In recent weeks the RCP has begun to consolidate around a counter-revolutionary line that abandons the struggle for socialism. In this country and abroad socialism where it has been won— in the People's Republic of China, 49% of the Party has rebelled against this betrayal.

Despite physical intimidation and attacks, despite constant claims that the Brigade members are too stupid to deal with the political questions at hand, the overwhelming majority of Brigade members, including 90% of the East coast, and 49% of the West coast, the entire national office and 2/3's of its elected political leadership, have chosen to raise their heads and stand with the rebellion. We supported the RCP when it stood for revolution. We are forced to rebel against it when it abandons this task.

The oppression and misery that people throughout this country face, demands revolution and revolutionary leadership. The heroic strike of the coal miners making a place right now demands it. The anger and hatred millions of minorities have for the Babbie decision demands it. The victims of US aggression in southern Africa demands it. We are determined to help provide it. We are determined to help mobilize students in this country to stand with the working people world-wide. For final freedom and liberation can only be gained through revolution led by a revolutionary party. We are determined to stand with and contribute to building such a party. Right now we are joining with hundreds of communists who have rebelled against the RCP's opportunist turn to defeat. In the struggle for revolution, wrong leadership can lead to be the generation that brings socialism to this country, stronger, smarter and more organized than before. 700 who don't want to see the people being forced to H^t one abuse after another look to have that kind of leadership.

As we said at the 1977 RSB convention, "We are 700 youths and students from all across America determined to fight the rulers of this country, stronger, smarter and more organized than before. 700 who don't want to see the people being forced to fight one abuse after another look to have that kind of leadership."

We are the proud inheritors of the traditions of the RSB and the Youth in Action, not the 60 who met in Cincinnati. Our organization has fought the rulers for the smallest concession known full well that wrong leadership can lead to defeat. In the struggle for revolution, wrong leadership can lead to golden opportunities being bloomed and millions being condemned to continued but unnecessary oppression. Therefore, at a recent national meeting of the RSB, attended by two thirds of the membership, we made a difficult but necessary decision. The decision to uphold the interests of the people and the logic of revolution, to overrule the turn to opportunism and to rebel against the opportunist RCP and its egomaniacal chair, Bob Avakian.

It would be irresponsible for us to tell students of this country to support ANY strategy for revolution. It would provide ammunition today, and outright disaster tomorrow. Every student who has fought the rulers for the smallest concession knows full well that wrong leadership can lead to defeat. In the struggle for revolution, wrong leadership can lead to golden opportunities being bloomed and millions being condemned to continued but unnecessary oppression. Therefore, at a recent national meeting of the RSB, attended by two thirds of the membership, we made a difficult but necessary decision. The decision to uphold the interests of the people and the logic of revolution, to overrule the turn to opportunism and to rebel against the opportunist RCP and its egomaniacal chair, Bob Avakian.

We condemn your attempts to hijack our organization for your own purposes. We condemn your cowardly attacks on our members and our national office.

Our membership has recently become aware that a severe crisis has shaken the Revolutionary Communist Party. We are aware that nearly half of the Party, including half the leadership, have rebelled against your decision to support the Gang of Four and to conclude that China is on the revisionist, capitalist road. We are aware that there are substantial differences on how to apply Marxism-Leninism to the U.S. Out of these two lines and as a product of the rebellion there have emerged two headquarters in the Party (your own and the Revolutionary Workers Headquarters).

This line struggle is important. It is a struggle between Marxism and opportunism and between revolution and counter revolution. Those who take the wrong position are on the road to hell. Since we are a communist youth organization that stands with the RCP, that has been developed by the RCP and acknowledges the leadership of the RCP, this struggle has great implications for our organization. We as an organization that openly applies Marxism-Leninism are capable of determining right from wrong. As an organization that has for a number of years stood with the People's Republic of China, we are capable of determining the class nature of the Chinese Party and State. In short, the political differences in the Party could have been brought into the open.

This however has not been your approach. Brigade members under your influence attempted to organize secret Brigade meetings, individuals representing your Central Committee have come to our meetings and declared them "illegal." We had tried to resolve this struggle in a principled way. A national meeting was called in Baltimore the same weekend as the benefits demonstration. A debate was proposed between the two headquarters. Instead you went ahead and organized a wall national Brigade meeting that only a sixth of the Brigade membership attended. Most chapters and areas were excluded. It was not called by our National Political Committee and in fact was in opposition to the decisions of two thirds of our NPC and the meeting it called. You defended this scab meeting from the Brigade membership itself with a paramilitary force of thirty goons in Cincinnati. They came complete with chains, bats, blackjacks and attached our members—particularly the National Office of the Brigade. Six foot six goons wielding baseball bats clubbed women. Our members had come armed with nothing but Marxism-Leninism. It seems it was this weapon that you feared the most. Since then you have released a pamphlet that claims the majority of the Brigade and the Brigade as an organization supports you. This is an outright lie! There is not one chapter on the East Coast that supports you. In the Midwest the majority of the chapters oppose you. The entire National Office and two thirds of the National Political Committee oppose you.

Bob Avakian—who the fuck do you think you are. You don't own our organization. Nor will you be allowed to steal it. We are the proud inheritors of the traditions of the RSB and the Youth in Action, not the sixty who met in Cincinnati. Our organization has fought the rulers from Wall St. to Kent State. We have withstood the various political assaults of the bourgeoisie. We have fought the perversion of Marxism-Leninism by opportunists. We will certainly run over a pipsqueak like you.
Our organization has grown and earned the respect of students because it has been a fighting organization. A few thousand students stormed the New York State Capitol, we led the charge. When the RKB showed up in Taiwan, the students were on the frontlines of the major battles and we fought like hell in the smaller ones too. From picket-lines and rallies to picketing the Asian Center, fired professors to late financial aid checks, students have known the RSB as the fighters, the radicals on campus.

We have taken on the struggle for a variety of grouplets on the campuses who only call themselves Trotskyites (named after their hero, Leon Trotsky, who did everything to oppose socialism in the Soviet Union and was run out of that country over 45 years ago for being a revolutionary, scum of the earth). The RCBY has taken the same stand as these Trotskyites but they lack the honesty to admit it. Many students have seen how these groups operate. Refusing to join with the struggles students are waging, they are forced to simply ignore them. Concocting proposals for the fight that are actual diversions, they make themselves objects of contempt. Their attempts to rig up the opposition fighters from every struggle just to build their own organizations has earned them hatred. Their intellectualizing and decortizing have earned them ridicule. These groups call themselves communists but they breed anti-communism. Communists became viewed as preachers and pimps. 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to abandon socialism everywhere and in particular in the People's Republic of China (PRC). Our organization has always popularized the PRC as a living example of the future of mankind. China daily proves socialism is a society worth fighting for, it shatters the lie that capitalism is the last and best social system. The working class in China is daily proving it is capable of ruling in its own name and for its own interests.

Socialism in China has created a new life for the people — wiping out hunger, poverty, illiteracy and disease. Avakian & Co. said continuing this progress was "revisionism and capitalism".

Around the world, millions are watching China. They are watching a poor country eliminate poverty, a backward country overcome ignorance, a formerly diseased country provide mass quality medical care for the people. These advances are demonstrating the superiority of socialism over capitalism and are a call to imagine what life could be like under socialism in an industrial country like our own.

China has been a dividing line. A dividing line between the capitalists and the people. The capitalists and their agents try to down-play and deny the advances in China, and the people are encouraged by them and popularize them. It is around China that the RCYB once again exposes which class it serves. One of the ways socialism has been attacked is through the capitalist myth that socialism and poverty go hand in hand and that as soon as a socialist country gains wealth it becomes corrupted. The RCYB says the same about China! The rulers say socialism can never last because power corrupts and a new set of exploiters are bound to arise. The RCYB says the same about China! The rulers say socialism is an interesting experiment, but the people are bound to grow tired of it. The RCYB says the same! The rulers divide the Chinese Communist Party into two camps — those who favor revolution and ignore production, they are the revolutionaries, and those who favor production over revolution are the pragmatists who oppose socialism. The RCYB says the same! They believe capitalism is being restored in China. This position rather than reflecting the position of the RCYB since its founding has more in common with the CIA. Rucci says the capitalist myth in China is being restored.

And it has to. It is built around support not for the Chinese people, but for a small counter-revolutionary clique known as the Gang of Four. These traitors were thrust into the headlines in this country a year and a half ago when they attempted a coup d'etat following Mao Tse-tung's death. In the sixties these forces had come forward during the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. The Cultural Revolution was a mass upsurge that threw back attacks at capitalist restoration in China. But when the Gang were failure after the top spots in the consolidation of the Cultural Revolution and were criticized by Mao and hated by the masses for the disruption aimed at trying to enforce themselves, they continued their Trotskyite left-grounping and actual right sabotage. Just like an aging star has to see the type of movies and had that had inspired their careers, the Gang hated to see the Cultural Revolution come to an end. Instead they fought for uninterrupted, turmoil, endless campaigns and non-stop cultural revolution. This went clear against what Mao believed when he

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arin in many years - behind the Ethiopian war against Somalia.

The results have been staggering. Reports indicate that the Somali army, until recently in control of 90% of the Ogaden province it had invaded, has been thrown back in the face of the combined Soviet-Cuban-Ethiopian counter-offensive. Somalia has called this a national emergency and is pleasing with the US, Egypt, Iran and other countries to aid it - arguing that the US will not stop at simple driving Somalia back across its borders, but will push on until they at least control the northern section of Somalia, where the most important ports are located.

US IMPERIALISTS IN TIGHT SPOT

For a while, the US ruling class was almost completelyiced - on the outside looking in - in the Horn. With Soviet influence already firmly set in Somalia and growing in Ethiopia - well, the US was timid.

But now US officials are on the Jamboree glasses climbed in the White House when Somalia kicked the Soviet Union out.

But there was a sense that it couldn't be content with being Somalia's new boss - especially as Somalia is now quietly losing its war against Ethiopia. So while backing Somalia, and warning (along with Iraq) that it will not stand by if the Soviets and Ethiopians move on to invade Somalia, the US is doing its best to keep its hand in Ethiopia.

It is doing this mainly through the "Ethiopian Democratic Union". With its headquarters in London, the group is made up of elements that got the shaft when Haile Selassie's monarchy was overthrown. This was about as popular as Nixon's return to office in this country. So, especially in the face of growing fascist repression the junta is using to turn back on to its "revolution" - the US dropped the bit on monarchical and started talking about "democracy" instead. The activity of the group seems to increase in the months ahead - funded by US dollars.

THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE ARE NO ONE'S PAWN!

Just as "things didn't go the way" the US and its allies planned it, Ethiopia was not going to meet with, and are being met with, fierce resistance from the Ethiopian people. The Ethiopian People's Revolution (AEPFL) is calling on the people to - oppose the designs of the superpowers. For this "treachery", the EPRP has been a special target of terrorist repression by the Ethiopian regime. The junta has already murdered 10,000's of people in their wave of terror.

But the fact is that the Ethiopian people have no interest in seeing either the US or the Soviet Union "win" in the Horn. A US puppet under the cover of democracy while it robs the people blind is no better than a Soviet puppet under the cover of socialism.

WORLD WAR ON THE HORIZON

All these maneuvers, advances, retreats and confrontations by the superpowers are leading to an actual world war between them. They need to redivide the world and set the question of who is to be top dog in the imperialist scramble for world power. This scramble NECESSARILY leads to war, sooner or later under imperialism. Whether it's small wars (like Angola yesterday, or Ethiopia today) or big wars (like WWII or 10 - there is no way for the imperialists to settle their differences other than war.

The American people - along with the Ethiopian people and the rest of the world, have no interest in lining up with either superpower in the hopes of winding up on "the winning side". Because the only winner in that kind of war is one of the two ruling circles of the US and the Soviet Union.

Today what we must do is oppose any attempts of the US to enforce its will on the

Ethiopian people. While aiming our struggle against our own ruling class in particular, we must join with the Ethiopian people in demanding that both superpowers get the hell out of Ethiopia, and support the Ethiopian people's fight to drive them out.