Scott-Heron

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We'll settle all this at the conference table.

You leave everything to me...”

I... believe these smiles

in those pristine suits with gracious liberal demeanor

took our movement off the streets and took us to the cleaners.

You've got to catch Gil Scott-Heron live to really get a feeling of his poetry and music. He's a very warm performer exemplified by the songs he does which are aimed

at attacking the ideological bondage he claims the people. With him off; condensing, he criticizes the escapist bag that people get into, like in “Getting Out of the Ghetto Blues,” which hits the false hopes and illusions of escape from “wrestling with the front of the future” and varied legacies of jazz and blues to enhance his political content. The band he has assembled and now tours with is an excellent group of musicians which includes Edward Brady, guitar; Carl Cornwell, piano, flute and saxophone; Robert Gordon, bass; Tony Green, drums.

Judging from the fact that “The Mind of Gil Scott-Heron” has sold over 60,000 copies since its release last month (which is excellent, especially for a recording ex-

clusively of poetry), there is a growing audience and growing hunger among people for something which touches and exposes their enemy. Why then do the contradictions of this system are sharpening and the man is coming down harder everywhere, in every way. Gil Scott-Heron seems to recognize this motion and

recognize a sharpening responsibility on his own part to hit back. As he says in “A

Poem for Jose Campos Torres,” the best poem on the new album, which is dedicated to the young Chicano brutally and brutally murdering by the Houston police: I had said I wasn't gonna write no more words like this, I had said I wasn't gonna write no more words down about people kickin' us as when we're down about racist dogs that attack us and drag us down, drive us down and beat us down—But don't beat me down

I had said I wasn't gonna write no more words like this. But the battle field has oozed away from the stilted debates of semantics, textbooks, Cultural Revolution, Calla, the reality of our city/jungle streets and their gastapos has become an attack on home/life/family/philosophy/total.

The Scott-Heron album in the streets.

In Houston maybe some said Mexicans were the new Negroes. In L.A. maybe someone said Chicanos were the new Negroes. In Asian America a new scene. The new Negroes. Maybe in Philadelphia and North Carolina they decided they didn't need no new Negroes.

Brother Torres is dead.
The Wilmington Ten is still incarcerated.
Ed Davis, Ronald Reagan and James Hunt and Frank Rizzo are still alive.
And the FBI is still “BLYCKIN’

I had said I wasn't gonna write no more words like this.

I made a mistake.

China Card

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achieve the stability on their borders
and the political climate in which to carry out modernization— and save their skins.

Indications of Pro-Soviet Drift

What evidence is there of Chinese willingness to seek out a reconciliation with the Soviets? There is, most probably, the growing interest expressed by the Chinese leadership in nor-
malization talks with the Soviet Union, even as they have announced that the French and West German overtures with the Soviet Union will be allowed to lapse. Significantly, China did not lash out at the Soviets in making this an an-
nouncement and Chinese Foreign Minister Hua Kuo-feng was quick to call for talks to improve relations.

China has also toned down their demands for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from the contested and sensitive border areas. During the re-
cent conflict in Vietnam, Chinese and Soviet negotiations continued to discuss reintegrating the border areas. Reac-
novation, it was in the fall of 1977 that for the first time after the start of the Cultural Revolution, agreements were reached on these navigation disputes. However, on January 13, 1978, the Soviet Embassy in Peking that November—again a first since World War II—expressed its interest in resuming negotiations. From these developments there has been the rehabilitation of several leaders with a long and rich association with Soviet-style revisionism. The most outstanding case in point is that of Peng Te-huai, who was Prime Minister of Defense, who had openly challenged Mao in 1959 and secretly met with

Khrushchev and the Soviets in Albania.

On top of all this, and most impor-
tant, there are no longer any ideological obstacles, any conflicts of Marxist prin-
ciple, standing in the way of overcom-
ing this. A bourgeois na-
tionalist dispute—even a bitter one—can often be patch-up. The Chinese press no longer publishes analysis and criticism of the revisionist line of the Soviets on their own initiative. All this lays a most solid foundation for achieving the stability on their borders— and whether to fully clear the name of

Mao, the most implacable foe of Soviet revisionism, it now being criticism-

ed in China. So is the Cultural Revolu-
tion—which was aimed exactly at preventing Soviet revisionism anywhere. All this lays a most solid foundation for caving in to the Soviets. When Mao was alive the Soviets' aggressive designs on China were held at bay by the fact that the Soviets knew the revolutionary forces would not go ground to their demands and would mobilize an all-out counter-assault to any Soviet thrust. Now far to push the criticism of Mao and whether and to what extent the name of Liu Shao-chi, the President of the People's Republic—a pro-Soviet ele-

ment—who was the main target of

socialism, for to do so would be like holding up a mirror to their own revi-

sionist Chinese press no longer publishes

analogy, in its obsession with Soviet

imperialist superpowers according to some

reliability index. Both pursue their own

interests and are driven by their global

superiority; in fact, war is the certain

outcome of Soviet-U.S. world rivalry,

even to throw friends to the wolves. It is

a matter of struggle. But the Soviets, poised on China's

border, do have more freedom of military action in relation to China, than does the West. This is the meaning of the notion that the West can't be coun-

tered on in the crunch.

There are a few in the Chinese revisionist clique, then, who see more danger in relying on the U.S. for sup-
port against the Soviets than in coming directly to terms with the Soviets. And, there are a few who see the move toward the West as a means for gaining leverage with the

Soviets, for obtaining the best deal under more favorable conditions than before: “...in the early 1960s, in addi-
tion to the difficulties caused by the Soviet Union, the imperialists were blockading us economically. Now the international situation is highly favorable to our modernization.” (emphasis added) A rather strange at-

titude in the shadow of world war. The point is, however, that when the Soviets tried to talk to the West economically in the early 1960s and issued veiled military threats, it was Mao who would not compromise, while others (many of whom now hold power) said China was helpless and ought not to unduly antagonize the Soviets.

Soviet Strategy

The Soviets would gain im-

measurably from normalization with

For weeks, Birmingham, Alabama, has echoed chants of “Hey, hey, Vann, Sandy Carter!” Chants up went of “Down with Vann, Sands and the Klan.” Vann Ely said he heard the sound of a Klu Klux Klan jester being hung and torched. Even more people massed at the Klan’s rally site and began to arm themselves with rocks and bottles. The Klan then released their brethren to cut short the rally and the Klan unfortu-

ately escaped without injury.
Ohio CPU USA Chorus: "Kill the Commies"

Cleveland: "Maoist thugs went on a rampaging last week assaulting workers."

In an effort to launch a reprisal of a disastrous attack on workers in the coalfields...a gang of 30 Maoists, members of the Communist Party, locked up a parking lot. The attacks are just the latest in a series of events that have triggered a violent anti-communist backlash in the U.S. USA, the Communist Party, blocking parking lots was not new.

The above is just some of the highlights from an article in the press "reporting" on the July 18 incident at the Ford Brook Park plant near Cleveland. According to this article, rather than launching a vicious and unprovoked attack against "workers," what else is new? After a hysterical outburst of communism and complete fabrications are to be expected from the press.

This, of course, came from the Daily World, none other than the newspaper of the "Communist Party, USA, from whom the unfamiliar reader might not expect this kind of advertising.

The facts of the incident, of course, have nothing to do with communism or anti-communism. What actually happened was that for some time Ford Motor Co., the big auto manufacturer, had been playing a game of "checkers" with the UAW local on the issue of plant parking space. The UAW local have been frantically trying to get some parking space allotted to them. The Revolutionary Worker at the Brook Park plant. After a series of arrests and harassment of the daily paper that issued the Revolutionary Worker, the UAW had been forced to let the Revolutionary Communist Party from selling at the plant, the retraction of which led to a strike that led to the Brook Park incident. The Daily Worker was reporting it as "the Revolutionary Party报出了 the same charges as the capitalists against the RCP."

The Daily Worker was also portraying communists as terrorists and "saboteurs," people who have no link to the UAW and who were trying to promote their own interests.

On the other hand, they have confused the issue of the "two-front war"—on its southern flank with Vietnam and in the north with the Chinese when they incited the Vietnamese to invade Cambodia. The Daily Worker was trying to help the West, while offering them a diplomatic solution, knowing that such an easing of tensions would be a replay of the relationship that existed in the 1960s.

The Soviets have been using a carrot and stick to bring the Chinese to heel. They refrained from their customary blackmauling and return some territory to the Chinese, while offering them a diplomatic solution. They claim that the RCP is trying to "suitcase" to the other side and to "attack" the union officials at Brook Park!

CP Joins in Attack on Communists

After the incident, the American press fields at the plant used everything they could to try to whip up the most baseless and sensationalist workers to attack communists. Again, they found support from the CP. Carl Edelman is one of the most vocal "reporting" on the July 18 incident at Ford Brook Park, 1) being the biggest sack ass per day, 2) being associated with the "Communist" Party. Right after the incident, communists and UAW hacks were trying to whip up an orgy of anti-communist frenzy.

Edelman put a giant sign reading "UNIONS" on the plant fence. He helped the officials distribute their open attack on the Daily Worker. He went around the plant spreading ridiculous stories (also pointed in the Daily World) that communists had been running off a leaflet on a company mimeo machine, and that the Daily Worker "discovered" they beat up a worker.

But despite all their whirring, the CP in their conference tried to think it's fine to promote Thurmund Payne. They are accused by underlings of kidnapping a newspaper, and then trying to object to a salad kickback scheme. They are accused by underlings of not supporting the UAW International, but workers at Brook Park were

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Letter from Brook Park Worker: CP Member "Biggest Suck-ass in Plant"

I think that the Revolutionary Worker is an inspirational paper for the working man. To find out the truth about the government and how the capitalists are dominating the workers, driving them down to the ground and forcing them to exchange their ability to work for a paycheck.

I think that the incident at Engine Plant 2 was totally an outrage because 1) Ford tries to con the workers, 2) they want to make money and get rich, 3) they don't care if they got whipped and aren't willing to admit it. Our so-called president of the union had the gall to write a death threat to keep the members behind the union by trying to get them to sign a document that they thought they would get their hands on and wasn't willing to admit it. Our so-called president of the union had the gall to write a death threat to keep the members behind the union by trying to get them to sign a document that they thought they would get their hands on and wasn't willing to admit it. Our so-called president of the union had the gall to write a death threat to keep the members behind the union by trying to get them to sign a document that they thought they would get their hands on and wasn't willing to admit it. Our so-called president of the union had the gall to write a death threat to keep the members behind the union by trying to get them to sign a document that they thought they would get their hands on and wasn't willing to admit it.

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