Over the past year the RCP has begun to emphasize the leadership role and contributions of Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Party’s Central Committee, as a representative and concentration of the Party’s revolutionary line and leadership. Contradict Avakian’s picture has appeared in numerous Party publications and on a nationally distributed poster around the government’s legal attack focused on him.

In January 1979 the RCP began to stress the crucial importance of the decade of the ‘80s, with its prospects for war and revolution. “If you liked the ‘70s, you’ll love the ‘80s,” we said. At the beginning of 1980 the RCP printed an important statement by Bob Avakian entitled: “1980: A Year, A Decade of Historic Importance.” (This was reprinted as a pamphlet.)

Early January 1980. In articles in the RW (No. 35) and Revolution on the CWP, the RCP noted (among other things) their virtually complete failure to include the prospect of inter-imperialist world war in that analysis of the coming period. We noted out that only a new redivision of the world following the winning of such a war (or from the opposite side, successful revolution) could resolve the present imperialist crisis, and not a new ‘Deal,’ as the CWP was putting forward.

In late 1979, building for the historic actions of May Day 1980, the RCP put forward the statements and questions of the advanced section of the working class: “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?”

What it Is Not

Of course, such instances of political pickpocketry are nothing new for the CWP. In October 1978, after waging a massive campaign throughout the country in defense of Mao Tsetung and the Four, the RCP announced a “Mao Tsetung Enrollment” for revolutionary fighters to step forward and apply for membership in the Communist Workers Party. Months later, after keeping their life on Mao and the revisionist coup in China secret for as long as possible, the CWP announced its own “Mao Tsetung Enrollment.” And when the RCP issued the call to “Turn D.C. Upside Down,” the battle to stop the railroad of Bob Avakian and to free the Mao Tsetung Defense Committee, the CWP followed a little white later with their slogan, “Turn the Country Upside Down.”

At the very least you can fairly draw the conclusion that this group is consciously and quite obviously intentional, instances of the bourgeois media confusing the two!

On January 21, 1980: A front page editorial in the CWP newspaper pubs forward their new line. The U.S. can only escape from economic crisis through war.