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# MAY DAY

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# WE WON'T WORK THAT DAY - WILL YOU?

Picture thousands of prisoners escaping—defiantly off of the assembly lines, up out of the mines and out the classroom doors—refusing to be the ignorant nobodies they say we are, instead proclaiming our real worth. A minority—yes, but a highly visible section of U.S. workers, finally dealing upon a system of criminal oppression, transforming all the griping and complaining into independent historical action. Workers daring to tell the U.S. rulers, “We don’t belong to you, you don’t own us.” Tired bodies—usually just extensions of their machinery—revived, thrusting clenched fists militantly into the air. George Meany turning over in his grave to think of his workers tearing apart his legacy, the

way we missed doing with him. We who produce all in society and represent the future, challenging and inspiring many others to march with us. In the major cities of this country, we will march, all nationalities, our unity smashing the lie that we could never get it together. Men and women side by side. A multitude of languages merged together in one powerful voice. Red flags raised like bayonets. Dark glasses and shaded windows will not keep out the glare as the capitalists, shocked and startled, huddle closely behind triple-bolted doors and bodyguards. “What happened to our stable, loyal backbone?” they moan. An impossibility? Read on:

## Where Are Things Headed?—Can You Deny It?

Recent events, like a powerful microscope, bring into sharp focus where things are headed. You’d have to be blind not to see that crisis—Chrysler teetering on the brink of collapse—and World War 3 are staring us in the face. The U.S. imperialists and their rival Soviet gangsters bare their fangs over Afghanistan. Our U.S. rulers trip all over themselves, trying to shore up their leaky war bloc.

The ugly face that has been capitalism all along is being stripped of its caked-on “glamorous” make-up, revealing to many where it belongs—in the scrap heap of history. People all over the world know all too well that the “American dream” was built by mangling their very lives, just as millions in this country have seen the “land of opportunity” really means a tremendous opportunity for a few to rake it in. Today, millions more are unable to sleep, deeply troubled by what the future holds. Whether you like it or not—whether you understand it totally or

not—U.S. imperialism is going to hell.

While our rulers shudder, bellowing about Iran, we owe the Iranian people a profound debt. They have torched the lie that Vietnam was an unfortunate, but *past*, mistake, exposing to the world what Amerikkka is all about. Even more importantly, the Iranian people are proving that there can and will be two sides, two responses to this deepening crisis and the imperialists’ heinous crimes. What do the ‘60s show if not the same thing? In spite of all our rulers’ efforts to snuff it out, the flame of resistance still smolders today. But this decade cannot be a rerun of the ‘60s. Nor can it turn back to the “good old days” when U.S. imperialism was the uncontested bloodsucker of the world. The stakes are up—for them and for us. This time their whole criminally absurd rule may go up for grabs.

We do not have to go down the sewer with our  
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reactionary overlords. But you will not find the alternative in the politicians' platitudes or the Book of Revelations. The only choice is for those who actual-

ly make society run, who have no interest in this dog-eat-dog set-up, to step forward and boldly show that society does not have to be run this way.

### What Difference Will May Day Make?

"But," you might say, "the majority don't see things that way yet." That's true. Many are clinging desperately to the little they've got, seeing no other alternative but to try and scrape by. Lots just try to ignore what's going on, hoping that things will work out. It is precisely because this is where things are at that thousands in the streets on May Day 1980 will have such an earthshaking effect and can make the difference between night and day.

country are sitting on a powderkeg and they know it. They are desperately trying to galvanize the people behind their hideous plan to save their sinking system. But even this can blow up in their faces. The millions, forced by their slavemasters into the political arena, once aroused, could very easily turn against them. We have no time to waste. We have to get ready for this fight today—you wouldn't step into the ring with a prizefighter (even if he was old and weak) without having prepared and built up all your potential strength.

Our rulers know well the impact of a small minority. Why do you think they cover for five minutes of prime-time TV a dozen ass-kissing flag wavers? And why, at the same time, are they so hell-bent on smashing revolutionary leadership, especially Bob Avakian, today?

May Day 1980 will be a decisive step in this direction. This awesome occurrence will win allies, inspire hundreds of thousands, and shake up our entire ranks. How would you feel seeing thousands of your own daring to take this action?

Things are changing fast. The rulers of this

### WHERE WILL YOU BE?

Whether you go to work or break with routine, saying "No, there's something more important for me to do today," trying to ignore May Day will not be possible. You had better believe that the capitalists will be taking roll call that day. When it comes time to assess the strength of our class in relation to theirs, are you going to be "present"?

who will put the working class on the stage of this country—with its own flag, the red of revolution, the flag that stands totally against the oppression and filth, the discrimination and degradation of this "best of all possible worlds," the flag that declares we will not make war for them, but against them. The flag that stands for building a new world on the ashes of the old. Nothing less will do.

Every person who hates this system, but sits on his hands, in reality is only helping the enemy. This is your choice: to go down the tubes with these dinosaurs who long ago made Hitler look like a petty gangster, or to be an active part of the advanced

We will march on May 1, taking history into our hands, serving the highest interests of our class. Where will you be? What will you be doing? Who will you be serving?

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### CONTACT US:

Join the efforts to build Revolutionary May Day 1980. It will not only change your life but could help change the future.

I want to be contacted

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 2:00 p.m.  
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