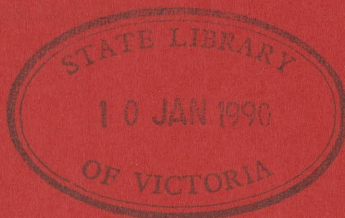




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EDITORIAL

This edition of "Revolutionary Communist" contains a number of articles which illustrate the trend towards fascism in this country, a trend which has been greatly accelerated by the Hawke government's corporate state, and is closely linked to the rapidly worsening economic crisis. The use of mace gas against the demonstrators at the Nurrungar war base is the first time this gas has been used in Australia outside of prisons. The use during the pilots strike of imported scab pilots and RAAF planes, with the active support of the top trade union leaders, shows the degree to which these leaders are part of the state apparatus and shows that the "elected government" is nothing more than an executive committee of the big bourgeoisie.

The supplement to this issue contains a number of important articles dealing with the victories of socialism in China, the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, and the struggle against the rise of revisionism.

These articles can help us to understand the present world events, and strengthen us for the struggles which lie ahead.

The bourgeois mass media never misses an opportunity to slander Mao Tsetung and the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, and praise the present revisionist regime of Deng who has flung open the doors of China to the imperialist robbers.

The capitalist class always seeks to impose on the people its view of the world, and through its media apparatus it is able to do this. However, in the long run, the contradictions within the capitalist system will compel workers to question their circumstances, and seek solutions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We would like to remind our readers that annual subscriptions to this publication are now due. Could those who have not already done so send their \$6 to our P.O. box. Additional donations are of course always welcome and very necessary, and we once again thank those staunch supporters who regularly send donations.

How to Celebrate THE FALL OF THE WALL

East Germany has been going through changes.

On October 7 the revisionist regime tried to celebrate its fortieth anniversary. In the streets crowds of youth mocked them, yelling "Happy birthday police state."

The regime sent in its riot police to bust heads. They threatened a Tiananmen-style massacre. But they didn't do it. The crowds grew to tens of thousands, and then to hundreds of thousands. Rivers of people ran through East German cities demanding change.

Meanwhile, at Czech and Hungarian border points, a steady stream of East Germans abandoned their country altogether, hoping for some better deal in the "other" Germany.

The East German ruling class tried to calm the unrest by carrying out high-level changes. The longstanding chief Erich Honecker fell from power. Two weeks later the whole East German cabinet resigned. The ruling politburo of the revisionist SED party resigned. The new leadership around Egon Krenz promised to legalize opposition groups and hold elections by 1991.

Then, on November 9, the stunning announcement: The East German government opened all border crossings between East and West Germany and offered routine exit visas to their population. No longer would travel be uptight and restricted. The Berlin Wall was crumbling.

This could be the beginning of map-changing, earth-shaking developments.

A Symbol of a World Divided

This border is right where two nuclear war blocs face off. People who live there have confronted the dangers of World War 3 daily; they brush up against barbed wire and countless military installations.

Suddenly came a chance to reach across no-man's land to fraternize with those on "the other side." And people seized that moment by the thousands. Crowds poured through border posts, heading both ways to gawk and celebrate. Cheering people packed together on top of the Berlin Wall. They chipped out concrete chunks and held them high in the

air as they sang. When East German border guards tried to restore order, they were booed. When West Germany's Chancellor Kohl came to oink, he was booed too.

**This Isn't "Communism in Crisis"—
It Is Revisionism And Imperialism
in Crisis**

OR . . .

**Fuck the Berlin Wall—It Ain't No
"Symbol of Communism"**

Western propaganda calls the Berlin Wall "a hated symbol of communism" and says that the crumbling wall shows the "collapse of communism." This is a lie!

From the day the first brick was laid until today, the Berlin Wall has been testimony to the failure of revisionism and social-imperialism. The Berlin Wall was built in 1961 by Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leader who restored capitalism. Under Khrushchev, the Soviet Union became "revisionist"—it was communist in name, but imperialist in reality. The revisionist chieftains denounced the struggle for world revolution and classless society. They told people of the Soviet camp to focus their attention on getting higher living standards.

All this produced a tremendous political demoralization throughout Eastern Europe. It caused many people in East Germany to head West. After all, a Germany had already been built in the West along capitalist lines. Privileges were already available there to ambitious professionals. Suddenly people started to "drain" from East to West Germany. Khrushchev built his wall to stop that drain.

This was not the "bankruptcy of communism." It was the bankruptcy of revisionism. This wall separated East-bloc imperialism from West-bloc imperialism and fortified the front line of the "Cold War."

Today, almost thirty years later, a new Soviet imperialist, Mikhail Gorbachev, faces a new and even more serious crisis. He seeks to overcome *his* crisis by changing the relations between the Soviet bloc and the West European countries,

weakening the NATO alliance, and restructuring inside the Soviet bloc. As part of this imperialist strategy the Soviet leaders have unleashed events which led to the opening of the Berlin Wall.

This isn't a "crisis of communism." It is the crisis of East-bloc imperialists. And it rattles the whole current structure of international imperialist relations.

**The "Cold War" May Be Over—
But the Danger of World War Is Not!**

In both East and West, the powers-that-be claim they have everything sewed up—and then, seemingly out of nowhere, it becomes clear that they are not fundamentally in control of events. This makes the powers very uptight. But revolutionaries welcome such earth-shaking turmoil.

At the same time, people need to understand a cold truth: The Cold War *may* be over, but the danger of world war is not. In many ways, Europe sways on the edge of unpredictable events. The tight-lipped "caution" that is coming out of both Washington and Moscow shows that both fear events in East Germany and elsewhere could get out of hand.

For a couple years now, Cold War confrontation has taken a back seat. But the two war blocs and their rivalry remain very much at the core of international relations. There remains a major potential for them to find themselves suddenly entangled in confrontation and dragged toward war. And the changes sweeping Eastern and Central Europe directly heighten instability.

What would happen if Hungary or Poland seeks to leave the Soviets' Warsaw Pact? Even more destabilizing: If the two Germanies move toward one another, would one or both halves be tempted to leave their current military alliances?

Henry Kissinger, a key thinker of U.S. imperialism, warns, "We are watching a political process in Europe in which the Soviets are losing political control in Eastern Europe, while NATO's military position progressively weakens in Western Europe. I consider what's going on now to be the lull before some storm." His point: the weakening of big-power

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alliances does not lessen the danger of war. Twice before, world wars have been triggered by violent shifts in European alliances.

The Ugly Sounds of German Nationalism

Suddenly, questions on the future of Germany seem urgent. When the West German Parliament heard that the border crossings to East Germany had been opened, they all jumped to their feet and sang the anthem of German imperialism, "Deutschland Über Alles" (which means "Germany Over Everything"! The dream of a Fourth Reich tempts them. The head of one of West Germany's coalition parties said it was time to annex not only East Germany but those parts of Poland that were part of Hitler's Germany of 1939.

If the two Germanies reunited, it would not form some neutralized buffer zone in the heart of Europe. Both Germanies are imperialist. The people of the world would have no reason to cheer the emergence of a new, bloodthirsty superpower.

In the streets of Berlin this week there was already debate over reunification: three times in a century and a half the call to German nationalism has led to war, death and destruction. People know this. When West German politicians at the Berlin Wall tried to lead crowds of youth in singing "Deutschland Über Alles," many pointedly refused. One sign carried high along the Berlin Wall read "NO to Greater Germany."

Right Below the Surface

At the moment, both blocs are pursuing their opposing interests without constant talk of war. In fact, on the surface there appears to be some agreement. Both the Soviet Union and the United States support elections in Hungary and East Germany. Both support the opening of German borders. Both oppose any sudden moves toward German reunification.

But right under surface, opposed interests are colliding. Certain forms of imperialist contention in Europe may be changing, but both in Europe and throughout the world the imperialist crisis continues and the potential for rapid emergence of big explosions is very real. While the masses fraternize, the imperialists of East and West calculate how to preserve and expand their empires.

The United States supports elections in Eastern Europe because it believes it will make it easier for those states to cut their links to the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union supports elections because it believes that this can strengthen the Warsaw Pact by developing governments that have more popular support.

The U.S. opposes short-term German reunification because they fear it could pull their bloodsucking bloc apart. They want to wait until after 1992, when the Western European powers will have consolidated their common market. The Soviets oppose it because they fear it would mean East Germany being ab-

sorbed into West Germany, with much of Eastern Europe pulled in behind.

The U.S. Imperialists Say: A United Europe Is Fine, As Long As We Run It

From the White House, President George Bush put out a slogan for the big powers of the West to endorse. He said he was for a "Europe whole and free."

This means he supports tearing down the current division of Europe, *but only if the resulting Europe is "free"*—that is, if it is part of an enlarged Western Bloc under U.S. leadership. The United States can accept a united Germany in a united Europe, if it means that the West—not Russia—calls the shots in Eastern Europe. This is a belligerent and arrogant slogan for Bush to raise.

Gorbachev Has Ambitious Plans of His Own

Gorbachev and Co. believe that enforcing a single Soviet-style form of government, ideology, and state capitalism on his allies causes many problems and dangers for them. The Soviet rulers want to pattern their bloc more on the way the U.S. alliance operates: They think allowing different forms of capitalist government and economy will create a more flexible and stable Soviet bloc.

Some changes, however, are *not* considered okay. Throughout Eastern Europe, the word is out: membership in the Soviet Warsaw Pact alliance is not optional and it is not to be questioned. In Poland, the military and the police had to remain in reliable pro-Soviet hands.

At the same time, Gorbachev seeks to *expand* Soviet influence and ties into Western Europe. Gorbachev has his own slogan for Europe. He calls it "our common European home." This means a Europe that includes the Soviet Union as a major player but is distanced from the United States.

Gorbachev tried to unleash changes in the Soviet bloc in order to *strengthen* it. He is for a united Europe *if* this means that the Soviet Union has succeeded in abolishing the NATO alliance. This is a belligerent and arrogant slogan for Gorbachev to raise.

Events Are Moving Across Untested Ground

The crisis of world revisionism and Soviet-style imperialism is creating all kinds of political developments. Millions in Eastern Europe are dragged into political life and many millions more across the world watch with fascination. Old parties are weakened, discredited and even discarded. New parties and political currents of all kinds are taking shape among the masses of Eastern Europe. And in the midst of this, a long-closed border opens wide.

This poses new challenges for genuine revolutionary communists. Bob Avakian, Chairman of the RCP, has pointed out: "The negation of revisionism, even when that assumes the form of mass rebellion, is not—immediately—

the reclaiming of Marxism. A major reason for this is that the status quo, the established order, and institutionalized power being rebelled against, wear the mantle of Marxism. . . . The problem is how to transform a rebellious but bourgeois-democratic negation of revisionism into a revolutionary negation of capitalism and the bourgeoisie in *all* their forms, disguised and open." So if the opening of the Berlin Wall turns into a new opening for the Maoist politics of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement. . . then great, let's seize the time!

At the same time, events demand vigilance and clarity. Open borders and elections cannot change the nature of imperialist society—not one little bit! Without revolution, any political changes in Eastern Europe (or anywhere else) will simply replace old oppressive structures with new ones.

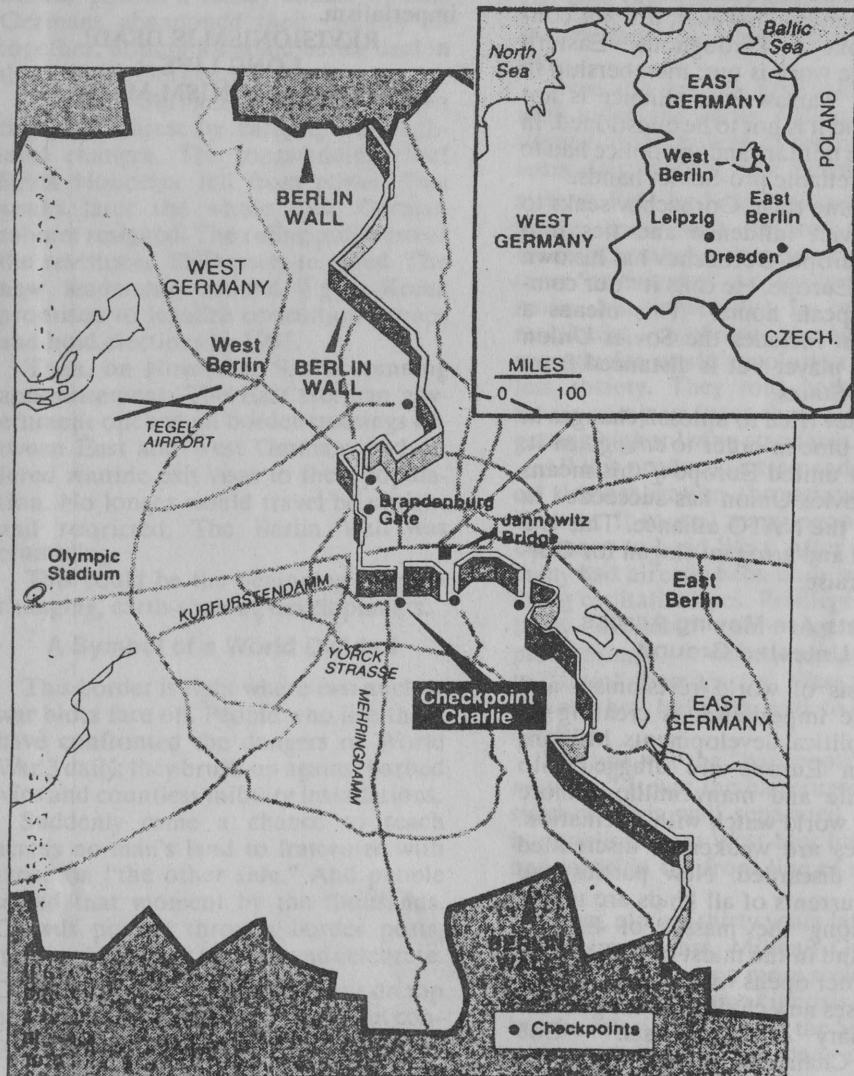
Without revolution, the fundamental causes of interbloc rivalry will remain and intensify. The current talk about unified Europe and lasting peace can give way to sudden, deadly confrontations. Key, strategic parts of both military blocs could suddenly go up for grabs.

Only all-the-way proletarian revolution can overthrow and dismantle world imperialism.

**REVISIONISM IS DEAD!
LONG LIVE
MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM!**



May 1989—Graffiti on the Berlin Wall reads: Make Revolution! Build and Strengthen Maoist Parties United in the RIM!



THE PILOTS STRIKE

The attack on the airline pilots has been provoked and run by the Hawke governments Corporate State of the top union leadership, big business and the industrial court.

The Australian Federation of Air Pilots (AFAP) asked for negotiations over a 29.5 % wage increase and have had the full weight of the State thrown against them. They have been threatened with jail and the AFAP now faces the prospect of a crippling common law fine which may be as high as \$10 million. The attack was led by the Prime Minister and supported by the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU). The hidden agenda is to break the AFAP and de-regulate the airline industry.

The Hawke government has given at least \$100 million to the airline owners, one of whom is Sir Peter Abeles, a personal friend of the P.M. and boss of TNT whose profit in 1988-9 was \$207 million. Abeles' personal fortune is reputed to be worth \$41 million.

The other owner is Rupert Murdoch, commonly called Lord Rupert of Wapping, who broke the Printer's Union in England. He is another friend of the P.M. and owner of News Limited, whose profit in 1988-9 was almost \$500 million, His personal wealth is estimated to be \$1.1 billion.

This fascist attack on the Pilots joins the other attacks on unions launched by the Corporate state in recent years - Mudginberri, Dollar Sweets, the B.L.F., Robe River and SEQEB, and reveals for all to see the relentless greed for profit of the class enemy.

The last Labor Prime minister to use troops to break a strike was swept out of office in 1949, and Hawke could well be next. We are not suggesting this would change matters greatly, because Parliament is part of capitalism's apparatus of deception. The only way forward for working people is to step up the struggle outside parliament. Hawke's attempts to bring in scabs to fly the planes has been met by unprecedented solidarity of pilots around the world and the airforce planes have been unable to move the volume of traffic.

Strike breaker Hawke, big business, the Labor lieutenants of capitalism, the ACTU and the Industrial Court are out to crush anyone who want to push up the value of their labour power. A leaflet by the AFAP, whose struggle is in its third month, raises serious issues; the right to belong to an association of your choice; to hold negotiation with your employer; the right to strike; to withhold your labour; and the right to oppose the government and employers in pursuit of a wage increase.

The ruling class is at present in the process of smashing the last remnants of effective working class organisation. One means by which this is being accomplished is the imposition of the contract system, where each worker will supposedly negotiate his or her own wage. This system is already widespread among casual workers, women, youth and the semi-skilled, particularly in the tourist industry, and most of these workers do not belong to unions. Karl Marx pointed out that, without struggle, workers will be reduced to broken wretches past salvation. ▶

In early November, two pilots from Eastern Airlines in the U.S. arrived in Australia with a donation of \$US1 million to help the striking AFAP. The American pilots have been on strike themselves since March 3rd. 1989. When interviewed on Radio 3CR in Melbourne, they said that since Eastern Airlines had been deregulated three years ago the pilots conditions of work have been under constant attack. This action of the US Pilots, and the support from the Newcastle and Mt. Isa Trades and Labor Councils, and thousands of letters of support to the AFAP, is isolating the government.

'BREAKING WITH OLD IDEAS'

We have available a VHS video cassette of the film " Breaking With Old Ideas". This film was made by the Peking Film Studio in 1975, and is set in the year 1958, during the Great Leap Forward. The film deals with the struggle to implement Chairman Mao's line in education at a rural agricultural college and it brings out sharply the question of whether education should be accessible to the masses of working people and closely linked with practice, or whether it should only be open to the well-educated, for the purpose of assisting their careers. The film also makes the point that the reactionaries are very small in number and that opponents can be won over if the line is correct. Though the film is in a Chinese setting it is very applicable to the present Australian situation, where a sound education is increasingly becoming a privilege of the well to do, working people are by and large excluded from higher education and education is quite divorced from practice.

This video is available for loan, so if you're interested drop a line to our P.O box.

THE VERY FAST TRAIN - IMPERIALIST TROJAN HORSE

A proposal has been made to build a high-speed rail link between Melbourne and Sydney. This Very Fast Train (VFT) is to be a private operation to be built and run by a consortium which at present consists of BHP, Elders-IXL, TNT, and the Japanese construction company Kumagai-Gumi who are providing the capital. The VFT is being promoted as nothing more than a safe and quick way to travel between Melbourne and Sydney, which will help reduce the road toll, reduce pollution, and give us access to high technology.

However, closer examination of the proposal reveals some very questionable aspects and shows that the VFT is but a part of a much bigger scheme which is shrouded in secrecy.

If the line is built along the preferred route through East Gippsland it will cause massive environmental damage due to the facts that it will require massive earthworks, will produce a noise level similar to that of a jet aircraft at close range, and must have a corridor 100 metres wide with a cyclone fence and further clearing of trees either side of this. It will virtually "fence off" a strip of the south-eastern coast.

Because the VFT consortium will own the land corridor along the whole of the route, they will be able, and intend to, use it for other purposes, such as fibre-optic cables for communications and data transmission. They will seek to cream off the business in profitable areas such as data transmission, and leave the rest for Telecom.

The VFT is intended to run on its own dedicated track and will not be able to use the existing rail network, though the track may run in existing rail corridors along parts of the route. It is aimed at attracting travellers such as businessmen and tourists who currently use the airlines, will have fares similar to those of the airlines, and will carry the same type of freight that the airlines presently handle. Thus it will do little or nothing to alleviate the problems of the public transport system, such as the numbers of heavy trucks using the Hume Highway.

The technical feasibility of the VFT has been called into question. It is intended to run at a maximum speed of 350 kilometres per hour, much faster than the 270 kph of the French TGV, the fastest train presently operating. Given that the VFT is intended to be operating by 1995, it is unlikely that the technical problems could be overcome in such a short period even if the technology is bought "off the shelf" from overseas.

The financial viability of the VFT is also very doubtful. Unlike similar trains overseas, which use existing rail corridors, the VFT will have the enormous cost of building an entirely new corridor. Also, the major population centres served by the VFT are much further apart (900 km.) and much smaller than those served by the fast trains overseas.

One most sinister aspect of the VFT is the question of land acquisition. It is proposed that the VFT consortium will own the corridor along which the track is built, and it is believed that

they want the power to compulsorily acquire land as well as having access to cheap power, cheap land, access to existing rail routes, and some subsidised travel. What will they want ultimately? Legislation has been passed giving the consortium the right to enter private land for purposes of surveying the route. The consortium has also said that it expects to profit from the sale of land acquired in the course of building the railway. It is not hard to see that they will be aiming to get land at farmland prices, which the government will then rezone thus increasing the value many times. Even Premier Cain has felt it necessary to express misgivings over this aspect of the VFT.

THE VFT AND THE MULTIFUNCTION POLIS.

The VFT proposal only starts to make sense when viewed in relation to the "Multifunction Polis" proposal, which was originated by Japan's Ministry for International Trade and Industry (MITI) in 1985. This vague concept, about which precise information is hard to obtain, involves the creation of a number of special cities which will have facilities for high-technology research and manufacturing, as well as tourist and recreation facilities, and retirement villages for Japanese retirees. The MFP's will be Japanese-funded and will accommodate 50-200,000 people, most of them brought in from Japan and other countries for periods of up to 2 or 3 years.

Sir Peter Abeles, boss of TNT and a prominent member of the VFT consortium, has said that the VFT will be economically feasible only if built in conjunction with other projects. In an interview published in the "Canberra Times" of 8-12-88 he said he regarded the VFT as the catalyst for the major redevelopment of Australia, that it would lead to the restructuring of the east coast of Australia. This clearly shows that in the minds of its promoters the VFT is inextricably tied to the MFP.

The Hawke government is keen to attract foreign investment in the processing of rare earths and mineral sands and the Japanese government has committed \$160,000 billion for research in advanced ceramics manufactured from these substances. These mineral sands are europium, samarium, cerium, yttrium, thulium, zirconia, monozite, bismuth, xenotime, thorium and strontium, and most are radioactive. Japanese big business interests have enthusiastically embraced the MFP concept because it promises a profitable outlet for their enormous capital reserves as well as easing Japan's population pressure. It will give Japan ready access to Australia's plentiful natural resources, cheap land and skilled labour. The MFP will also allow the Japanese to make use of Australian universities and R&D establishments, where the facilities for doing original innovative research are much better than those of Japanese institutions. The MFP's will allow the Japanese imperialists to extend their already considerable influence here, and will serve as a beachhead from which they can assert direct control should their local servants be unable to do so.

The MFP concept was rejected by New Zealand and Canada on the grounds that it involved a loss of their national sovereignty, but Australian governments and companies leapt at the concept. The VFT-MFP complex highlights the essence of the "restructuring" presently being bulldozed through by the Hawke government. A luxurious and unnecessary privately-owned Very Fast Train will be

provided for those who can pay, while the majority of working people are forced to battle with a public transport system run down to the point of being dangerous. A similar situation exists in other areas such as education, health care and care of the aged.

The MFP is touted by its proponents as a private venture. However, the government will provide the infrastructure required and there is reason to believe that further government assistance will be given. In Hansard of October 18th. 1989 Senator Button was questioned by the Opposition in relation to the MFP. Asked whether the government would assist the MFP by making land available, he replied that if the MFP were to contain an international university or an international health institute of some kind there would undoubtedly be some government involvement.

Some elements right-wing have joined the debate around the MFP, and this has allowed Hawke and others to brand opponents of the MFP as racist. It has also meant that some people who have serious reservations about the MFP have been reluctant to express an opinion for fear of being called racist. The massive investment, the restructuring of eastern Australia, the type of research, the conditions of employment, and many other aspects, would be the same if it was a country other than Japan. To want the MFP proposal out in the open for all to see, and to oppose the financial corporations ready to take working people to the cleaners, is the business of us all. It is a class question and has nothing to do with race. The foreign monopolies will exploit the people, and the the Australian participants in the MFP are very efficiently doing just that.

POLICE FRAME-UPS

SHOW TREND TO FASCISM

On September 7th a coalition of organizations opposed to police frame-ups held a public meeting in Melbourne, to draw attention to the question of frame-ups in Australia. The meeting was addressed by speakers from organisations active against South African apartheid, for Aboriginal Land Rights, supporters of the Croatian Six, and Tim Anderson who has been re-arrested and charged in connection with the Hilton bombing. The cases outlined by the various speakers point to a situation in which the police virtually do as they please, and the people affected have no means of redress.

Maxwell Nemadzivhanani is the former Australasian chief representative of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) and is currently the PAC representative to the United Nations. Kerry Browning, Maxwell's wife and comrade, is a member of Canberra's large anti-apartheid movement. Both Max and Kerry helped establish an alternative embassy, the South African Liberation Centre, on grounds opposite the Embassy of the South African apartheid regime. Max and Kerry were framed for the firebombing of South African and US Embassy cars in Canberra last year and Kerry has been placed under virtual house arrest, forbidden from leaving her home at night. A political campaign was developed to defend Max and Kerry and as a result of domestic and international pressure the charges against Max were dropped. However those against Kerry still stand.

Australian Federal Police, armed with weapons, search warrants and video cameras, conducted a number of raids on Max and Kerry's workplaces and home, removing PAC files, letters, photographs, address books, bank books, passports and other material claimed to be "relevant" to their investigation.

Demonstrations have been held in Canberra and Sydney to highlight the case and the Supreme Court bail conditions, which stipulate that Kerry must not leave her home between the hours of 10pm and 6am. This is blatant house arrest of the sort practised in South Africa, with natural justice denied and no presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

Two Koories spoke. The first speaker said that this country was racist and fascist, and that there are more massacre sites in Victoria than anywhere in the world. The speaker pointed out that the legal basis for the massacres and genocide of the Aboriginal people was the assumption by the British occupiers that no-one lived on the continent before the white man came, a deliberate lie. The speaker was pleased to see that white Australians opposed police frame-ups, but pointed out that Koories had been facing police frame-up for 200 years. The speaker also said "we have been dying in jails for 200 years, we fill the jails, we have no rights as an indigenous people and no rights to practice our culture, and the struggle for land rights is central to our struggle."

Both Koorie speakers drew attention to their cousin who is now in

jail in Florida, facing a rape and murder charge. John Savage was taken from his mother under the now discredited assimilation policy, adopted by a missionary couple, taken to the US and abandoned at the age of 12. John Savage's natural mother searched for her son for 20 years, and has just recently made contact with him. Mrs. Wyman has asked for legal aid for her son and that she be able to exercise her right to go and see him, but this request has been refused to date. The meeting was reminded that thousands of Aboriginal children were taken from their parents and either placed in various church or state orphanages or given to white couples for adoption, and that this was official government policy until well into the 1960's.

A statement was read to the meeting from the Croatian Six, who have just recently been released from jail after serving 10 years of a 15 year sentence. The Croatian Six were charged in February 1979 with threatening to bomb the water supply of Sydney, a theatre and a travel agency, and were convicted on the basis of police verbals.

The term "verbal" refers to a practice in which police, mainly detectives, fabricate confessions to criminal charges in order to increase the chances of gaining a conviction. This takes the form of unsigned records of interview, notebook records or other records which are simply memorised or recited in court by the detectives. The common features of all verbals are the lack of objective corroboration (signatures, tapes, independent witnesses etc.) of the police verbal evidence and the absence of factual evidence in the admission that was not already known to the police.

The speaker for the Croatian Six pointed out that since World War 2 Croatians in Australia had been collectively labelled as fascists, Ustashi and followers of the notorious Nazi puppet Pavelic, and that no other ethnic community had been subjected to this sort of attack. There is no doubt that some Croatian fascists, along with other European fascists, did come to Australia after World War 2, but the Croatian community is like any other in political makeup. Some people are on the left, some are on the right and many are in the middle. Most Australians of Croatian origin were born after World War 2 and are working people, with an awareness of their own history, culture and language. The myth that all Croatians are fascists has been kept alive by the Australian secret police, as well as by the Yugoslav secret police which the Croatian speaker said is very active here. The speaker pointed out that no-one talks about the Croatian communists who were murdered by the fascists during the War, nor that many working-class Croatians died fighting the Italian and German fascists. The Croatian Six were progressive political activists who supported the Vietnamese people's struggle against US aggression. During their trial it was disclosed that they had been spied on for 6 years prior to the laying of charges. This once again proves that the secret police never stop spying on progressive people and their organisations.

The prevalence of the myth that all Croatians are fascists has helped to isolate the Croatian Six and make their case one of the best kept secrets in Australia. However, they are now out of jail and the speaker said that new evidence has come to hand which warrants an enquiry and should result in them being pardoned and compensated.

Finally, Tim Anderson addressed the meeting. He said that whereas in the 1960's and earlier the main target of the State had been the communists, now it was "terrorism", and the pretext of

combatting "terrorism" had been used to justify a vast increase in the activities of the various branches of the secret police, some of whom had become somewhat discredited. They now have unlimited financial resources, increased powers, and state of the art surveillance techniques at their disposal.

Tim has been arrested 6 times and has spent 7 years in jail without being convicted of any crime. Allegations made by the now utterly discredited police spy Richard Seary resulted in Tim and 2 other Ananda Marga members being accused of conspiracy to bomb the home of the leader of a small neo-fascist group in Sydney. They were sent to jail for 16 years, and it was only because of persistent pressure by concerned people and growing public outcry that they were freed after 7 years and compensated.

On the 30th, May 1989, Tim Anderson was arrested for the Hilton bombing which took place on February 12, 1978 and resulted in the death of two garbage collectors and a police officer. The event occurred in the middle of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting and was to have far reaching effects. Up until then the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) and State Special Branches had been under serious public scrutiny. After the Hilton bombing a new ASIO Act was passed, the Australian Federal Police was formed, new anti-terrorist forces and coordination were implemented on the basis that "international terrorism had arrived in Australia".

Prior to Tim's arrest, a man named Evan Pederick walked into Brisbane police station claiming that he placed the Hilton bomb "wrapped like fish and chips" and that Tim told him where to obtain the explosives, and drove him to the scene. Pederick has now been sentenced to 20 years.

WHY TIM?

Eleven years down the track Tim has written a powerful book based on his prison experiences. Recently, at an international legal conference attended by judges and police commissioners, he publicly exposed as a basher and perjurer a certain senior police officer involved in the original frameup. He has protested at the slaying of David Gundy, and continues to protest about police verbals. The police involved in the original Ananda Marga frameup have been, in turn, decorated, promoted and given a Churchill scholarship to study terrorism, but have never been held accountable for the verbals which gaoled the Ananda Marga three. These facts confirm that the bourgeois state machine is actively pursuing those people who dare to oppose and expose their reactionary policies, especially members of small groups who are generally isolated, thought this is not to suggest these opponents are wrong.

The trend is clear - the state launches these attacks when it believes that the majority of people will remain passive and will not protest. If people such as the Ananda Marga Three and the Croatian Six can be gaoled for years on trumped-up charges, harassed and hounded, what does the state have in store for the revolutionaries who aim to overthrow the whole rotten system?

Examples of this persecution can be found everywhere, including the murder of comrades in Peru, the US, Iran, India and elsewhere.

The ruling class hope the new list of persecutions will manipulate public opinion to allow them to increase the money and powers of the police forces without question, but the scales are gradually falling from people's eyes and they see that the terrorism held up as a scare tactic, is practiced at home by the police, state and the Labor government.

GLORY TO CHIANG CHING!

Chiang Ching was arrested in October 1976, soon after the death of Mao Tsetung. She was the wife of Mao Tsetung, the mother of his children, his close revolutionary comrade and a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China. Chiang Ching and her comrades were branded as the "Gang of Four" by the regime of the arch revisionist Deng Xiaoping and were tried in Peking in 1980. A long line of revisionists and traitors to the revolution gave evidence against her but she was not intimidated, and shouted back at her accusers "I was the one who stood by Mao Tsetung! Arresting me and bringing me to trial is a defamation of Chairman Mao Tsetung!"

Each time she spoke of Mao, a judge cut in to stop her, and she replied "Since you won't let me speak, why don't you put a clay Buddha on my chair and try it instead of me?....I was Mao's wife for 38 years. I was the only woman to follow him onto the battlefield."

The more the revisionists heaped abuse on her, the more she scorned and mocked them. She tore holes in the fabric of accusation and slander carefully woven by the court, and foiled its scheme of avoiding mention of Mao Tsetung. She said that the trial was really of the "Gang of Five".

When in the course of the trial Mao was attacked for leading the Cultural Revolution, and it was claimed Mao had attacked Chiang Ching, she shouted defiantly "You're fascists, you're Chiang Kai-shek Nationalists! You call black white. You find bones in eggs. I despise you. You are selling your strength so desperately to Deng Xiaoping. Oh, he'll certainly promote you. He'll give you a 200 yuan reward." Once, as she was marched out of court she turned and shouted "It is right to rebel...Down with the revisionists led by Deng Xiaoping...I am prepared to die."

The court took nearly a month to agree on a verdict. It was arch-revisionist Peng Chen who read the sentence, "Guilty on all counts, a sentence of death....suspended for two years."

"IT IS NO CRIME TO MAKE REVOLUTION"

Chiang Ching was gaoled following the trial, and as far as is known is still there. She has never recanted and stands firm. All that she said of her accusers has come true, as the revisionists drag China into the mire of capitalism and attempt to smear the life and work of Mao Tsetung. However, tragic though these setbacks are, they cannot last forever. The capitalist regime of China is racked with crisis, and now is the time to prepare for revolution.

IT IS RIGHT TO REBEL !

LONG LIVE CHIANG CHING !



COMRADE CHIANG CHING, OUTSTANDING REVOLUTIONARY
LEADER AND FIGHTER.

BEHIND THE U.S 'DRUG WAR'

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US WAR PLANS ESCALATING.

The glossy packaging is coming off President Bush's "drug war" plan in Peru. This "war" is turning out to be a war of intervention by U.S armed forces to crush the Peruvian people's armed forces led by the PCP (Communist Party of Peru). In a little over a month there has been a big jump in the US drug war programme. Financially, the \$7.8 billion drug package Bush unveiled early in September has now grown to "a \$13.4 billion programme to fight drugs in 1990." (Auckland Star, 19-9-89). And an announcement from US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney stated in the same "Star" article that "the US military would play a bigger role as part of President Bush's new war on drugs".

"The Department of Defence is an enthusiastic participant in this nations drug control effort", Cheney told a news conference while declaring the Pentagon would put army, navy and airforce units into the effort on a larger scale than previously.

Bush's first declaration that US combat forces would not be involved has now been scrapped in favour of open and covert participation. The Bush-Bennett plan calls for US Special Forces to be sent to Peru. An article in the "Washington Post" of 16-8-89 did not even pretend that these troops are for "fighting drugs" but came right out and said that they would be directed at the Communist Party of Peru: "US Special Forces would be deployed in "secure" areas to train the Peruvian military in its war against the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerillas, a far-leftist group that effectively controls the coca-growing Upper Huallaga Valley."

MIGHT IS RIGHT-ONCE MORE.

The news that the US government is planning to send combat troops to Peru, ostensibly to fight the drug trade at source, should surprise no-one. No-one, that is, who understands that US foreign policy is the simple one of might is right. It has been that way since the mid-nineteenth century- since in fact the US fleet commander Commodore Perry threatened to bombard Tokyo to "open up" Japan for trade.

Like the pretty name "Star Wars" given to Reagan's vast military budget for missile development, the US drug czar William Bennett calls his plan for carrying on war against the people's army Sendero Luminoso, the "Andean Initiative".

According to "Time" magazine of 28-8-89, "advisers" are being sent to Peru "to train Peruvian soldiers in the art of low-intensity warfare against the Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas who control the Upper Huallaga." The article claims that the guerrillas finance their rebellion in part with fees from coca growers and refiners in the valley. There is nothing new in such phoney claims. US forces began their invasion of Vietnam by sending so-called advisers. Later they sent half a million

troops.

"Time" magazine remarks: "The military aspects of the plan, however, are stirring the most misgivings. To fulfil Bush's campaign promise more and heavier US weapons would have to be dispatched to Colombia, and more arms and men to Peru and Bolivia." The same article notes that "Peruvian military leaders are desperate to turn back sendero guerrillas." "I will take help from anyone who offers it" says a top Peruvian officer. In fact, contingents of American Green Berets have already been sent to Peru and Bolivia to train anti-narcotics police units in counter-subversion and jungle warfare." The US might find, however, that it is easier to talk about suppressing people's war than to do it, as they found to their cost in Vietnam.



Guerrilla fighters of the PCP carry out propaganda work among the people in the countryside

TROOPS ATTACK ANTI-BASE DEMO

The Anti-Bases

Campaign held a demonstration at the Nurrungar Base, 500 km north-west of Adelaide, South Australia.

The protest lasted five days and was attended by approx. 500 people from all over Australia.

According to an eye witness, the protesters were non-violent activists from a numbers of different organisations making up a coalition against the base.

The demonstrators dismantled and crossed the first of the three fences surrounding the base and several demonstrators managed to get through the last fence.

The Australian government airlifted troops to support the Australian Protective Services, the South Australian Police Force, the Strategic Tactics and Response Group, the dogs, the horses, trail bikes and the Westpac Bank helicopter, to keep the

demonstrators from the base.

On the last day of the demonstration 50 troops of an armoured division from Sydney arrived. Overall 492 people, some a numbers of times, were arrested and at least, 5 people were gassed with Mace.

This is the second time in a month that the armed forces have been used against the people. The first was the airforce against the pilots and the second at Nurrungar.

According to the various leaflets from the campaign, the demonstration protested against the joint Australian American facility on which a 10 year extention was signed by the Prime Minister last year. They place the base high on the target list in the event of nuclear war, a partner in the Star Wars strategy with the USA, and they want the base dismantled.

The anti-base campaign is alive and well considering the continuous press blast in favour of bases. The press chorus says; the US bases in Australia deter nuclear attack, protesters are behind the times because the USA/Soviet nuclear conflict has been greatly reduced, the role in Star Wars is greatly exaggerated in the light of Detente, and the Nurrunga base is not a threat to peace but a contributor to peace.

Like many in the official peace movement, the anti-bases campaign believe it will be possible to get rid of military bases without overthrowing the imperialist system. The approximately 14 military bases in Australia are there to protect the private property of the bourgeoisie and to serve the western war alliance. The fact that the base is a joint facility with Australia does not make it more acceptable, quite the contrary, it proves that the Australian bourgeoisie are preparing for the redivision of the world as is the USA and the whole imperialist system.

Imperialist war arises from the imperialist system. Imperialist war, along with its bases and arms will only be abolished when the imperialist system is overthrown.

It is an illusion to believe the bases will pack up and go, and the people will achieve disarmament while the imperialist system remains intact.

"...it is impossible to escape the inferno, except by a Bolshevik struggle and a Bolshevik revolution."

(Lenin, from "The Fourth Anniversary of the October Revolution" (1921).

There is no doubt that the government response to the demonstration will provide an excuse for increased funding to the Defence Budget, a strengthening of the para-military forces at demonstrations in general and at all the bases, by flying the "terrorist" banner.