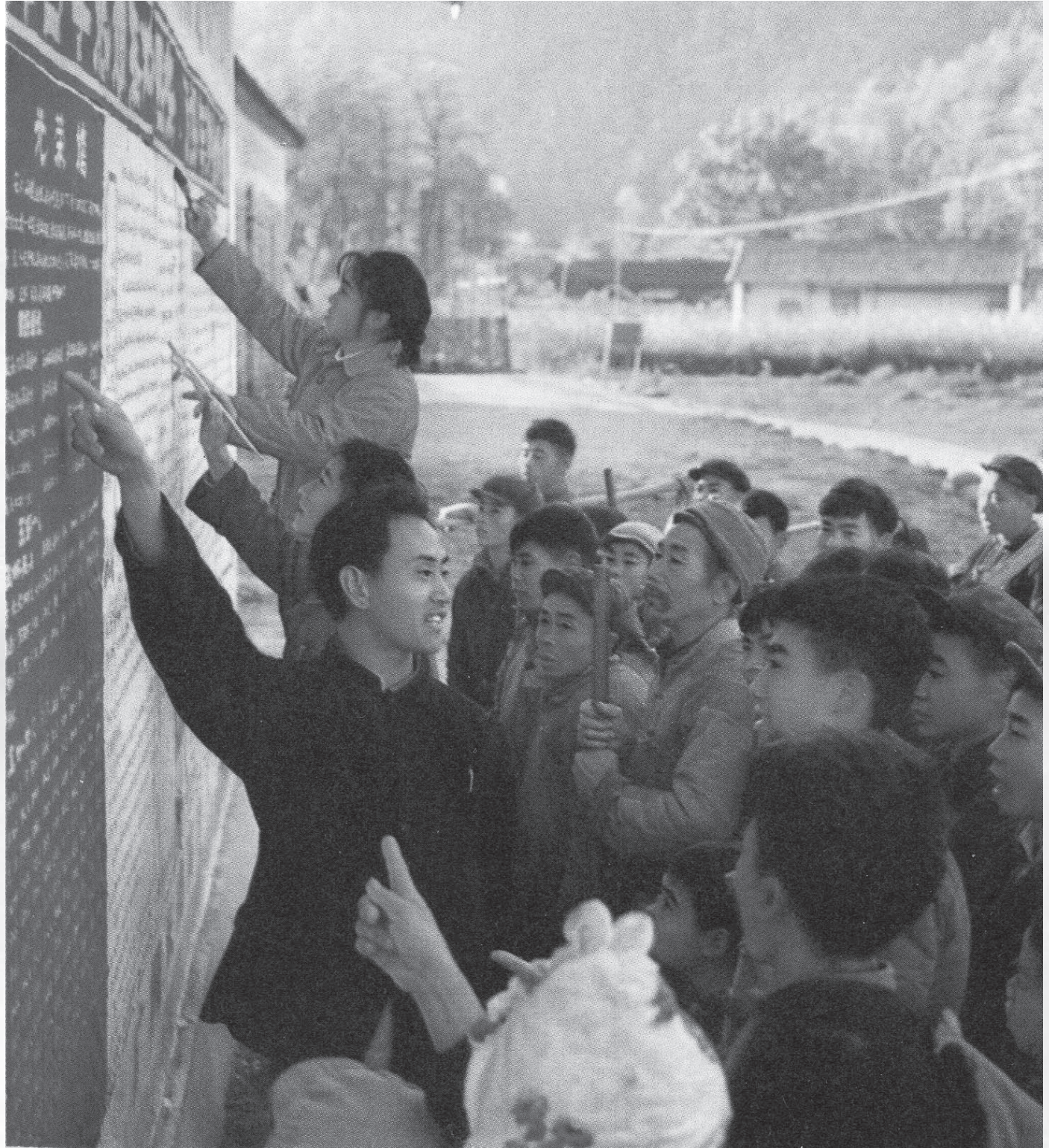


In 1949, the Chinese people made revolution, as part of the world communist revolution, and, led by the Chinese Communist Party, they began to build a new socialist state. But after tremendous advances, Mao Tsetung, the leader of this revolution, summed up serious problems. Party leaders whose goal was merely to make China into a powerful country, and not take the revolution further to emancipating all of humanity, were making a bid to seize back power and restore capitalism. During the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution in China, hundreds of millions of people went into struggle to overthrow these capitalist roaders. They debated and struggled over big questions about the direction of society and the world revolution. Led by Mao Tsetung, this unprecedented mass political movement succeeded for ten years, and was only defeated in 1976, with his death and the arrests and murders of his close followers. Since then, counter-revolution has reigned, in China and worldwide. But we are bringing into being a whole new stage of revolution. At right: People in rural China putting up "big character posters," a form of mass political debate and criticism during the Cultural Revolution, 1971.



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Revolutionary state power could solve agonizing problems that can NOT be solved by capitalism-imperialism. Especially in a major crisis we get a glimpse of the enormous human potential that the capitalist system suppresses and fetters but that can be unleashed and mobilized by a socialist state. After the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the U.S. media painted the Haitian people as looters and helpless victims. But the real story is that the masses of people heroically tried to save lives and found collective ways to deal with the horror around them. People shared the few resources they had—even as U.S. troops obstructed the delivery of aid. In the photo above, Haitians use the tools at hand to dig through rubble searching for survivors. In addition, health care workers and other compassionate people around the world rushed to Haiti to help.

“ The biggest lie of all is that there is no other way than this system—or that attempts to really make a different way, through revolution and advancing toward communism, have brought about something even worse. The wretched of the earth have made revolution and started on the road to communism—first in Russia and then in China—and they achieved great things in doing so, before they were turned back by the forces of the old order. We are here to tell you that not only has this been done before, but we can do it again—and even better this time. This is the truth that is covered up and lied about, but we have the facts and the analysis to back this up—tremendous historical experience has been summed up, scientifically, and is there for us to learn from and build on. ”



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## THE RAYMOND LOTTA CAMPUS TOUR:

*Everything You've Been Told About Communism Is Wrong*

**CAPITALISM IS A FAILURE  
REVOLUTION  
IS THE SOLUTION**

Most students today know little about communism—and most of what they know is wrong. The national campus tour by Raymond Lotta has begun to break open the “communism debate”—and this is a crucial part of the whole campaign: *The Revolution We Need... The Leadership We Have*.

Hundreds of students, intellectuals and others have heard Lotta at major universities—at UC Berkeley, NYU, UCLA, University of Chicago, Columbia, and Harvard. With facts and analysis, Lotta punctures the lies and distortions behind the official verdict that the first wave of socialist revolutions in the 20th century was a “failure.” And Lotta introduces people to Bob Avakian’s

vibrant and emancipatory vision of communism. The Q&As have involved serious and lively exchange and debate, over the first wave of socialist societies and a wide range of issues, like “human nature” and how a new socialist society would deal with the environmental emergency.

In a series of hard-hitting open letters to major proponents of the “official story,” Lotta challenged the institutionalized verdicts and intellectual discourse on communism—whether a radically different world is needed, desirable, or possible.

A letter by two students in the *Columbia Daily*

*Spectator* said, “This is our world, our generation, our responsibility to examine different viewpoints and perspectives. We’re figuring out what we think and believe, and we think that the things Raymond Lotta and the other communists are saying should be a part of that process. Because they break the box and compel imaginings.”

This whole offensive against the official story was and is new, very new—and it is just beginning to get going.

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