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Organization Committee Meeting No. 31, October 23, 1979

Present: Al, Betsey, Dave, Doug, Larry, Maceo, Mary

Guest: Margaret

1. Avakian Defense

Doug reported on letter from Alan Wald about RCP defense.

Agreed (1) to make clear on record our position of support against government; (2) not to endorse statement of support nor authorize name for newspaper ads. Maceo will reply to Wald. (See attached.)

2. Boston Situation

Maceo initiated discussion on racist violence in Boston and party's response. Agreed Maceo and comrade from YSA should go to Boston to politically discuss with branch leadership more of a concerted response by the branch to this challenge to desegregation by antibusing bigots.

3. Personnel

Maceo reported.

- a. David Riehle from Minneapolis will be transferring to Cleveland in three to four weeks.
- b. K.C. Ellis from Philadelphia will be transferring to New York to take assignment in shop.
- c. Mark Dressler from Philadelphia will transfer to Miami in January.

Meeting adjourned.

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Oct. 13, 1979

Dear Maceo,


Enclosed is the "Statement of Support" that the RCP members asked me to sign in my capacity as a teacher at the U. of M. (They know that I politically agree with the SWP but made it clear that they were not asking me because of that.)

There are some problems with the statement but it is not as bad as I would have imagined. My main concern is that I don't trust the RCP to handle ~~it~~ ad responsibly. Will they use it to raise money to go to their paper? Will they reprint it as a leaflet and use it in connection with some irresponsible action?

On the other hand, while I would rather not sign it, I don't find that I can come up with a very effective objection other than political distrust of the RCP. (Of course, I don't know whether the facts about the charges, etc., given on the leaflet are accurate.) If I refuse to sign it without a cogent reason, I think that this will be used against me & the YSA in Ann Arbor--the next time we ask people to sign petitions and send telegrams for Blanco, the HKS, Marroquin, etc., it may be thrown back at us by various people that we refused to sign a statement for the RCP because we disagreed with them. (To date the RCP in Ann Arbor has carried out no disruptions, physical or otherwise, to my knowledge; they are looked upon as just another campus Marxist group, somewhat more tolerable than the Sparts. Most of the other campus people who might sign--faculty, campus ministers, union officials--probably know nothing about what M happened in Houston, etc.)

Itx would be good if you could get back to me on this as soon as possible; the RCP-ers (some of whom have been in my classes) know where my office is and will undoubtedly be checking back ~~XX~~ in the very near future.

Comradely,


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OCT 17 1979

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

FREE THE MAO TSETUNG DEFENDANTS! STOP THE RAILROAD OF BOB AVAKIAN!

We, the undersigned, are outraged over the vicious attack unleashed by the U.S. government on members and supporters of the Revolutionary Communist Party. Bob Avakian, RCP Chairman, and 16 others have been indicted on multiple felony counts of assault and riot, facing 241 years in prison each.

The Mao Tsetung Defendants were part of a demonstration on January 29th, protesting the visit of Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping to this country, calling this visit a signal of China's reversal of its socialist path and another step towards World War III. The prosecutor has referred to this demonstration as an "embarrassment" to the U.S. government. But 500 demonstrators in front of the White House denouncing Teng Hsiao-ping prove more than "embarrassing," at a time when the U.S. was trying to conclude a political and military alliance with Teng's government.

Many facts point to the U.S. government's hand of political repression against the demonstration itself, and the role of the Revolutionary Communist Party within it. Take just a few:

- The march permits were revoked minutes before hundreds of riot-equipped police attacked the demonstration, injuring dozens and arresting 78.
- The misdemeanor charge, on which the 78 arrested were booked, was hoisted within 12 hours to a felonious assault charge.
- Former U.S. Attorney and top Watergate Prosecutor Earl Silbert himself appeared in court after their arrest, to demand that significantly higher bail be set for each of the 78.
- Special bail conditions were set for Bob Avakian, whom the judge labeled a "revolutionary leader."

Since January, the U.S. government has demonstrated over and over that it is the political views of the Revolutionary Communist Party and the 17 defendants that the prosecution seeks to put on trial on November 19th, not their supposedly "criminal" actions. While U.S. Prosecutor Mary Ellen Abrecht clings to her claim that "the charges against them describe what they did," the 25 felony indictments against each defendant tell a different story:

- Almost half of those indicted are charged with no specific criminal acts.
- Six of the 17 indicted, including Bob Avakian, were not even identified by one government witness in a day-long police line-up procedure.
- Seven of the 25 felony counts charge assault on "unidentified" police officers.
- Six of the felony counts charge all defendants with "aiding and abetting" an "unidentified attacker."

What is going on here is an extremely sharp case of top-level U.S. governmental involvement in a major trial of political repression. This cannot be allowed to set the political climate for the 1980s.

While Nixon and the Shah of Iran are free to stroll the beach together; while police who murder and brutalize minority peoples are protected by the system of justice; 17 people, the Mao Tsetung Defendants, face more than a lifetime in prison for delivering a political message the U.S. government did not want to receive.

We will not let such an attack go unanswered. We demand:

FREE THE MAO TSETUNG DEFENDANTS!

STOP THE RAILROAD OF BOB AVAKIAN!

National Office of the Committee to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants
2108 18th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20009
Phone: (202) 387-8863

I endorse the statement of support, and authorize my name to be used in a newspaper ad with this statement

Enclosed is \$_____ to support the defense.

Please send me more information and keep me informed.

I would like to work with the committee. Please keep me informed of upcoming events and actions.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

14 Charles Lane
New York, NY 10014
October 25, 1979

Alan Wald
Ann Arbor

Dear Alan,

This letter is in response to the questions you raise about the defense campaign of Bob Avakian and other members and supporters of the Revolutionary Communist Party. I'm in total agreement with many of your concerns about how the Avakian defense committee could abuse support to the defense efforts into one of supporting the RCP itself. As an example I'm enclosing a copy of a leaflet that was distributed here in New York publicizing a meeting that was sponsored by the RCP and the Committee To Free the Mao Tse-Tung Defendants. The leaflet makes it clear that one must pretty much support the goals and efforts of the RCP before they can support the defense committee.

Another piece of information that we have heard about is that there are posters and materials from the defense committee that says it has to raise one-half million dollars and much of that is to go to the RCP newspaper. As soon as we get these materials we'll forward them to you.

Now even though what I have said so far is true, that doesn't mean we shouldn't support the defense efforts. One reason for supporting the defense you raise yourself. That is, if we don't, it could be thrown back at us. But the key question is the outrageous tactics of the courts in trying to convict the defendants. We stand along with the RCP against the cops and courts. And we demand that all the charges be dropped pure and simple.

Now the best way we can defend them--seeing that we disagree with the RCP on how to carry out the defense--is to write our own statements of support. That's what I suggest you do. Write your own statement of support to them and your outrage against the government and send the letter to the courts with a copy to their defense committee. You should not sign their "Statement of Support."

I'm glad that you brought this to our attention. We'll want the Militant to write a short piece on the case from the point of view of presenting the facts and showing our support for the defendants against the government.

Comradely,

Maceo Dixon
Maceo Dixon
for the Organization
Committee

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REFUSE TO LIVE AND
TO DIE ON YOUR KNEES!!"



This is your chance to hear the leader of the only organization in this country seriously working for revolution, the organization the government is viciously attacking and declares to be the most dangerous revolutionary organization in this country.

When you hear Bob Avakian speak you will know why those who rule this country are desperate to put him away and to stop the RCP. And why those who hate this whole criminal system and government are rallying more and more to the RCP!

"To All Those Who Refuse To Live & To Die on Their Knees"

Hear Bob Avakian Speak!

The capitalists want Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, badly. That's why he and 16 other members and supporters of this Party are up on 25 felony counts, facing a possible 241 years in jail, stemming from the January 29 demonstration against Teng Hsiao-Ping in Washington, D.C. But the working class and oppressed people want him more. Here's what some of the people who have already heard Bob have to say about him:

"I learned that revolution didn't die with the Panthers. It was like my life had meaning again--there was still something to live for. The Revolutionary Communist Party and Bob Avakian have saved my life!"

--An ex-Black Panther member, Oakland, Calif.

"Bob is what I would call a white Malcolm X. He's full of fire. I've heard a lot of bullshit, but that night there was no bullshit."

--An older Black worker, Cleveland, Ohio

"If Bob Avakian had put his own personal interests above the masses of people who live in this country and around the world then we would not be here today. This man has one desire that we all share and that is to be free from this system that drives us into the ground and then makes us pay for dying...If we are to make revolution, we must have leadership. The kind of leadership that Bob Avakian and the RCP have consistently given us."

Bob Avakian will be speaking in New York City on Sunday, Oct. 20. When you hear him you will know why those who rule this country are desperate to put him away and to stop the Revolutionary Communist Party.

This nationwide speaking tour is an important part of the counter-offensive against this attack. If you despise this criminal system, if you rage inwardly every day seeking the way out, but haven't yet found it, come hear Bob Avakian. It will change your life.

The ruling class did not like the anti-Teng demonstration. They don't like it when a war move they call "peace" and "normalization" is shown to the people for what it is. They don't like their public-relations campaign for counter-revolution, cynicism, and demoralization to be interrupted by the very red flag of revolution that they try to bury.

The bourgeoisie knows what's in store. They're stockpiling arms and creating public opinion for World War III. The NY Times is filled with words about their collapsing economy. The International Monetary Fund says the crisis is "deeper than they thought." The price of gold has soared to over \$400.00 an ounce. But what really freaks them out is when the masses of people rise up, whether it's miners in the coalfields, or rioters in Levittown, or Black youth in Bedford-Stuyvesant. The ruling class fears what is obvious--that these eruptions are increasing as the mind-numbing, deadening '80's give way to the revolutionary '90's. They fear that the masses will be gathering around this revolutionary leader in the turbulent years ahead.

We can't go into the storms that loom ahead without a compass. We can't allow the bourgeoisie to rip off our revolutionary leadership. We'll need Bob Avakian even more in the critical junctures of the future.

It is clear to anyone who has read the 25 felony indictments by the government, produced from a single misdemeanor, that they intend to rip off our leadership.

As an ex-Black Panther from Oakland put it, "If we stand on the sidelines and watch them crush the Party and railroad Bob Avakian, we will fight, but we will never win."

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO HEAR BOB AVAKIAN!
STEP FORWARD AND JOIN THE BATTLE TO FREE THE MAO TSE-TUNG DEFENDANTS!

Saturday, October 20 - 7p.m.

P.S. 41 - 116 W. 11th St. N.Y.C.

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