As Superpowers Move Towards War

POLISH STRIKERS JOLT ED WORLD

The largest strike wave to hit Eastern Europe in more than a decade has finally subsided. The nearly half a million Polish workers who had gone out in the past two months have, for the most part, now returned to their jobs. But the uprising of the Polish workers has left turbulent waters in its wake and will not soon be forgotten.

The strike began to wind down on Saturday, August 30 when, after repeatedly labeling the strikers' demands as "preposterous," and after several un-

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Despite a government ordered news blackout, the strike spread from workplace to workplace, city to city—eventually reaching into the Silesian coal mines. Above, strikers from the Lenin Shipyards in Gdansk march across the waterfront to the docks to support the walkout there.

Four Years Since Mao Tsetung's Death

Greatest Revolutionary of Our Time

September 9 marks the fourth anniversary of the death of Mao Tsetung, the greatest revolutionary of our time—and in fact since the time of Lenin. Today the question of Mao's contributions to the revolutionary science of Marxism-Leninism has become a crucial dividing line question internationally. Mao Tsetung has the particular revolutionary virtue, even in his death, of being hated by the enemy. And, as Mao himself put it, "to be attacked by the enemy is not a bad thing but a good thing," for it shows we are doing our work right. Today Mao is under attack, not only from the U.S. imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists, but even within China from the small group of capitalist reactionaries who seized power after Mao's death. But all this has led to the greater responsibility, and necessity, for revolutionary communists internationally to uphold Mao's great contributions, and on that basis learn from history to serve the present and the future. This task is one that our Party and others internationally are today taking up with even greater vigor, and making it up against those in the international movement who would cast all these achievements into the dust, and with them the revolutionary science of the working class and its ability to forge a road ahead.

On this occasion, we are reprinting a section of a book by Bob Avakian, the Chairman of our Party's Central Committee, Mao Tsetung's Immortal Contributions. This book, published on May First 1979, examines and sums up Mao's contributions in many fields: revolution in colonial countries, revolutionary war, political economy, philosophy, culture and, most importantly, continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. This chapter, the conclusion, originally published in January 1979 in our Party's magazine Revolution, is an important contribution to the international struggle to forge ahead on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought. Mao: A Great Helmsman in Uncharted Waters

That Mao led the struggle in China which finally resulted in the founding of the People's Republic, and that this radically altered China and the whole world, are facts which are widely known and which few would dare deny. It is also a fact that throughout the course of that protracted struggle, through its different stages...
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The strike headquarters and then proceeding to the signing of the agreement on nationwide TV using the foot-long pen that was much recognized as a new, well-known souvenir from the visit of Pope John Paul—Cold Leach essentially pledged his support to the Catholic Church.

The demands of the Polish working class for an independent role and a voice in society were an exposure of the capitalist nature of the Polish society. But more, they indicate the underlying contradictions within capitalist societies that are bound to emerge, in fact, explode, and all the more so as the worldwide capitalist imperialism encroaches into the sphere of world political approaches. The captives of neither the Soviet nor the U.S. bloc can comfortably settle with the curse of many Polish strikers that labeled government and party leaders as "the red bourgeoisie."

For whatever colors they attempt to cloak themselves in, capitalism will reveal their true nature through the crimes they commit. And as these imperials rush headlong to the perpetration of a crime of unparalleled barbarity, murdering the Polish working class has demonstrated that these criminals are not the only actors on the stage, not the only force capable of determining the course of events. They have, in a word, a powerful partner that is now known, once again the presence of the working class on the stage of history. The growth of computer and defense industries of new imperialist barbarism of both the East and the West.

In RW No. 68, August 22, 1980, the caption on page 19 incorrectly states that Soviet troops intervened in Poland during the widespread strikes of 1970.

Although Soviet troops were stationed in Poland, they were not directly involved in the Polish government's efforts to suppress the strikes.