day and in days before the International Day of Disarmament. Among them:

* In Groton, Conn., protesters demonstrated against the latest Trident nuclear submarine being constructed.
* At Vandenberg Air Force Base in Cal., activists were arrested trying to stop the first test flight of the MX missile — a 4,000-mile journey of death into the Pacific.
* At the Williams International Corp. plant in Wall Lake, Mich., some 400 people linked arms in a human chain to block the loading of nuclear warheads. (See lead article in June, 1983 N&L)
* In front of the Ford Motor Co., San Jose, Calif., the Black Consciousness Movement and Marxis-Humanism met to discuss Black liberation and nuclear weapons.
* In Colorado (itself only a year old) became a unified, four-service command to control the nation's rapidly expanding military activities in space.

And what about Congress? Despite the May passage of the largest defense bill in history, the rearmament and production of nuclear weapons, Congress showed its hypocrisy by voting $255 million needed to fuel MX missile production, 2 to 1. Before Congress could take the very real wars in progress in Central America, Congress has as yet failed to stop Reagan's war chest for El Salvador, Grenada, and Nicaragua, and new arms for Guatemala. (See lead article in June, 1983 N&L)

We are the anti-nuke movement, from miners and elders for peace to freeze proponents, and from church leaders to those who live in the bomb miasma of the U.S. out of the Civil Rights Movement and the anti-Vietnam War movement, cannot allow our opposition to be dictated by whatever ground Reagan and his so-called opponents take. However, it was his conclusion that "victory is not the question, time is the question," which permitted the deployment of the nuclear arms race and thereby put an end to the threat of nuclear Armageddon

The Reagan Administration, far from backing down on its mad drive for war preparation, has, if anything, intensified following the Soweto rebellion. (See especially "Steve Biko Speaks for Himself," November, 1977 N&L)

INSIDE THE AZANIAN STRUGGLE

Along with this history of our international relations with the Azanian struggle, another point of departure came the first evening of the conference when a BCM(a) special report on South Africa was presented. Here is some of the background, the struggle. What is the relationship of organization to spontaneity? What does historic continuity mean for each generation to the BCM(a)? What new forms of organization among workers, women and students? And what characterizes the present moment of the Azanian struggle, another point of departure for Black Consciousness in South Africa itself.

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The hidden dimension: Indian women

...shackles of tradition." Most significant for current activity by Native American women is Patricia Albers essay "Sioux Women in Transition," which takes up one North Dakota reservation from its establishment in 1967 to today. Albers' text is based on the research of her husband, William, and of Ethnologist notebook. Thus, when Albers turns to the Altogether a better look at the impact of colonialism (in the guise of trade) upon women, she shows the Plains mode of production contrasts women's position in the early 20th century with that of the 19th century. But from endorsing what was supposedly Marx's view (as interpreted in L. L. Grigsby's book, The American Indian), the conflict has been distanced from the loss of women's position in egalitarian society as a single issue, Klein ties it tightly to all the changes brought about by the new mode of production.

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Chicago, Ill. — "They are using our money to buy those machines. We gave them a dollar, and we gave them our jobs," said an Agar worker. She was referring to automation in the artery pump department and to give-backs the union agreed to in the agreement signed with Toyota.

Five machines displaced 49 pumps in artery pump. This is not the first instance! Two years ago a new system came into the plant controlled by one-third. New machines eliminate jobs and reduce for­merly skilled workers to labor-rate. New machines are being permanently displaced. There's been 11 suicides since the agreement was signed including one at the plant ofagreement with Toyota was signed they didn't even invite the UAW. They invited government people to come to the agreement night and said they had to serve jury duty! When I was on jury duty — and it was compulsory — the unemployment office "disclaim­ered" me.

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— Outraged Agar worker

Jobless pay loss for $5

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— Unemployed and angry woman

FROM THE AUTO SHOPS

GM/Toyota Fremont

Fremont, Calif. — Toyota/GM is talking about reopening with a stamping plant added but with one-third the work­ers we used to have. They're building new additions to the plant to house heavy duty machinery on land donated by the city of Fremont. Nine hundred workers are being permanently displaced. There's been 11 suicides since the agreement was signed including one at the plant ofagreement with Toyota was signed they didn't even invite the UAW. They invited government people to come to the agreement night and said they had to serve jury duty! When I was on jury duty — and it was compulsory — the unemployment office "disclaim­ered" me.

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GM Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City, Okla. — I showed up for work in the GM plant Christmas Day. The phone had rung at 5 a.m. — four and a half hours after driving straight through from southern California. GM forced me to go to Oklahoma to work. When I arrived, I learned that if I voted for Reagan, I'd lose my benefits if I didn't.

About 250 workers came down from Los Angeles, and there are still a few trickling in from day to day. Most had 20 or more years seniority at GM South Gate — but not here.

You can already see the effects this is having on the workers from Los Angeles. The other day a guy on the line got a letter from his wife five days after getting here. She wrote him that she was leaving him. How many other families will be broken up because of General Motors? One thing is sure — those here from South Gate are not taking things lying down. They've been out of work long time, and they've had to pick up their lives and move, and don't think what they'll do when they get old.

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Teamster hacks buckle under to scab lines

Detroit, Mich. — Nearly 100 truck drivers and dockmen gathered at Patton Park June 26 to rally against the sky­rocketing expansion of non-union trucking in this once­solidly union town. Teamster jobs and conditions are under attack from established companies like Con­solidated Freightways (CF) setting up a non-union subsidi­ary, Con-Way, as well as from non-union lines entering Michigan.

Organizers of the meeting and speakers included many past and present Teamster bureaucrats, each faction pointing a finger at another for a failed strike or organiz­ing drive. Drivers reacted angrily, and their suspicion was that none of the proposals were serious. Nobody dis­agreed with the idea of dockmen using safety defects in non-union trailers to refuse to load them, but who seri­ously thinks that these tactics would work against truckers on a national scale?

Part of the problem is what conditions under a Team­ster contract are now in place. A few years down the road Freightways (CF) will be in a position to drive us out of work, and evidently more concessions are wanted before any sale. But we don't know the full story. If there is communication. It might be between Ford and certain UAW officials, and then there is no communication with the workers on the job.

— Rouge Steel Worker
**CENTRAL AMERICA'S REVOLUTIONS AND U.S. SOLIDARITY**

Young people really are in the front ranks, aren't they? I liked the article on "U.S. and Central American youth resist Reagan Administration's new war plans" (June N&L) a lot. I see myself in it. I'm not going to die for Reagan and kill other youth from across Central America, or from the U.S. for that matter. But what would it take? At least they say they would never get it. That is why Reagan didn't care, and I'm not. But there would be hell to pay. Instead he thinks he can sneak this war up on us. Don't bet on it. We learned and saw what happened 20 years ago in Vietnam.

The other point I liked about "youth" was the section about changing things in Central America. It must be great to have a purpose to your life like that. We need one.

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High school student
New York City

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I understand that the daily news is discouraging, but we in Nicaragua have to be strong to make sure the border isn't invaded. We are not afraid of the border, but it is hard to control, and we also have a good-sized group in the mountains who can do a lot of damage.

The counter-revolutionaries are not so much trying to overthrow our government as to destroy the feelings, sympathy and solidarity of the people in our country, to show that revolution isn't the answer to their own problems.

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When I took the June issue of N&L back to Latino Youth H.S., where I had been substitute teaching, and interviewed several students, I was very excited. Many of the students in my class said that they had done, that someone had actually listened to them and printed it. They wanted to do it all, even while Reagan is trying to overthrow your revolution. The Mexican people still need freedom, as do the people of Central America. I understand very well what N&L has been saying about the need for "revolution in permanence."

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When Shultz (who avoided any reference to Latino American solidarity) spoke, students wore orange sashes which said "Respect Human Rights." A banner con­

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While Shultz avoided any mention of the revolution, the students packed the hall with balloons.

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But here you have this little high school classroom, and white students and black students are all saying the same thing. It seems they are saying that no other will move and nothing can be done unless a person is directly being affected and injured.

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On July 7, members and supporters of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) will march from the FLOC office in Toledo, Ohio to the headquarters of Campbell's soup in Camden, N.J. Since 1981, FLOC and the Humana Corporation have attempted to gain recognition for Campbell employees. FLOC is a labor union which seeks to improve wages and working conditions, and to gain collective bargaining rights for workers. The march is a protest against the company's refusal to recognize the union.

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I think that there are more new developments in the labor movement than anyone is reporting. I saw that workers in the Midwest who were farm workers at a support auction in Illinois were trying to block a sale. It's the spirit of the old Populist movement that is coming back now—farmers and workers have to get together just to stay alive. There are risks involved in organizing a job. Now they are trying to make computers that program themselves.

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Russell Tribunal
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We have received the following two appeals from Prof. Vladimir Dedijer in Yugoslavia, on behalf of the Russell Tribunal—Ed.

We have received from many members and branches of the Russell Tribunal (in Mexico and other Latin American countries) an appeal for appropriate international action to be taken against the Reagan Administration's economic and military policies. In the past nine years, the gap between the developed and developing countries has widened and today's poor are being exploited more than ever. We appeal to the Russell Tribunal to stand up for the rights of the poor and to take action against this situation.

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Russell Tribunal

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APPEALS FROM THE

**SOUTH AFRICA, SOUTH USA**

Your little item about Oxford, Miss. High School (June N&L) was most enlightening, and most heartening too. It's great to hear about the blacks and even community activists in the Black community about "self-defense." It seems that they are saying that no other will move and nothing can be done unless a person is directly being affected and injured.

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Second, people in Nicaragua have to be strong to make sure the border isn't invaded. We are not afraid of the border, but it is hard to control, and we also have a good-sized group in the mountains who can do a lot of damage.

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THIRD WORLD FEMINISM

A man who had read Terry Moon's column "Third World feminism and land" (June N&L) said to me, "But how can national feminism be important when you have your own land vs. cooperatives? Do you think that anything women do is progressive?"

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The Marches are coming here. The most important was the one from Eufala, Alabama to L.A. in Los Angeles, Alabama, to demand justice be done after two brothers, Harold and Anthony Charles Russaw, were murdered by two white Eufala police. No action has been taken against the police. The defense of Eufala business is still going on.

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The articles that you printed in the last two issues by Shainape Shcapwe, the Native American feminist, are very important for us. I saw that the Denver paper, Big Mama Rag, reprinted her article on the Native American feminist, who perhaps other feminist papers will also. It's not that I think we could learn facts from our Indian sisters, but it's also the way Shainape Shcapwe has been speaking to me. I think it is important that the American Indian movement, not yet backing down about women's part in its history or today. I like that.

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The Russell Tribunal has received requests that a commission composed of scholars and experts be invited to investigate primary historical sources on the mass extermination of the Ottoman Empire, especially the genocide of 1915. This commission will explore particularly the role of the economic and political systems of the time, and the role of the Ottoman Empire in perpetuating the genocide of 1915. This commission will explore particularly the role of the economic and political systems of the time, and the role of the Ottoman Empire in perpetuating the genocide of 1915.

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When I was in Europe this past May (Portugal, Spain and Italy) and spoke to Marxists and workers, I was struck by the way Marx Centenary and the fact that Raya Dunayevskaya had chosen this year to make a comprehensive tour, how many of them spoke about what they (the Greens) had done and their feeling that there was a general disinterest in Marxism. It was thus most re-freshing to find the Greens in the United States in June and read Dunayevskaya’s report of her national tour in her “Theory-Practice” column (June N&L). America has a reputation of being even less interested in Marxism than Europe. But the dialogue with audiences on the national tour seemed very much alive, especially those of Blacks and women who were both asking what is the relationship of their movements to Marx’s Marxism. I am saying there isn’t a great deal of regression in both America and Europe, but it is exciting to find that when one does actively seek out an audience with a comprehensive view of Marx and his relationship to our world, there is a response which one can begin to build upon.

Eugene Walker  Detroit

I loved the way Dunayevskaya related individual and social issues, in her “Theory-Practice” column (June N&L). She spoke of how the women revolutionaries at the Third World Women’s Conference felt themselves to be “land of boundless possibilities,” and that communism, if it is to keep us all on the concrete level.” I do hope that all the Greens (“Green”) Party who was travelling through here. He has been sympathetic to Marxism, but is now typical of the Greens’ mentality. He felt that while “Marxist-Humanism sounds good” such ideas are “not concrete” for Germany, since now they have to pull off a great “harmonious” compromise and deal with issues the supposedly content German masses. He felt that the theory of state-capitalism was “very serious” thought than just chanting slogans. “We gotta get organized.” But “off the cuff” says that Thatcher gloried in the Falklands slaughter. As would be expected, all the hacks of every party and faction, of every movement — while I oppose separating the “city of light” from the rest of the world — there is likely to be trouble here in Scotland. All the parties in the election, with the exception of the Tory party, demanded the formation of a Scottish Assembly. The Tories only won a handful of seats in Scotland. The Scottish National Party is quite hopeful and are the other parties will steal their thunder. They only held onto two seats. I am arguing that it is an issue for the whole labour movement — and against the English workers from the Scottish Thatchers. The Thatcherites are the enemy.

Harry McShane  Glasgow, Scotland

The election result here was hardly unexpected. The Labour performance was the most pathetic, the most criminal imaginable. For example, Dennis Healy “off the cuff” says that Thatcher glories in the Falklands slaughter. As would be expected, all the hacks of every party expressed their “horror” at Healy’s “outburst” — and the following day we saw the revolting spectacle of Healy reiterating his remarks and saying the really meant “conflict” and not “slaughter.”

If ever a party deserved to be properly it was this one. Of course, those most upset are the ones who think the socialist revolution will come by parliamentary means.

Long-time reader  Sussex, England

Having followed N&L for a long time, and also having read C.R. James’ History of Black America, I was very glad to have made Raya Dunayevskaya and James split apart. I never heard it expressed so succinctly as in Raya’s sense of the national tour, when she says: “Where, to me, the theory of state-capitalism was but a step to the development of the real philosophy of Marxist-Humanism, C.R. says, ‘a million miles away from what we are for: Marx’s Humanism.’”

That makes a great deal of sense to me, seeing where James has gone in the last 30 years — all over the political map, from one adventure to another, searching, hoping, for something to be for. But I suppose I’ll have to study further to find out why they took such different directions.

Long-time reader  Massachusetts

WHAT KIND OF HEALTH CARE?

I am so mad about an incident that just happened at the nursing home where I work, that I just have to write about it.

An 80-year-old woman with Parkinson’s disease was having difficulty speaking. Her doctor ordered speech and swallowing therapy, but for two months only, because Medi-Cal would only pay for that long.

She made great progress in those two months, but now her therapy has ended. When I asked her if she would like to continue with the therapy, she said: “Medi-Cal has the last word.”

When I asked the therapist who worked with her if he thought she had progressed, he said, “Yes, but I don’t usually work with Medi-Cal patients, and my supervisor is pressuring me to give up this case.” What good is Medi-Cal if it won’t use the very real human needs? Where are all the Medi-Cal funds going?

Eve Strong  Pico Rivera, Calif.

YANNICK NOAH: FRANCE AND CAMERON — 1947, 1983

When Yannick Noah won the French Open title this year they first announced him as “the first Frenchman to win the title in 37 years”. But when he met with British journalists he spoke of growing up in Africa, as a Cameroonian. It was wonderful to see him win the tournament, and to contrast the adulation in Paris for a Cameroonian now with their attitudes in the colonial past — and with today’s persistent racism.

It all reminded me of how much Paris — the “city of light” — has to learn from Cameroon’s little capital of Yaounde, as Dunayevskaya had described the 1947 meeting she had with a Cameroonian revolutionary in Philosophy and Revolution. The party denied the entire population had turned out for a meeting on what to do, now that World War II was over and France’s imperial navy had not yet re­ turned, was tremendously revealing of how advanced was the political thinking in a “backward” land, and yet how backward were the narrow mental con­ fines of “advanced” French intellectuals, whether Trotzkyists or Existentialists. Their big contribution was to advise the Cameroonian that he should first organize his own, then nationalist parties, and finally build a cadres for a vanguard party to lead! Thanks to Yannick Noah for bringing this all to a new audience.

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First national Black women's health conference

Atlanta, Ga. — The First National Conference on Black Women's Health Care was held in Atlanta, the first Black women's college in the nation, on June 24-26, with over 1,500 African-American women, including some men.

Black Americans, especially women, in the last few years have suffered under the Reagan Administration in great depth. Because the education, affirmative action job training, abortion for poor women and Medicaid have affected Black women the most.

To address these and other Black women's health issues, the conference focused on increased awareness of participants around political and economic issues that inadvertently decrease the availability of adequate health care to the poor. Black men and women.

While we strongly question how "inadvertently" adequate health care is denied Blacks and others, it was still exciting to be part of the many Black women from New York, California, Michigan, the Virgin Islands — discussing ideas concerning our lives.

Though it was clear that the planners of the conference had expected mostly "professional women," the largest number of participants of all were women. These women were concerned about the concrete problems that Black women face day to day. Many women explained how difficult it is to keep their own health centers alive under Reagan budget cuts.

The theme of the conference, "I Am Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired," was chosen by the Right Women's Group, the Civil Rights activist who for more than a decade has been fighting to free self-determination of the struggle towards its logical revolutionary end. The theoretical preparation for revolution that has opened with Women's Day of Struggle and Black Women's Day will mark yet another point of departure of that dialogue.

— Lon Turner

Vincent Chin protest

Los Angeles, Cal. — Over 300 residents and activists of the Los Angeles Asian Community marched on City Hall June 18 demanding that justice be served to two racist men who brutally murdered Vincent Chin, a young Asian-American student living in Detroit. (See June 18, 1983)

Most at the march felt that protesting the fact that two Tonight's racial tension between the Richmond police department and Black community is so great that it will never be forgotten by any Black man who has lived in this city for 20 years. The police have said that they will not stand by and be quiet when they attack us.

In the past two months alone a slew of racist attacks against Asians have been reported. Yesterday a Vietnamese student was stabbed in a racial melee; school principal refused to take any action. And the day before, a Japanese student was beaten. A Vietnamese household, shouting "we are tired of you p-kas taking our jobs away."

The Vietnamese in this crowd was a need to mobilize continual protests against such actions whenever they are reported. On the other hand, nothing stood sharper than the statement of Mayor Bradley — a score of whom — including Mayor Bradley — addressed the rally. None of the politicians seemed to realize that, while they could all come together to claim "support for the Asian community in this tragedy," they couldn't use their influence to make it get some redress. VINCENT CHIN PROTEST

THE ECONOMICS OF REPRESSION

Today's racial tension between the Richmond police department and its population originated during the ‘70s when Kaiser shipbuilding inductees brought thousands of Black and white workers from the South to build ships in the area. Richmond, then a small town. became transformed overnight into an industrial city of a hundred thousand. Kaiser is now long gone and the economy has been left with the highly automated chemical plant of Chevron U.S.A.

For a long time Richmond has been a depressed city, with the constant presence of covert and overt racial exploitation. The political and economic exploitation of the minority population by the city authorities has been the most prominent. The sit-in demonstration in 1969 was only one of the many instances of minority resistance against the forces of repression.

— Black woman for Freedom

BLACK-RED VIEW

Richmond protects killer-cops

by John Allan

Last month a Federal jury in San Francisco awarded $2 million to the families of two Black men killed by the Richmond, California, police. This is the largest civil rights violation settlement ever awarded in a Federal court. It is a million dollars more than the judgement the city nor the county governments has shown interest in paying some $2 million to the victims of police brutality.

Civil rights suits in the past have not caused the city of Richmond to restrain its police. Over the last 15 years the city has paid some $2 million to the victims of police brutality. The city vigorously resisted open housing, school desegregation and affirmative action.

At this moment, Richmond's police are under investigation because of their attack on students at the University of California, Berkeley. The police continue the struggle from their community and schools until they were forced to do so by Black and white protests. — New York Supporter

Marchers demand "Free Azania!

New York, N.Y. — On June 16, more than 2000 people assembled in front of the South African Mission on 42nd Street and Second Avenue to rally against apartheid. Behind police barricades many were armed with banners and posters, buttons and clenched fists, chanted loud and clear, "Free Azania! Liberation yes! Apartheid no! Kill apartheid by blow by blow!"

The demonstration moved to Madison Square Garden, where that night a boxing match was to take place which was promoted by Bob Arum, a collaborator with the racist regime in South Africa. The protesters called for solidar­ity with the International Contra Coalition, New York, and their next action to be a march from the South African consulate to the United Nations, Saturday at 8 p.m.

— British Marxist-Humanists

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— New York Supporter
Thousands protest racist immigration bill

Los Angeles, Cal. — Over 6,000 people, most of them Latinos, marched in downtown Los Angeles on June 11 demanding a stop to the racist hysteria and legal attacks being mounted against undocumented immigrants. The march was called to protest the so-called “immigration reform legislation” passed by the Senate and now pending in the House of Representatives — the notorious Simpson-Mazzoli Bill.

If passed, this bill would sharply curtail the number of non-white immigrants allowed to enter U.S. borders at a time when economic collapse and political persecution is forcing tens of thousands to flee Mexico and Central America each month. The Bill would establish a national identification system to keep track of immigrants as well as create a “temporary workers program” where hundreds of thousands of “Illegal aliens” could be recruited for slave-labor programs without being protected by U.S. labor laws.

Anti-war protests confront arms race

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one sees a move to the peace movement. Recently during a protest at the Concord, Calif. Weapons Depot where military supplies are shipped to El Salvador, two women in the service declared themselves conscientious objectors. In the coming period there will surely be still newer forms of anti-nuke, anti-militarist activities.

DIRECTION FOR ANTI-NUKE MOVEMENT

But the direction for the movement is not alone these new forms. There are now indications that the depth of the anti-nuke movement raises questions of what human forces or social change become involved, what kinds of ideas or philosophy becomes a guide. Once we take into consideration human forces, human ideas of freedom, then a whole new dimension is added to our movement.

A fundamental question in the struggle is the seemingly simple question of whether the women’s peace camp, modeled after the women’s peace camp of Greenham Common in Britain, will be established this July 4 — at Seneca Falls, N.Y. It is the site of the Seneca Army Depot. But think of the magnificent revolutionary history of Seneca Falls. In 1848 women of the Iroquois Confederacy met to demand an end to war among the Indian tribes. In 1846 Seneca Falls was the site of the first Women’s Convention in the United States, held the same year as the 1848 revolutions in Europe. That first women’s rights convention was chaired by the Abolitionist leader, Frederick Douglass, and the 1848 Convention was inspired by Sejourner Truth. The birth of the women’s movement in the U.S., the women’s Abolitionist movement, took place on this ground. (For an account of Seneca women as Marx viewed them, and of Seneca Falls as a woman’s rights center, see Raya Dunayevskaya’s Rosa Luxemburg, Women’s Liberation and Marx’s Philosophy of Revolution.)

The history of such a place as Seneca Falls, which brings together Native Americans, the Black Dimension, the women’s movement and anti-war, lets out at us in the struggle against Reagan’s nuclear madness today. It underlines the fact that such forces and ideas, which are the people’s historical memory, come alive today in the type of movement we are building. One organization committed to abolishing the arms race is even calling itself the New Abolitionists.

The participation of Blacks and other national minorities, of even more of the women’s movement, of other revolutionary social forces in America, especially labor, becomes possible when the type of movement we build invites the development of all the opponents to capitalism’s madness, be it in its Russian or American form, into a movement for a new society on human foundations. This remains the challenge for today’s anti-nuclear war movement.

CENTRAL AMERICANS AT RALLY

The legislation, as well as the mounting racist hysteria against “Illegals” that fans it, has come under attack from all sectors of the southern California Latino community. Their voice was most present at the rally June 11, where East L.A. community groups as well as Central American revolutionary groups-in-exile turned out their membership en masse.

The most striking aspect of the rally was the considerable number of Central Americans present, who made up over half the crowd. There are over 250,000 Salvadoran exiles in Los Angeles. One rally speaker commented that the reason so many of us are here is that we will be the first ones affected by this. They will force us back to our own countries where many of us will be put in prison or killed.

None at the rally were in this by the effort of the legislation to appear “humanitarian” by promising to grant all “illegal aliens” who have resided here since 1977 the opportunity of legal permanent residency. More than a quarter of the undocumented workers currently living in southern California would be eligible for permanent residency under this legislation. But if those who are, they would have to wait three years before receiving any kind of public benefits or assistance. In exchange, an immigration official said “of 425,000 would be imprisoned or killed.”

LATINO DIMENSION IN U.S.

The rally included participants from an array of different struggles and movements, from anti-nuclear to gay liberation and from Central American solidarity to labor. A team of farm workers from Arizona Against U.S. intervention in Nicaragua and El Salvador that, as one Latino youth said, “This has become a rally for the survival of Central America.” As soon as all these people showed up I knew it wouldn’t remain a one-issue demonstration.” Another activist said, “You may not have seen as many Latinos as you see as lively on Central America. The Central American solidarity movement should learn from this that an event like this one is when you’ll get the best Central American rally.”

Clearly, neither the Democrats nor the liberals are going to be the ones to make sure the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill isn’t passed in the House of Representatives. Only further development of actions such as this one, the forces for freedom come together with the Latino community. This alone is a direct defeat of this Bill as well as other such ones to come.

Marxist-Humanist participants

Kurds under attack

Once again, the 20 million strong Kurdish people are suffering direct attacks from all sides as none of their neighbors — Turkey, Iraq, Iran or Russia — grant them autonomy, let alone self-determination. Late in May Turkish troops crossed into Iraq to help encourage a pro-Iranian regime in the government, in order to attack Kurdish guerrilla bases for the fight inside Turkey. Some 1500 to 2000 Kurds were reportedly taken prisoner by Turkish and Iraqi troops. To this day, the Turkish army keeps two-thirds of its forces in Turkish-controlled Kurdistan, a land whose very existence is denied.

Since 1924, the Kurdish language has been forbidden in dealings with the government. In some Kurdish villages, infant mortality is over one-third of all live births, while 70% of the Kurds in Turkey are illiterate. In addition local Kurdish notables oppress the peasantry, in league with the Turkish government. On the other hand, Kurdish resistance seems more hardened and firmer than ever — whether in their dealings with the U.S. or the U.S. occupation forces . The Kurds are the most vital force combating oppressive regimes.

Disarm Northrop Corp.!

Rolling Meadows, Ill. — About 200 people came to this Chicago suburb on June 9th, the International Day of Disarmament, to confront Northrop Corp. for its production in the arms race and in U.S. imperialism. It was infuriating to watch the cops rough up some of the 37 blockaders they dragged away and arrested.

The management was so afraid of our ideas that they ordered the cops to get at least another 37 to talk to. The cops cornered 19 people to talk to and we took our leaflets as they came in to work. They even put notices in the previous Friday’s paychecks telling workers to assemble at the racetrack and ride charter buses to work.

Speakers denounced nuclear weapons, nuclear power, and nuclear waste. One speaker said an ad from the Women’s Affinity Group was read after they were busted. Another speaker advocated writing Congress members, another repeated that we had really listened to people in the street, that we aren’t just singles out somewhere, when the vision of what we’re for is not left implicit and we stop hiding from workers’ own ideas.

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— Franklin Dmitriyev

Immigration politics conference in Germany

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A new stage of mass movement in Chile

Millions of Poles used the Pope's visit to demonstrate that the spirit of Solidarity is very much alive. Despite the Pope's visit, the Polish workers' movement continues to thrive. The workers are demanding a fair deal from the government and are not afraid to stand up for their rights. The workers are demanding a fair deal from the government and are not afraid to stand up for their rights.

Mexico

On June 13, 16,000 striking Mexican university workers marched in Mexico City to demand a 46% wage increase. Close to 40,000 administrative workers from 11 state universities went out on strike at the beginning of June. The second week in June, a massive strike of tens of thousands of Mexican workers in heavy industry and service jobs "converged" to demand Commission on Minimum Wage to raise the minimum pay for urban workers to around $3.50 a day, a 25% increase. Mexican workers are rebelling against President de la Madrid's answer — economic "austerity" — to world debt.

Philippines

On June 25, during his visit to the Philippines, Secretary of State George Shultz exchanged a toast with Ferdinand Marcos to reaffirm a "very special" relationship between the U.S. and the Philippines. Every Friday afternoon a group of 200 Filipino students demonstrates against Marcos in front of the U.S. embassy in Manila, demanding that U.S. military bases in the Philippines be dismantled. They are part of the growing movement of anti-imperialist politicians, labor leaders, intellectuals and clergy for immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops and facilities.

Iran

Resistance to Khomeini's permanent state of war with Iraq is beginning to appear within the military. Desertions from the army have risen markedly, and so have applications to resign from the Islamic Republic's Guards Corps. On April 2, Khomeini's representative in the Guards issued a statement banning all marital and divorce proceedings except under extreme conditions, for the authorities to decide.

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A new stage of mass movement in Chile

by Kevin A. Barry and Mary Holmes

"Don't send your children to school. Buy nothing in stores. Don't use public transportation. Walk slowly in the streets. Make loud noises in workplaces and the universities. At 8:00 p.m., blow your car horns and bang on your pots. From 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. extinguish all lights to show the semi-darkness that surrounds us." Such were the calls for action on June 14 issued by the "underground command" comprising Chinese citizens, and political activists -- from Christian Democrats to Communist and MIR (Movement of the Revolutionary Left). By the time the day was over, the blood-soaked U.S.-supported Pinochet regime was shaken to its core.

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see the sharp contrast between church and Solidarity? Zbyszek Bujak, Solidarity leader still underground, while meeting with Jaruzelski in secret, not revealing the contents of his talks to "the Pope's reference to Solidarity was greeted so enthusiastically that he had to calm the masses down in order to prevent any future uprisings like the one that created the Black September." These women have been supported for years by the Chilean Women's Group could not wait until June 14. The day before they picketed supermarkets -- appearing suddenly with banners and then merging into crowds of applauding women shoppers before the dreaded "V" for victory sign. In Czestochowa, the city held their own demonstrations after the official celebrations to the Pope's visit. Millions of Poles used the Pope's visit to demonstrate that the spirit of Solidarity is very much alive. Despite the Pope's visit, the Polish workers' movement continues to thrive. The workers are demanding a fair deal from the government and are not afraid to stand up for their rights. The workers are demanding a fair deal from the government and are not afraid to stand up for their rights.

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The emphasis on Latin America in our Perspectives this year is because that is where U.S. imperialism, at this moment, has concentrated its military might — and it is the task of American revolutionaries to do all we can to fight that that drive. Moreover, the U.S. concentration there is not only because it considers Latin America its “sphere of influence,” but because it is the case that where Russia is looking for an opening.

The exact opposite attitude to what the rulers consider “their spheres of influence” is the attitude of the workers and the oppressed. Revolutionaries’ “sphere of influence” is concrete — and that holds true whether we talk of Latin America, or the Middle East, or Cuba. It is the case that this is a very moment. That massive outpouring is not only to hear the Pope, much less to accept the Pope’s interpretation of the origin of Solidarnosc — which, far from having been started by the Catholic Church, has its true origins in the genuinely new organization of workers and intellectuals known as KOR. Those demonstrations are to reaffirm their continuous struggle for freedom.

There is no ground for the euphoria of the Catholic Church, which is calling these outpourings “spiritual”; nor is there any ground for the attempts to spin the masses into thinking that by allowing the Pope to visit Poland they would accomplish any significant lifting of the sanctions that have been imposed on Poland by the West. And that is precisely what the Communist Party, and the Western rulers — agree on.

III. Marx’s Final Writings Let Us Hear Marx Thinking

In this year, 1983, the Marx centenary has given our generation the opportunity to hear Marx thinking. Now that we finally have Marx’s writings, including the heretofore unpublished Ethnological Notebooks, we can discern therein a trail to the 1980s. The writings of Marx's last decade open new paths to revolution by letting us hear Marx thinking as he studied pre-capitalist human cultures — whether that be the Iroquois women, or the peasant communes in "the Asiatic mode of production", or discovering possible new relations between the "East" and the "West." We see, to use an expression of "in word, a Marx’s philosophy of "revolution in permanence" has such relevance for our age that, in hearing Marx think dialectically, we learn the methodology needed to work out his philosophy for our age.

Take Marx’s new attitude in that last decade to the highpoint of his greatest theoretical work, Capital, with the incorporation of his Ethnological Notebooks — which post-Marxists have interpreted as meaning that revolution will come first in the most technologically-advanced West and that "therefore" Russia needed first to develop into a capitalist society. Yet even in Mihailovsky, a Russian Populist, claimed, while Marx was still alive, that these determinist views were what was hindering the development of a Russian transformation, the assumption that Mihailovsky was transforming into a super-historical Universal what, to Marx, had been a description of the path to a hollow society. When we see this in his last years.

Thus with eyes of 1983 we can see that, when Marx’s Humanist Essays first became known in the 1920s — or even as they reappeared in the 1950s on the actual historic stage of East European revolt — the attitude still remains in his Ethnological Notebooks and the correspondences between Marx’s notebooks and scholars around that question in his last years.

If we take a second look at another new moment of Marx’s last decade, this time one in which Engels had not left his Capital, Marx, back with the advantages and support rallies, in our newspaper and in our pamphlets — especially those we have issued bilingually — let us go to Marx’s, in Reality, Thought, and our most recent, Communist Revolutionaries Speak.

6. See "Brezhnevved by the U.S." by George W. Ball, New York Times, June 14, 1983, which traces U.S. intervention in Latin America in 1927 when Calvin Coolidge sent the Marines into Nicaragua and then imposed the Somoza dictatorship. Compare what Lenin saw in the collapse of the Second International, which did return to Hegel and reorganized his philosophic past. Turning to the Critique of the Ideological Programme, Lenin then wrote one of his greatest works, State and Revolution, developing the dialectics of revolution not as a question just of economics but of the destruction of the state. He developed the dialectics of revolution so concretely that he never once raised the question of "the Party to lead." The organization that emerged from the spontaneous actions of the new generation first slipped, then the 1917 Revolution was "All Power to the Soviets." But by not repudiating the concept of vanguard party, Lenin’s philosophic ambivalence allowed for contradictions of that, precisely, was the relationship of party to mass.

6. See Chapter 12 of Rosa Luxemburg, Women’s Liberation and Marx’s Philosophy of Revolution, "The Last Writings of Marx Point a Trail to the 1980’s", especially Section 2, "The Unread Drafts of the Letter to Zasulich, as well as the Undigested 1882 Pre­face to the Russian Edition of the Communist Manifesto."

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voulution not only on the 1906-1917 Revolution, but on the Iranian Revolution of 1979.

Marx's work as a totality has so illuminated the relationship of philosophy as action for future generations of revolutionaries that no Marxist will ever again be able to limit Marx's humanism to "economics."

Thus, lectures on Marxist-Humanism were sponsored by different organizations, including the Third World News and Letters Conference, and the Iranian Conference — which revealed how very relevant the advent of the modernization process was in revolution and their intense interest in the Second World. Indeed, it is impossible to separate theory from actual activities in the Black world, whether here or in South Africa, as is clear from the invitation to Lou Turner, co-author of Frantz Fanon, Soweto and American Black Thought, to represent Marxist-Humanism at the Black Consciousness Movement's Remembrance of Soweto here in June. (See Worker's Journal, p. 3, this issue.)

In that same context that the editor of News & Letters, Charles Denby, sees the new pamphlet on Marx and the Black world, written on the tour, as the focus of our new Introduction to American Civilization on Marx and ourselves (see Denby's Worker's Journal, N&L, June, 1983). We plan to have the new edition of this history of the two-way road — from Africa to the U.S. via the West Indies and back again — off the press for the August 27th 1983 New York City celebration.

The second pamphlet we plan for this Marx centenary year is a study of the impact of the women's liberation movement as we were in 1950 and as we are now developing, bringing to bear as part of our participation but above all the News and Letters Committees Draft Perspectives, 1983-1984.