The shocking liaison of U.S.-Iran and the need for a biweekly N&L

Reagan's Imperial Presidency

by Rayna Dunayevskaya, National Chairwoman,
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The timing of Reagan's shocking U.S.-Iran liaison, which has been kept secret from the American people, from the U.S. Congress, from his own Cabinet and from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which vetted the move, governing clandestine operations—a law signed by Reagan himself Jan. 17, 1986—cannot possibly be gleaned from any official baldaball about the need to re-shuffle the Cabinet.

The only word of truth that issued from Reagan at the time was: “We are dealing with a devil of a man, a madman, and we have to be careful not to get caught in the same trap.” (continuing on page 5)

No Reagan tilting toward Iraq, much less deholing himself that he could stop the Iran-Iraq War by sending substantial arms shipments to the more sophisticated weapons to Iran, the same kind of weapons with which the U.S. had armed the Shah.

What was driving Reagan into the embraces of the merchants of death and the total disregard of West European allies? What deholed him to believe that he had just discovered “moderates” in Iran? The answer lies in Reagan's aim of gaining nuclear superiority over Russia. That is the driving force both of the U.S.-Iran liaison and the push for Star Wars. Not even the fact that the very survival of civilization is threatened by this uncontrolled rush to the global nuclear arms race has stopped him. (For that matter, Russia is trying to do the same.)

Nothing can stop these rulers except masses in motion with freedom as their aim. Reagan's aim is to so arrange affairs that the U.S. in his final two years of office that his machine would go on in the direction he has set no matter who is President.

REAGAN MUST BE STOPPED: THE NEED FOR A BIWEEKLY N&L

Reagan must be stopped long before his two years have run their course. The best way of stopping him is to tell the truth. The truth is a great deal more than the disclosure of the facts of this latest dismal affair. It is the truth only when it is inseparable from the continued struggle for freedom.

The U.S. in its birth did struggle for truth inseparable from freedom. And that struggle began with words, common words, of people talking to each other, writing to each other, and organizing Committees of Correspondence. This has turned out to be, as the eminent American historian Charles A. Beard put it, “the engines of revolution.”

Intellecuals who do not relate themselves to a revolutionary movement consider letter-writing, at best, to be “raw material,” a sort of unspoken conversation. The truth is very difficult to engage in. This is because every ground. In other words, when two million people are starving, when there are six million unemployed Black adults in a population of thirty million Blacks, those facts speak for themselves.

Over the last two years, well over 2,000 people have been killed, those largely children. And what does the West do? Sit back and pontificate about how action is impossible against the South African regime. The outside world, it is not apparent how the present regime engages in annihilating people. When people are removed to barren areas and left there, the government is condemning them to die. When two million people are starving, when there are six million unemployed Black adults in a population of thirty million Blacks, those facts speak for themselves.

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However, the real need to look at and constantly evaluate all actions in terms of a theoretical structure and developing a theory of ongoing practice and struggle is very difficult to engage in. This is because every moment there is some new campaign, action, or struggle that the people are involved in and which you can divorce yourself only at the expense of an actual feel for what is happening on the ground.

Over the last couple of years, the pace has been so great—almost a spontaneous eruption in different places—that people have not really had the opportunity to sit back for little periods of time and begin to actively assess the situation. We have been trying to do that, but it has been extremely difficult because of all the constraints and pressures. Being in the mailstrom of activity, the question of the relationship of theory to praxis has been difficult to look at.

For instance, we see that the dangers that we faced in the early '70s of liberalism, ethnicity and tribalism (continued on page 9)
by Terry Moon

The Global Crisis of the 1980s and the Nuclear Theory, by Raya Dunayevskaya

In 1986 we are in the midst of revelations about Ronald Reagan's secret arms and monetary aid to Iran. And while all act as if this is about freeing hostages, the truth is, as Raya Dunayevskaya wrote in the July 1986 Daniel Cohn-Bendit, "Every war is a war in the world in the changed world with the Iranian Revolution.

What motivates Reagan is not concern for hostages but that ever since that revolution, Russia has been trying to get a foothold in the Middle East. That is what is at stake.

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By Felix Martin, Labor Editor

Mid-November, General Motors Corporation intensified the fight of the capitalists against the working class in two ways.

In South Africa, it called in riot police to root out the van Nuys plant, another GM plant, which is ruled for closing. And that's not the full extent of the GM layoffs: a worker at the Detroit plant, where 300 workers have been laid off, told us that "they are planning to lay off the whole second shift—another Christmas present from our old GM.

Auto workers, with a "strong" union, the UAW, are supposed to be "provided for," but just like the workers in South Africa, they know that their fight for their rights, for GM workers here are not guaranteed to get the benefits that we fought so hard for.

When my plant, GM South Gate, was closed down in 1982, every worker with 10 years seniority was supposed to receive "sub" benefits—45 percent of his or her wages, until age 55, or a period of time up to age 55. But we only got sub benefits for eight months before the plant shut down—"and that was with 5,000 workers laid off. What will happen to the sub fund with 29,000 workers laid off?

Retirement Endanger

Another contract provision we fought for was "55 and out": that laid-off GM workers with 10 years seniority and no new job could receive retirement benefits at age 55, or be brough back on a third shift. At the last meeting of UAW retirees, the international union rep finally admitted that our retirement benefits are up for negotia­

That GM contract will be negotiated next year, and

When our plant closes

Editor's note: One of the GM plants to be closed in the upcoming massive lay-off is Detroit's Clark Avenue plant. The following is what one of the workers there told N&L.

Detroit, Mich.—When they stopped the assembly line at our GM plant, our plant would shut down so quiet! You could just feel the emotion—a lot of the old­er workers had tears in their eyes. When I hired in 18 months ago I was told there was no way they could keep the plant open until 1989. A lot of people are upset with the union's inaction. But there are reasons to be even that day, he was in St. Louis. A couple days later somebody placed a classified ad in the Detroit News asking, "Have you seen twenty-year workers in GM?" He got at least 15 guys fired here. You couldn't even talk to the bosses two weeks off to work at the union office. The stewards had to go underground. It was the same in the Van Nuys plant, GM is closing the plant in Nor­

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Kaiser on strike!

Oakland, Cal.—On Oct. 25, over 9,000 workers belonging to Local 260 of the Service Employees Inter­national Union went on strike. It is a fight between the hospital employees and Kaiser Permanente, the nation's largest private health maintenance organization (HMO).

HMO's are thought to be the best form of "social medicine," but they are a capitalist America. Henry J. Kaiser founded the HMO in 1933 to cut the production cost due to sick employees. Kaiser claims that the first HMO's were successful. But Kaiser now scale more in line with other hospitals. But Kaiser fails to mention that the high workload of Kaiser workers is out of step with other hospitals as well. Dr. Janet Cahill of Glashore College revealed, in a stress and workload study, that "Kaiser employees are handling drastically increased workloads and as a result are experiencing health-threatening levels of stress, fatigue and burn-out.

The chief negotiator for Kaiser commented that "employees are only incidental to patient care." The only reason Kaiser can attract and maintain members is by holding down the wage bill. But workers are over­

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We can transfer with the car to a more modern plant in Arlington, Texas. But the high seniority people who could get those jobs have homes and families here. We feel sorry for the young people, too. There are some programs that give people a chance to get back to their benefits, because we think the plant will close before June.

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Voices of Poland's underground press

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2. A sell-out contract doing away with job classifications and work rules, both to save even more unpaid hours of labor out of those left working, and to outsourcing parts to the 30 and more percent and want to catch up to 55 percent at Ford and 70 percent at Chrysler.

GM's shut-downs don't show a business in trouble so much as the future business has planned for all labor that might stop work.

The NSC president Charles Sporck announced "his" lay-off of 500 workers saying, "Even though we have had more lucky people than any other automotive company, we are not just going to be profitable." You now hear of executives getting tens of millions of dollars to quit or be fired. It is a labor market that the dying class of capitalist management was so high for workers. America's top executives doubled their salaries. All the while they are killing the jobs that lay off workers.

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Walt's contra aid

Anchorage, Alaska—On May 3, 1986, Ken Francis, the former co-pilot of the Air America plane that fired. As anybody gets fired. There's nothing more you can do with knowledge of the production processes except only policing labor, and that the cold months spent running their own picket line. Many can't get an employment. And that was supposed to be such a steady job, at the airport. No one can tell me Marxist's burning, with their hotels all over the world.

And a friend who works in a baked goods plant that's owned by Armour-Dial tells me, "Management puts a notice on the wall that says, 'Nothing to tell in the bathroom.'"

The Dolly company shuts down or lays off at one of their plants anywhere in the country. Why? Workers here want to know how the plant is doing. If the owner's not going to add a new line here, hired more workers, and are speeding up all the time. Does management want to improve? Or get us ready for something bad next contract?"

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Black voters vs. Reagan

by John Alan

President Reagan's personal campaign to retain Republican control of the U.S. Senate went down to defeat in the November elections. However, political analysts have paid only scant attention to the critical role that Black voters played in the defeat of the "Great Communicator"'s candidates. Instead, they have given general reasons for Reagan's failed efforts, such as the lack of organized now and more democratic, they will be authentic, representative status. Because people are better organized now and more democratic, they will be able to withstand the attacks coming from such quarters.

The unions today are much more organized, though there are still some splinter groups that destabilize them by politically tendentious groups, who want to hijack the working class movement by striving for their own, self-serving interests. It is essential that Black workers, who claim to be a workers' party, like the Communist Workers, have a desire to change their lot and as Coloreds, we're going to have problems. They have reared themselves in the '80s with a vengeance. They have been at the forefront of opposing the present regime and puppets who have attempted to deflect "independence" raged furiously. The people there had an uprising that occurred during periods of unrest in the Cape. The people there are rural workers. We don't have a Black pessantry in the sense because they don't tend to be workers for white farmers. Croak, also a rural area township, was organized by a key figure in the UDF (United Democratic Front). In the Northern Transvaal, we've had uprisings initiated by AZAPO people.

The uprising in Kangwane against Bantustan "independence" raged furiously. The people there had been at the forefront of opposing the present regime and puppets who have attempted to deflect "independence" raged furiously. The people there have particularly been stressing, needs to be developed, considered urgently and anew. For a long time socialism has had an ugly, impressionism, ironic view for universality. But when the time comes, whether some political organizations will allow union activity or not is going to be a crucial question. How do you claim to be a workers' party, like the Communist Party, and have a trade union movement that is opposed to the working class?

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To act as if this is minor, and the secret arms deal with Iran is a mystery, is excepted of the most ominous sort. The easy way to evade serious analysis of the objective events as presently seen in the secret deals between the U.S. and Iran, would be to use Churchill's rhetorical—as he was hiding the fact that he was already conning to begin the Cold War against Russia, when the Hot War was on the rise against Nasser and that he was still going on—by saying that Russia was a "riddle wrapped in a mystery, a mystery wrapped in a riddle." The only mystery about the sudden attempted illicit adventure between Rafsanjani and Reagan is that it was kept a secret, but even then we can get some illumination from the

1) turning to the first Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Geneva; and 2) —what is really first and foremost—the irreparable division between Iran and Iraq.

FROM GENEVA TO REYKJAVIK—

ALL THINGS FALL APART

To grasp the meaning of events, objectively and subjectively, you need to have internalized what Marx meant by history-in-the-making. Naturally—though not out of whole cloth—each generation does bear the responsibility of understanding the real situation in each of its age. Dialectics discloses, if you probe deeply, the process of development, objectively and subjectively.

The meaning of its subjectivity in the event itself; your method of examining it is not just as a single event or one which you judge in a quantitative way only, but in its totality, in its class relationships, where each class has an aim of its own. Rulers make headlines because of their power to exploit and destroy; it is that military might that seeks to terrorize people, to make us believe that our fate is in their hands. In truth that is not so, and dialectics will help us see the truth. Dialectics shows the nothingness of accomplishment at the Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Geneva. It was made to look like a great achievement, but, in truth, the global crises that have brought the world to the edge reveal that the two Behemoths were simply not yet ready to lay down their hatred and armament.

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would like to share with you some thoughts I had about the talk and the reactions of several students. One young woman at UIC, who wrote a report of the talk, was clearly excited about the Zulas, and who is herself involved in anti-apartheid and solidarity activities, had been very excited about Dunayevskaya's talk: "According to her, the movement in South Africa was not new for the students who had been involved in anti-apartheid and solidarity activities in the United States. It was then that Marx broke with the Young Hegelians and capitalism and developed his philosophy of "new humanism".

MARX, YOUNG AND OLD, AND 1980s

Pfint-hundred miles away, at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, another student who had just returned from the talk in Salt Lake City, was concerned with Marx's last decade. He had been watching Al Mazrui's series on "The Africans", in which he heard Mazrui say that the future for Africa had to go through colonialism and capitalism before it could develop socialism. This student wanted to know if Mazrui's statement was really true.

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As for the intervention of women in the audience—fighting to correct the panelists' amnesia—fighting for the microphone—to correct the panelists' amnesia on SDS's male chauvinist history and on women's working class is a privilege. Youth have now begun speaking out and demanding reforms.

All the government's efforts are directed towards maintaining a class society to serve a very few. It is obvious that there are no longer any "people's movements" or "people's options". The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom against Central America. The marchers were joined by Free South Africa and anti-nuclear groups in what became a protest of U.S. aggression worldwide.

The protest was well received by the impoverished blacks and whites. There were more laws dealing with the peace movement than with any other offense. His friends asked, What are you belly-aching about? to which Marx replied, "To be a spiritual black is a spiritual event in itself."

Today, living in a changed world, when we are facing on the one hand Reagan and Gorbachev's drive to nucleation, on the other the revolution in the Third World. And far from that view being a break with anything Marxist, it was crucial for solidarity activists today. 

In 1987 the government made primary education free to all children and students. This was to achieve equality, especially poor farmers in rural areas. It was a bold move, but few had the foresight to assess its impact on a fragile education system. With the mounting corruption and mismanagement in the country as a whole, there began a dangerous decline in the quality of primary education. The lack of educational aids became scarce, furniture unavailable, and the infusion of foreign funds and parent's forces were forced to provide those to enable their children to have a chance for decent education.

There are now high schools in the Gambia. The massive education drive ignored this reality, knowing full well that it would result in chaos. With 15,000 students struggling for 150 high school places, it became inevitable that a high percentage had to prematurely terminate their schooling, venturing out into the world with little hope, at the tender age of 14. The "Big-man's" children, on the other hand, are being sent to independent private schools where material is in abundance, and they are instructed by highly qualified "imported" teachers.

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Last year the government ordered the reduction of the size of the civil service as a condition for a loan. Some 2000 teachers, mostly from primary schools, were dismissed, leaving the country with hardly any education left. The massive education drive ignored this reality, knowing full well that it would result in chaos. With 15,000 students struggling for 150 high school places, it became inevitable that a high percentage had to prematurely terminate their schooling, venturing out into the world with little hope, at the tender age of 14. The "Big-man's" children, on the other hand, are being sent to independent private schools where material is in abundance, and they are instructed by highly qualified "imported" teachers.

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**Rhine protest: “Take Care of Our Earth”**

Rhine concentration of chemical plants in Europe, and is headed for Ciba-Geigy, Hoffman-La Roche and San­
dox. Because of the preponderant influence of the chemical industry, which accounts for a fourth of Swiss ex­ports, Switzerland, never even signed the “Seveso Directive” of the European Economic Com­munity, enacted after a 1976 disaster at a Hoffmann-La Roche plant in Seveso, which forced the evac­uation of the whole town.

The greatest danger, however, is the 440 pounds of mercury. If it settles on the bottom, it could trans­form into deadly methyl mercury which killed more than 220 people in Minamata, Japan in the 1950s.

The Rhine is alive...It was the creative genius of Basel's youth who coined the slogan “Chernobasel,” which in a single word summed up the global nature of a nuclear armed state­callers, gangs and the army trained in the “.subject of the American base called “Pyla-­drome” will put an end to the beautiful Alliance...” The armed forces...are the protectors of law and order in the country. So the question of sover­eignty...It is the opening of our country to all industri­alised countries...In that consti­tution she will campaign for...a provi­sion in the constitution...for an independent country, from the country. So the question of sover­eignty is there. How can we say we are a free, independent country, where foreign bases are right in our country, especially now that we are in a nuclear war world? These are the very basic prob­lems we are facing..."