

# Reagan's Racist Immigration Scare

"The crops are all in and the peaches are rotting, the oranges are piled in their creosote dumps. They're sending us back to the Mexican border, to pay all our money and wade back again... You won't have a name when you ride the big airplane, all they will call you will be 'deportee'."

—"Song of the Deportees,"  
by Woodie Guthrie

Now it's coming straight from the White House. Ronald Reagan in person is whipping up the racist scare over brown-skinned hordes from south of the border, as he desperately tries to build support for his unpopular Cold War drive in Central America. Brandishing the spectre of "a string of anti-American Marxist dictatorships," he told an audience of Southern racist politicians, "the result could be a tidal wave of refugees—and this time they'll be 'feet people' and not 'boat people'—swarming into our country seeking a safe haven from communist repression to our south." Meanwhile, the bipartisan Simpson-Mazzoli immigration "reform" is being rushed through Congress, which in exchange for a vaguely defined amnesty will drastically cut legal immigration and mandate South African-style "employee identity controls" threatening all workers, particularly Hispanics and blacks. The Spartacist League calls on labor, minority organizations and all defenders of democratic rights to demand: *Down with the Simpson-Mazzoli slave labor act! Stop the racist deportations! Citizenship rights for all foreign workers!*

With his "feet people" demagoguery,

## Citizenship Rights for All Foreign Workers!



## Down with Simpson-Mazzoli Bill!

Reagan only made explicit the appeal to modern-day "yellow peril" racism and anti-communism which has been at the heart of the "illegal aliens" scare campaign over the last several years. Attorney General French Smith talks about "regaining control of our borders," right-wing media headline a

"silent invasion" and the liberal *New York Times* editorializes about "Time to Turn the Illegal Tide." Facing the worst economic crisis since the 1930s, the American ruling class wants to scapegoat undocumented foreign workers for the mass unemployment of the capitalist depression. But to the bourgeois politi-

cians, their campaign against Latin American immigration is closely linked to their fear of revolution in "America's backyard." Hundreds of thousands of Salvadorans, Haitians and Mexicans are fleeing from reactionary terror and imperialist-imposed austerity/  
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## Supreme Court Executioners Condemn Blacks

# Speedup on Death Row

Donning their black robes, a 5-4 majority of the Supreme Court has announced their solution to the "problem" of Death Row prisoners demanding a hearing from the high court: the busy justices will let the lower courts use "expedited procedures." Amid the welter of legal gobbledy-gook, judges can now simply deny a stay of execution, ignoring appeals, and thus "expediting" the electric chair, the hangman's noose, the gas chamber, the firing squad and the newly introduced

lethal injection.

The Court decision threatens to open the floodgates to a legalized racist bloodbath. The present Death Row population is about 1,200, double that of 1979, and 42 percent of them are black—a reflection of racist "justice" in Reagan's America. Although the 1977 execution of Gary Gilmore ended a ten-year moratorium on executions, only five people have been executed since then—including the grisly death-by-injection of black

prisoner Charlie Brooks, Jr. in Texas last December (see "Executioners Go to Work in Reagan's America," *WV* No. 321, 14 January).

At the heart of this as well as a number of other extremely reactionary Supreme Court decisions (e.g., expanding police powers for search and seizure) is the growing *bonapartism* of the American capitalist state. Capital punishment has been reinstituted to mainly protect the representatives of

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# P&FP Apologists for Morenoite Thuggery

## P&FP to Spartacist League

PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY  
Emma Mar,  
STATE CHAIR  
June 21, 1983

Los Angeles Spartacist League  
Box 29574, Los Feliz Station  
Los Angeles, California 90029

Dear Spartacist League Members:

On June 12, several men and a woman claiming to represent the Spartacist League were permitted to distribute Spartacist literature outside a conference called by the Peace and Freedom Party to explore the possibility of a national presidential campaign in which many left groups could participate. The Spartacist League had been invited, but did not reply to this invitation except that a "Worker's Vanguard" reporter did register as an observer.

Subsequently, this group approached some conference participants sitting in committee, shouting as they came, making express and violent threats to an individual belonging to the Internationalist Workers' Party, and directing violent gestures at that individual while in extremely close proximity to him. Other members of our committee nonviolently intervened to insure the safety of the person under threatened attack. Shortly after this, your group harassed a second member of the Internationalist Workers' Party, who had to be escorted into our meeting room to insure his safety.

The Peace and Freedom Party is a multi-tendency organization which includes individuals with diverse viewpoints. Our conference included even more groups with very diverse views. Both the Peace and Freedom Party and its Search Committee for a United Left Presidential Ticket function on the basis of mutual respect between participants, even those who are in political opposition to each other on significant questions.

The Peace and Freedom Party is a neutral ground requiring respect for every individual, for our own organizational integrity, and the organizational integrity of all other organizations. We oppose any violence by any group or individual to another.

In committing a violent harassment



No Morenoite hammers today! A little assertion of workers democracy (left) turns Morenoite bullies (right) into well-behaved boys and girls.



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of our committee and one of its members, you have violated our neutrality and the organizational integrity of the Peace and Freedom Party.

We ask you to refrain from any similar acts.

Sincerely,  
Emma Mar

"For Socialism, Democracy  
and Feminism"

## Spartacist League to P&FP

Oakland, CA  
14 July 1983

Dear Ms. Mar:

On June 12 the Spartacist League (SL) did indeed send a small team of comrades and supporters to the site of a Peace and Freedom Party (P&FP) conference held at Oakland's Laney College. There our comrades distributed a SL leaflet exposing a potentially lethal gangster attack last October 2 by hammer-wielding Internationalist Workers Party (IWP) members against our Los Angeles organization and its supporters. Our comrades also gave every IWP member attending the P&FP conference, and especially IWP caudillo Leon Perez who instigated and led this murderous attack, a clear, blunt and emphatic warning that the SL does not tolerate such gangster behavior.

There were no acts of physical violence on June 12. Our comrades would not permit it. We assure you that

had the IWP or anyone else attempted to provoke such violence, the SL comrades present would have halted it swiftly and surely.

No SL member or supporter entered the P&FP conference hall. Every IWP member was approached outside the hall before your conference was scheduled to start. Each of them was given notice that the SL will not tolerate hoodlum attacks upon its members. Of course our comrades did not observe all of the niceties of "civilized discourse" in talking to the various IWPs. But we do observe that following these conversations Leon Perez and his followers were a very well-behaved group of boys and girls.

Unable to resort to hammers on June 12 the IWP gangsters scream "thuggery" and falsely accuse the SL of attacking the P&FP conference. This does not surprise us. As the P&FP may to its regret learn, these U.S. followers of Argentine fake-Trotskyist and crook Nahuel Moreno, in a sorry and sickening imitation of their role models, the bloody Argentine generals, have difficulty distinguishing between political polemic and physical assault.

You need not take our word for this. Last February Earl Owens, a prominent Bay Area IWP member, resigned from the IWP. Earl Owens is no friend of the Spartacist League. In the paragraph we quote below from his resignation statement he supports the anti-democratic exclusion of the SL from left meetings on the basis of our political opinions and the false charge that we do not abide by "meeting rules." But even Earl Owens, historically known as a walking culture medium for every deviation known to Marxism, cannot stomach the murderous gangsterism of Perez & Co. Owens' letter states:

"Comrades, how was the decision made to use weapons against the Spartacist League? It is a necessity for revolutionaries to defend their meetings. The Spartacist League has clearly broken with Trotskyism but still remains a working class tendency. Their refusal to abide by meeting rules and their use of slander may require their exclusion from meetings. But it's one thing to give them a 'swift kick in the ass' and another to use weapons. The use of weapons by one radical tendency against another is a gift to FBI provocateurs. What better way to deal with radicals than to have us kill each other!"

—"Open Letter to the  
Internationalist Workers  
Party," 21 February 1983

Unfortunately your letter reflects the IWP's outlook insofar as you too seem to have difficulty distinguishing verbal warnings from acts of physical violence. Your complaints about our comrades' behavior were more succinctly expressed by one of your supporters on June 12. In inimitable California psycho-babble she objected to our "violent body language" and blunt words. The tiny Bay Area based Workers' Government Party accurately describes in its June newsletter our confronting Leon Perez: "Spanish was

added to English by the SL for the 'benefit' of one IWP member who, apparently, appears in the photograph of the hammer attack published by SL. Again there was verbal—not physical—challenge and warning to IWP to 'cease and desist'."

By wringing your hands over our exemplary treatment of the IWP you bloc with murderous political gangsters who stoop to using hammers on the heads of political opponents whom they would silence and whose revolutionary criticism they are unable to answer. As the result of the IWP's attack one of our comrades required hospital treatment of head and shoulder injuries. It is a piece of luck that fatal or crippling injuries were avoided.

Leon Perez and the IWP need to be taught some lessons in workers democracy, on where they are and who we are. We do not intend to stand by while IWP scabs, thugs and finks launch murderous assaults on our party. Our aim on June 12 was to prevent future attacks by deepening the understanding of IWP members about our commitment and capacity to defend workers democracy, and about our opposition to violence within the workers movement. What we did on that day at your party's conference was a service to the entire workers movement and even to the P&FP.

Sincerely,  
Karen Wyatt  
For the Spartacist League

P.S. Your letter claims SLers "were permitted to distribute Spartacist literature outside a conference called by the Peace and Freedom Party...." We remind you that you rented only a hall at Laney College. The campus is an area open to the public. It is our democratic right to distribute our literature outside your hall or anywhere in these public areas that we please. We didn't need nor did we seek your "permission" to exercise this right. ■

## Letter

## Klaus Barbie: The Israeli Connection

Dr. Israel Shahak  
Jerusalem, Israel  
29 May 1983

Dear Friends of *Workers Vanguard*,

In addition to what you write about the Nazi criminal Klaus Barbie (20 May 1983) he had in Bolivia another role, according to reliable reports in the Hebrew (and some of the French) press: He was an agent for sales of *Israeli* weapons to the Bolivian regimes!

This fact explains two interesting phenomena: the Israeli government was, for so many years, completely silent about the comfortable life of this Nazi butcher in a state in which it enjoyed influence second only to the USA!

Similarly, all the major Jewish organizations in the USA were silent for so long, about that Nazi seller of the Israeli arms! They are even now, quite silent about so many Nazi criminals in Paraguay, for exactly the same reason.

But now, after several years, the notorious "Anti-Defamation League" of the B'nai B'rith, all of a sudden, accuses Nicaragua of anti-Semitism!

It should be clearly understood from the above examples, that both the Israeli government and the Jewish organizations enslaved to it (and through it to Reagan's policies) are using the accusations of anti-Semitism and the memories of the Holocaust in the most cynical way, to support not only dictatorial butchers like Somoza, but actually to shield the worst Nazi criminals.

Sincerely yours,  
Israel Shahak

P.S. About this cooperation of Jewish-American organizations with the notorious "Office for Combatting Terrorism" of the USA State Dept., you can see "News and Views" of the World Jewish Congress (in the USA), their Governing Board meeting pp. 12-17. I.Sh.

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## First They Murdered Her Unborn Child, Now They Arrest Her

# Stop L.A. Cop Vendetta Against Delois Young!

LOS ANGELES—Only five days after a Superior Court jury convicted mad-dog racist killer cop Robert Armstrong—the sheriff's deputy who last year shot a nine-month pregnant black woman, killing her unborn child—of second-degree murder, the cops came back for their victim. On June 20, three L.A. County marshal units arrived in force at the home of Delois Young, clapped her in handcuffs and dragged the 22-year-old woman off to jail. Their excuse for this display of brutal racist violence? They claim Delois Young has a couple of outstanding traffic tickets. And why had she missed her traffic court date? Because she was in the hospital suffering from the gunshot wounds she received at the hands of Armstrong and the trigger-happy L.A. cops on 16 April 1982!!

The arrest of Delois Young is a continuation of the cops' vicious racist vendetta against this woman whom they shot in her own home, and left to die. But she lived to testify against the cop who shot her and took the life of her full-term fetus. So the cops have her on their hit list to finish the job, even though the state and D.A.'s office whitewashed the case against her assailant in blue. Armstrong had been "investigated" at least twice before the Young shooting, once for shooting a teenage burglary suspect in the face, and also for breaking the arm and leg of a man picked up for

for murder in 13 years! Less than two months ago, a five-year-old black child, Patrick Mason, was shot down in his mother's bedroom in Orange County, and the child-killer cop got off completely free.

Delois Young and her family have been targeted ever since her older brother, O.C. Laskey, was murdered by the cops six years ago. After a domestic argument with his wife, Laskey was holed up in their home with their five kids. But when the cops were summoned, he agreed to surrender and release the children. After he had handed the last child out the window and turned away, he was killed by a sheriff's deputy with a bullet through the back of the head! Since then the victimization of the family has continued apace. The night before Delois Young was scheduled to testify against Armstrong her stepfather, Nathaniel Neal, was followed home and arrested by sheriff's deputies on a dubious traffic offense. In another incident, Delois and her husband were rounded up as "usual suspects" by the Pasadena police for questioning about an auto theft. The LAPD pulled them off the road and asked them if they were the parents of the unborn child murdered by Armstrong. This campaign of police harassment and terror has driven the Delois Young family from its home in the suburb of Duarte, outside Pasadena.



Edwards/LA Herald Examiner

**Delois Young and her husband, Joe Kent: victims of cops' vicious racist vendetta.**

cops came to "investigate" their own complaint.

When they knocked at the door, the cops refused to identify themselves. Armstrong claimed he was a fugitive from the police. So Delois Young, who justifiably suspected that he was a burglar, went to get an unloaded .22-caliber rifle. She hoped to scare him away. Meanwhile, the cops had been pounding and kicking on the door. When Delois opened the door, with the .22 pointed at the floor, the cops burst through. She was blinded with a flashlight. Armstrong fired three shots at close range from his .38-caliber revolver loaded with "controlled expansion round" bullets, which mushroom on impact with the body. One shot missed, but another lodged in Young's chest, where it is still carried today; a third bullet smashed into the brain of her nine-month unborn child, killing him. The final shot was fired into her back after Young was lying in a prone position. While she lay bleeding on the floor for a half-hour before paramedics arrived, the cops prevented her mother, Verlean Williams, from assisting or comforting her.

Young and her family lived in a quiet working-class residential area that was racially integrated. Their next-door neighbors, the Rodriguez family, told the press "it could happen to anyone." But in Reagan's America, blacks, Latinos and other minorities are targeted for systematic police violence, and such vile cop executions as this are a logical and integral part of racist capitalism. The integrated complex where Patricia Ridge and her son Patrick Mason lived was raided by the cops 430 times in the

27 months before the five-year-old boy was murdered.

For every cop like Robert Armstrong that is given even a slap on the wrist, hundreds of blacks and minorities are murdered and maimed. The assassins of five-year-old Patrick Mason, of football star Ron Settles, of Eulia Love, of Hollywood actor Raymond Vitte, all went free. Yet, as a friend of Delois Young said at the funeral of her child, "If it had been one of us, it'd been the electric chair—guaranteed!" (*Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, 24 April 1982). Armstrong and his accomplice Rene LaBelle, convicted for obstructing justice, have yet to be sentenced. They should be locked up for good. And Delois Young deserves every penny of the \$10 million she is suing for.

But we have no illusions in bourgeois justice. And for blacks like Delois Young and her family, hounded by the vindictive cops, there is really no place to go in racist America. The capitalist state cannot be reformed. Least of all should there be illusions in black Democrats like Los Angeles mayor Tom Bradley, who has presided over years of racist murder by the L.A. cops and recently gave the keys to the city to an official of the butcher apartheid South African regime. What's vitally necessary is the independent mobilization of the masses of blacks, Latinos and labor, organized and led by a revolutionary workers party, to wage a real struggle against racist cop and Klan terror. Only through such a struggle, culminating in socialist revolution, can there be any real justice for the Delois Youngs. ■



Economist

**LAPD: trigger-happy and racist.**

"creating a disturbance."

Armstrong wasn't even charged with murder one, so he can get a sentence as light as probation. But for the L.A. cops even this slap on the wrist is cause for a vendetta. They are accustomed to an open license to kill blacks with impunity. Despite the regular slaughter of blacks and Latinos here, not one on-duty cop has been prosecuted and convicted

The Armstrong trial showed what L.A. blacks already knew—that in the April 1982 shooting of Delois Young the killer was simply following the cops' typical racist M.O. Armstrong had first "stuffed a call," that is faked a complaint to get around the little matter of a search warrant. He pretended to be a neighbor of the Youngs complaining about a family fight at their house. Then the

## L.A. Black Activist Acquitted

# Michael Zinzun Wins Against Cop Frameup

LOS ANGELES—A vicious, racist police frameup was stopped here June 27 when four felony charges, carrying a sentence of up to 15 years in prison, against Michael Zinzun were dismissed in a Pasadena court. The charges against Zinzun, a former Black Panther and founder of the local Coalition Against Police Abuse (CAPA), stem from an incident in February 1982, when a dozen cops charged onto the block where Zinzun lives, allegedly responding to a "man with a gun" report. No man was found,

and the cops then turned on the assembling crowd, harassing them and beating two men. Zinzun protested the cop brutality, urging people to remain at the scene, as their eyewitness testimony could be useful in a possible police brutality complaint. Five days later the cops returned, arresting Zinzun on misdemeanor charges of "inciting to riot."

That wasn't all. After three weeks Zinzun was notified that the charges against him had been upped to four felony counts, under an archaic 110-

year-old law that makes it a crime to talk back to a cop, on the grounds that this would "deter or prevent a police officer from executing his duty." The presiding judge at the first hearing, who had signed the original warrant based on misdemeanor charges, didn't even know the charges had been upped, and had never heard of the 1872 law until the D.A. informed him in court. Zinzun told *WV* of the racist authorities' incredible political maneuvering and behind-the-scenes contortions to set him up in court. The case went through six judges and nine district attorneys before the charges were finally thrown out!

This cop vendetta against a well-known black opponent of police terror was orchestrated from the top. Since its inception in 1976, the Coalition Against Police Abuse has been one of the prime targets of the LAPD's Public Disorder Intelligence Division (PDID) hit list. The PDID has a long and sordid history of prolonged

undercover operations against leftists, minority and even liberal organizations in Los Angeles. In particular, Zinzun has been singled out by the Pasadena police. In the early morning hours of last May 18, ten cops raided the Pasadena community center where Zinzun lives, confiscating four legally registered guns and rifling through his political files.

We are glad to see this vicious racist cop frameup chucked out of court. In calling for defense of Michael Zinzun, we have warned that CAPA's reformist strategy of relying on "community control" and civilian police review boards will do nothing to stop the daily terror and murder that blacks and minorities face in this city and all over racist, capitalist America. Labor/black mobilization is needed to muster the forces that will bring down the criminal system that spawns the uniformed killers of Ron Settles, of Patrick Mason and the unborn child of Delois Young.



# Moonies in Honduras: Death Squads and Contras

Anyone who thinks that Sun Myung Moon is running just another religious cult like the Hare Krishnas should take a look at the Moonies' activities in Honduras. Washington officials have acknowledged that this Central American country is the axis of U.S. policy in the region, a giant "weapons platform" for attacking leftist insurgency in El Salvador and seeking to topple the radical-nationalist Nicaraguan Sandinistas. Honduran strongman General Gustavo Alvarez Martinez is the key link between the U.S. embassy in Tegucigalpa and CIA-backed counter-revolutionary mercenaries who have been sowing terror in northern Nicaragua. Alvarez is also reported to head the assassination squads which have sprung up over the last two years in this former backwater, the quintessential banana republic. And Reagan's man Alvarez, godfather to death squads and *contras*, is chief of the Moon operation in Honduras. The Moonie cult is far more sinister than glassy-eyed white youths selling flowers on street corners: they are would-be shock troops of anti-Communist reaction. The Spartacist League was not exaggerating when we said, in announcing our \$20 million suit against Moon's *Washington Times* newspaper: "Moonie Libel That Kills" (*WV* No. 332, 17 June).

Moon's top assistant, Colonel Bo Hi Pak, a former South Korean army officer identified by the *New York Times* as "the South Korean C.I.A.'s channel to Mr. Moon and the Unification Church," appeared in Honduras last November. He promised to counteract the bad press Honduras has been getting, and waved around copies of the *Washington Times* to show he could deliver. Pak, who served the sinister schemes of the late Korean dictator Park Chung Hee, found a kindred spirit in armed forces chief Alvarez. The Moonies' Honduras operation really got going in January when Pak met with Alvarez, the country's figurehead president Roberto Suazo Córdova, and members of the business elite to form the Association for the Development of Honduras (APROH). In February Pak announced that a New York-based Moonie front, CAUSA (Confederation of Associations for the Unification of American Societies), had opened a branch in Honduras and General Alvarez would be its local president. Pak then arranged a five-day conference in San Pedro Sula for Honduran educators, union leaders and small businessmen.

Obviously, Moon does not intend to turn Honduras' leading citizens into flower children. In this CIA-infested

land, he has something else in mind. APROH dues of \$6,000 a month indicate this is not supposed to be a mass movement, and its statutes make clear the organization's goals: "Convinced that Honduras is a priority objective in the expansionist plans of international communism, military and business

union officials, opposition politicians and relatives of the "disappeared" insist that the government is behind the violence. "Gen. Alvarez has gained power to the point where he is now seeking the physical elimination of what he believes to be the opposition," said a leftist union leader whose name is on the



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Republic of Nicaragua

Honduran strongman Gustavo Alvarez (bottom right), chief of the local Moon (left) operation and godfather to bloodthirsty Nicaraguan *contras*.

leaders have joined together to avoid the fall of our country and to preserve its democratic and free enterprise systems" (*Guardian*, 13 April). There's no doubt that Reagan's Honduran lieutenants will do anything to preserve "free enterprise." As to their defense of "democracy," newspapers have reported at least 23 government critics have been killed and dozens kidnapped since Suazo took office in January 1982. According to the *Los Angeles Times* (22 April), the Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Honduras, trade-

death list.

These charges have been substantiated at the highest level, by former Honduran military intelligence chief Colonel Leonidas Torres Arias who has sought refuge in Mexico, reportedly with two years worth of confidential files, after being cashiered last fall. The *Washington Post* (15 October) reports that Torres Arias pointed the finger at Alvarez' "Special Investigations Staff" (SIS) and cited a number of well-known "disappearances" it carried out under direct orders. A former *contra* captured by the Sandinistas in Nicaragua reported that the SIS chief is a go-between supplying funds to the Somozaist mercenaries operating out of Honduras. As to the Moonie connection, the well-informed British publication *Latin American Weekly Report* (11 March) writes:

"Although Aproz purports to be a broadly based organization, it is supported by prominent conservative figures close to the regime, while wealthy businessmen, such as Miguel Facussé, are said to have contributed towards its US\$500,000 war chest, which government critics fear will be used to promote right-wing paramilitary activity. Alvarez, who was recently made Aproz's president, is said to see the organization as a civilian support base for his desired national security state."

But there is reported opposition to Bo

Hi Pak's Honduran operations from the Catholic church, "reinforced by a recent memo from the Vatican which described the Moonies' origins and connections, and warned local Catholics to keep their distance from Causa." Moreover, says *LAWR*:

"According to sources in Tegucigalpa, the US embassy is also perturbed by Bo's role in the South Korea-Moonie link-up, the promotion of which it sees as yet another effort by Alvarez to break away from his US patrons. Alvarez's links with Argentina are well known, and last year, as well as the highly publicised visit of Israeli military commanders, top Honduran soldiers visited their colleagues in Taiwan and South Korea in moves to diversify their military dependence from Washington."

Moon's activities elsewhere in Central America are just as deadly. In Honduras, the native bourgeoisie has been notoriously weak since real power was in the hands of the banana companies. The arrival of CAUSA and the Moon/Alvarez APROH is aimed at fortifying and whipping into line the domestic capitalist class in a country which is crucial for counterrevolution in Central America. According to Pak: "Honduras is triply blessed: Roberto Suazo Córdova, Gustavo Alvarez and Ronald Reagan." Next door in El Salvador, in contrast, the local bourgeoisie is well-entrenched and has a long history of suppressing popular uprisings. The Salvadoran ruling class was proud of the fact that it slaughtered 30,000 of its own peasants and workers in the bloody *Matanza* (massacre) of 1932 without having to bring in the U.S. Marines who were waiting off shore "just in case." On El Salvador, the Moonies are acting as fingermen and propagandists for the ultrarightist butchers headed by "constituent assembly" president Roberto ("Blowtorch Bob") D'Aubuisson. In the United States Moon's minions lobbied for the Salvadoran junta and even toured a pro-junta Roman Catholic bishop on a crusade against communism.

In the Bay Area, according to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the Moonies are working closely with the United Salvadoran Patriotic Forces, an ultrarightist group which has admittedly "turned over to Salvadoran government officials the names and photographs of Bay Area Salvadorans who oppose the junta." "That's an official death warrant," said a local Salvadoran who had been subjected to this treatment (*San Francisco Chronicle*, 18 April 1981). The Catholic hierarchy sponsored by the Moonies and Salvadoran ultrarightists in the Bay Area was Bishop Pedro Aparicio. Back in 1979 when the "human rights junta" installed with the approval of the Carter administration began talking of land reform in El Salvador, Aparicio (himself a large landowner) preached to the peasants:

"...don't be fooled by those who come to offer you land because the truth is... that our country does not permit such donations... not even so that everyone might have his own little house."

—*La Prensa Gráfica* [San Salvador], 24 December 1979

Liberal San Francisco archbishop Quinn read the riot act to Aparicio for consorting with the Moonies. Earlier the same Moonie-allied Salvadoran ultrarightists, in evident solidarity with the rape and murder of four U.S. churchwomen in El Salvador in 1980, had picketed Quinn's office with signs calling for "Death to the Communist Priests and Nuns of San Francisco." A year later, when the president of the Salvadoran hatcher junta, Napoleón Duarte, visited the U.S., Bo Hi Pak presented him with an award for his "determined fight in favor of democracy and human dignity." On 27 September 1981, at an SF protest outside a banquet honoring Duarte, the Moonies provoked a bloody cop rampage in which demonstrators and bystanders alike were beaten and 15 people sent to the hospital. The deputy police chief

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## Mitterrand's Popular Front Fuels Bonapartist Reaction

# Smash Rightist Mobilization in France!

In the last several months France has been swept by the most threatening right-wing mobilization since de Gaulle's 1958 coup and the movement against Algerian independence in the early '60s. The spectacular failure of Socialist president Mitterrand's program of "Keynesianism in one country" and the subsequent recourse to ever more severe austerity measures have demoralized the working class, antagonized the petty bourgeoisie and drawn increasing opposition from the big bourgeoisie, which has encouraged fascist and right-wing violence against the government. We reprint below a leaflet distributed by the Ligue Trotskyiste de France (LTF), section of the international Spartacist tendency, on May 10, the second anniversary of the electoral victory of Mitterrand's popular front.

Since this leaflet was written, the rightist demonstrations have led to a dangerous bonapartist mobilization. Especially ominous was the march in early June by 1,500 police, denouncing the government for being "soft" on crime and demanding the resignation of the Justice and Interior ministers. Organized by an ultra-right police "union," the cops cheered on the fascist leader Le Pen. This demonstration took place only 100 meters from the Elysée Palace, the French equivalent of the White House. One passerby exclaimed, "Keep going, don't be afraid! Take power! It is only a hundred meters more!" The police threat was so open that Mitterrand was forced to go on

television and condemn the action as "seditious." Meanwhile, elements from private armies such as the now-banned SAC, the Gaullist equivalent of Napoleon Bonaparte's Societies of December 10, have been prominent in the rightist actions.

Behind the violent rightist demonstrations of students, peasants, shopkeepers and police stands the French bourgeoisie, which wants a "strong state" regime to break the power of the working class. Hit hard by the world economic crisis, French capitalism—far weaker than its West German, American and Japanese competitors—cannot afford the Mitterrand "experiment." And the popular-front government's recourse to austerity only fuels the forces of petty-bourgeois reaction. Ever since the suppression in 1871 of the Paris Commune, France has been beset by an alternation of bonapartist and impotent parliamentary regimes.

In the present situation the danger is growing of another Clichy—the 1937 massacre when the police shot down anti-fascist demonstrators. The Clichy massacre sealed the fate of the Blum popular front, leading to the rightist Daladier ministry and paving the way a few years later for the Vichy regime of Marshal Pétain, which loyally collaborated with the Nazi occupation. But the threat of a new Daladier and Pétain cannot be answered by political support to Mitterrand & Co. The popular front breeds bonapartist reaction, which can only be swept away by workers' revolution.



Violent right-wing student actions spearhead growing bonapartist threat as French popular front proves bankrupt.

## The Working Class Has the Power to Repulse the Reactionary Mobilizations!

The fascists who led the reactionary student demonstrations howled: "Go break some [Algerian heads] at Aulnay!" There was the same racist rot at the May 5 demonstration of 20,000 artisans and merchants demanding that the CRS [paramilitary riot police] "beat up niggers not Frenchmen." On May Day, marching at the call of the pro-Pétainist SNPMI [National Union of Small and Medium Manufacturers] under a banner calling for "A Clean France," thousands of small businessmen and petty bourgeois took up the call for murder initiated by the fascists: "We'll get the commies' hides!" For the first time in a long time, the Nazi thugs are leading significant layers of the petty bourgeoisie. And if the current reactionary mobilizations evoke anything, it certainly has nothing to do with May '68, when nearly ten million workers were on a general strike. On the contrary, they recall February '34, when the agitation of several thousand armed fascists and royalists imposed a reactionary government. Today, for the time being, these ultra-reactionary demonstrations do not call for overthrowing the government by extra-parliamentary means, but the fascists' goal is clear: strangle political liberties, destroy the workers organizations and crush the working class, immigrants and everyone the fascists consider "inferior." *Don't leave the streets to the fascists! There must be a powerful working-class response NOW to the reactionary mobilizations!*

The fascist scum are not satisfied with mere demonstrations. And today they can only feel strengthened in forming new shock troops against the working

class and immigrants, expanding their reactionary terror. The workers movement must prepare to form workers and immigrants defense groups to stop and crush the fascists. *For workers self-defense militias!*

In the universities during the student demonstrations against the Savary plan [the government's educational "professionalization" scheme], the right and far right found nothing in their way to prevent them from controlling the streets. This "reform" is explicitly aimed at adapting the university to the needs of capitalism in crisis by increasing selectivity. As partisans of the working class in the student milieu, we fight against all manifestations of class privilege in the

university, for higher education open to all, including immigrants, and for truly adequate state scholarships for all students. And we are for throwing all cops and guards off campus. However, the so-called student "union" front groups for the Socialist Party (PS) and the fake-Trotskyists of the LCR [Ligue Communiste Révolutionnaire—followers of Ernest Mandel] and the PCI [Parti Communiste Internationaliste, formerly OCT, followers of Pierre Lambert] on the one hand and the PCF [French Communist Party] on the other have joined hands to limit the student mobilizations to the stupidly sub-reformist framework of mere opposition to competitive examinations. Unfortunately for them, they were entirely outflanked by the far right because they fully accept an incredibly corporatist framework for student struggles (as they have done for years); any student, even a right winger, can oppose entrance exams to the second year on the grounds that, being sufficiently privileged to get into the university, they have the right to stay there and be part of the "gilded youth." The "masses" that the "student unions" were hoping to lead were simply taken over by the far right. And the LCR and PCI simply played into the hands of the right!

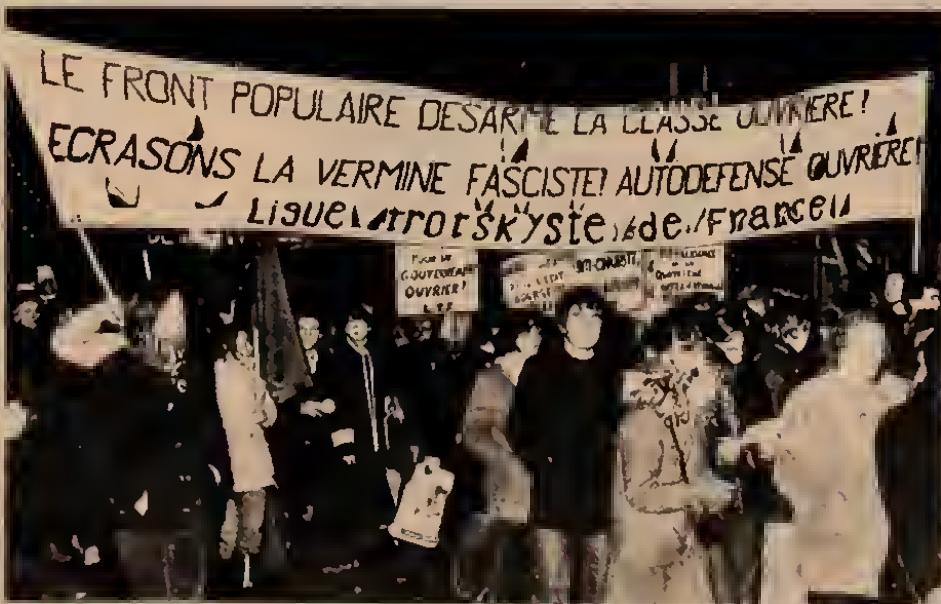
Workers and immigrants have nothing to hope for from Mitterrand's

popular-front government. On the contrary, he has been paving the way for the fascists! These creeps were perfectly conscious when on May 5 they chanted: "Allende, we got you—Mitterrand, we'll get you!" In fact it was the Mitterrand government which, when unskilled auto workers launched a struggle [last spring], used the racism spawned by capitalism in crisis to wage a disgusting campaign to make the immigrants, who were in the forefront of the workers' struggles, scapegoats for unemployment and the crisis! This is the government which organizes daily repression and terror by [Interior Minister] Deferre's racist cops against immigrants. The cops, official thugs of the bourgeois state, are only doing their job when they terrorize immigrant neighborhoods and break strikes by force. If today they confront the fascists in the streets, they will later serve them, working hand-in-glove against the workers and immigrants. As for the PCF leadership (which was responsible for the racist atrocity of Vitry in December 1981), its "Produce French" campaign merely feeds the flames of chauvinism pitting French workers against their foreign class brothers. *For workers mobilizations against racist attacks! Cops out of the immigrant neighborhoods! Full citizenship rights for immigrants!*

It isn't just Mitterrand's racist campaign which fills the fascists' sails, it's his anti-Soviet campaign as well. Reactionaries of all stripes applauded the expulsion of 47 Soviet diplomats [last April]. And from Afghanistan to Poland, while reinforcing the war arsenal of French imperialism, Mitterrand waves high the banner of the Cold War. What did he just do during his recent visit to Peking if not reinforce imperialism's links with the Chinese Stalinist bureaucracy, its main anti-Soviet ally in Asia, supporting it at the very moment it was dangerously threatening Vietnam! *Down with the Cold War campaign of Reagan and Mitterrand! Unconditional military defense of the USSR and Vietnam! China must not do the dirty work of imperialism!*

What pushes the petty bourgeoisie into the fascists' arms is the basic policy of the popular front—a class-collaborationist policy of loyally administering capitalism. The government's

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Rouen, December 1981: Ligue Trotskyiste de France organized hundreds in anti-fascist action. Banner reads, "Popular Front Disarms the Working Class."



# Dedicated Spy Who Defended the Soviet Union

# IN HONOR OF DONALD MACLEAN

We are reprinting below for the interest of our readers an article by Soviet historian Roy Medvedev, author of *Let History Judge: The Origins and Consequences of Stalinism*. This article was first published in the *Washington Post* (19 June 1983). For further information on the men and women who struggled courageously to defend the homeland of the October Revolution from imperialist attack, see our two-part series, "Heroic Soviet Spies" (WV Nos. 165 and 166, 8 and 15 July 1977).

By Roy Medvedev

MOSCOW—Several weeks ago some friends of Donald Maclean gathered at a private apartment in Moscow to honor his memory on the ninth day after his death, as is the Russian custom. Among them were several scholars and specialists on international relations, two former members of the Comintern and myself. Maclean's circle of friends in Moscow was not large, but those who knew him best respected him and considered him a sincere person whose fate was not only unusual, but tragic.

Only a few of the people who worked with Donald knew the details of his biography. The short obituary in *Izvestia* paid tribute to him as a scholar, the author of a number of studies of England's foreign policy, a doctor of science and a prominent member of the Institute of World Economics and International Relations.

But that does not explain why leading newspapers in England and the United States devoted major articles to the death of a scholar who was never very well known in the U.S.S.R.

A Scotsman, Donald Maclean was born to a wealthy, aristocratic family, and dozens of influential relatives congratulated his father (who later became a member of the British Cabinet) on the birth of a son. But when, at the age of 70, Donald Maclean died in Moscow in total isolation, none of his relatives had been with him during

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Moscow, 1963: Donald Maclean (left) and his wife at the funeral of Guy Burgess, who organized his last-minute escape from Britain.

illness and none was present at his funeral.

For Britain he was a spy, a traitor to his country and class, condemned in absentia to 30 years of imprisonment. For the U.S.S.R., he was one of the best spies who ever worked for Soviet intelligence.

For 20 years the Soviet media have been singing the praises of Soviet spies and members of the secret police. They have made a hero of Richard Sorge, one of the first to predict the Nazi attack on the Soviet Union, who was hanged in Tokyo in July 1944. Long articles appeared about Donald Maclean's former friend Kim Philby, who had also occupied posts in Britain's diplomatic service. But no articles appeared about Maclean, nor is it likely he would have agreed to any such publicity, though entire books had been published

in Britain about the Maclean-Philby affair.

I happened to meet Maclean in the late 1960s. I had written a large manuscript about Stalin [later published in the West under the title "Let History Judge"] which I was showing to individual historians, old Bolsheviks and other writers in exchange for their comments and to gather facts and testimony to add to a future book. One of my acquaintances asked for permission to show the manuscript to Mark Petrovich Frazer; Maclean was going by that name in Moscow.

My acquaintance told me a little about Maclean's life. His childhood had been typical for boys of his circle. In the 1930s, he began to study at Cambridge, a university accessible only to a few at that time but rife with political passions even so. Britain still possessed her

empire, and the ruling class was not yet contemplating independence for the colonies. World War I was still a fresh memory, as was the Depression of 1929-33.

Many saw a way out in radicalism or fascism. Still others, including some members of the intelligentsia and the aristocracy, read Marx and Lenin with hope. To them it was Soviet Russia that had provided "a ray of hope in the kingdom of darkness" by overthrowing capitalism.

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Donald Maclean's personal crisis came during the Spanish Civil War. At that time a Communist Party cell was active in aristocratic Cambridge. Young Donald requested permission to join the party, but he was asked to wait. Some time later he was asked to meet "a certain person," introduced to him as a senior member of the Comintern [the Communist International]. "You can do more good for the communist movement and its standard bearer, the Soviet Union, by serving our common cause in secret, and not by joining the party," the man told Donald. "It would be best for you to put some distance between yourself and the communists and make a career for yourself like other young men of your background."

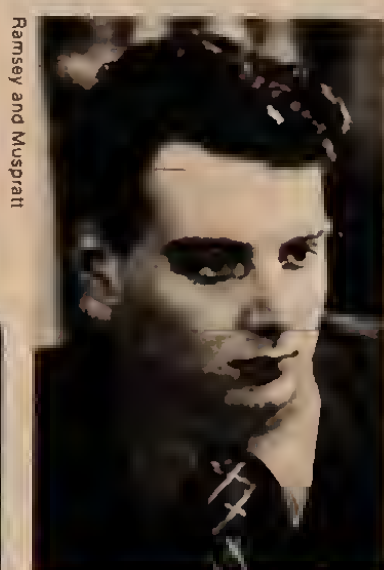
Donald agreed with this logic. He was still very young and only vaguely realized the price he would have to pay for his choice. He sincerely believed in socialism and did not want to continue the life of a well-heeled aristocrat. Within his own society he was a "dissident," but English society was tolerant to dissent and he would not have been faced with imprisonment even if he had openly come forward with a gospel of Marxism.

Now, however, Donald had become an agent of a foreign power, a spy, and English society—like any other society—could not forgive him this. True, he had not been bribed, but had been recruited through appeals to his convictions. He received not a single cent for his work as a spy, but that did not justify his actions in the eyes of British society.

Donald's career developed quite successfully. He openly "came to his senses" and began to work in the Foreign Office. For a long time he worked in the British embassy in Washington and was involved in the activities of the Anglo-American Combined Policy Committee on Atomic Matters. Thanks to Donald's reports, the Soviet leadership learned of the American effort to create an atomic bomb at various stages of its development. That was why President Truman's announcement at the Potsdam conference of the creation of an atomic bomb made no impression on Stalin whatsoever.

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Naturally, I was interested in learning Maclean's opinion of my manuscript.



From left: Kim Philby, Donald Maclean, Guy Burgess. British upper-class youth recruited to Communism at Cambridge, went on to perform great deeds in defense of the Soviet Union.



and I soon delivered it to him at his apartment near the Kiev train station. He liked my manuscript, and we discussed it for a long time. He said he had learned a great deal from it. But, as I realized later, he was most interested in the very concept of the manuscript.

In analyzing Stalin's crimes, I did not deny the value of socialism and communism—an approach which Maclean found congenial with his own view. When he had fled to the Soviet Union in 1951, warned by Kim Philby of the impending danger of his exposure, he found Soviet socialism to be very different from what he had imagined in the '30s. But even though he may have grown increasingly disenchanted with Soviet socialism, it is unlikely that he regretted the past or accepted the values of capitalism. In an utterly sincere step he became a member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Maclean and I subsequently met on several other occasions. He showed me his library and offered to help in translating certain English texts. "Samizdat" was at its peak, and he wanted to read many other manuscripts circulating in Moscow. Maclean never spoke of the details or the techniques of his work as a spy—perhaps he was not permitted to do so. On a few occasions he made reference to certain historic events which he seemed to have influenced.

For example, in the summer of 1950 the North Korean army began its offensive on the south and quickly crushed the troops of Syngman Rhee, pushing them to the sea and seizing 90 percent of the territory of South Korea. Truman suddenly ordered that a 50,000-man American contingent make an amphibious landing in the deep rear of the army, and on the following day the Eighth American Army launched an attack from its base in Pusan. Cut off from their bases, the troops of Kim Il Sung found themselves in a hopeless position and were crushed. American and Korean troops, together with units of certain allied countries, moved north toward the Chinese border.

It seemed that the days of the Korean People's Republic were numbered when Stalin insisted on Chinese interference. Mao hesitated, afraid that the Americans might move the war onto Chinese territory and even use the atom bomb on Chinese troops and industrial centers.

At that time an English delegation headed by Prime Minister Clement Attlee was visiting the United States. Donald Maclean, head of the American desk of the Foreign Office, was a member of that delegation. Neither Attlee nor their American colleagues had any secrets from Maclean. He managed to get a copy of an order from Truman to Gen. MacArthur not to cross the Chinese border under any circumstances and not to use atomic weapons. America feared a lengthy and hopeless war with China.

Stalin immediately passed on the information to Mao Tse-tung, and the Chinese reluctance came to an end. On Oct. 25 a vast army of "Chinese people's volunteers" crossed the Korean border and attacked American and South Korean troops. The bloody war entered a new stage and ended three years later with the establishment of a demarcation line along the 38th parallel.

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In Moscow, Maclean did not seek meetings with the dissidents, although he observed their activities and struggle with interest. He never refused to make small contributions when collections were made in support of the families of the arrested. On one occasion he learned that the daughter of a family he knew had been arrested for distributing leaflets (handprinted sheets from a school notebook). That year elections



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**Churchill and Truman sought to use nuclear blackmail against Stalin's Russia. Soviet intelligence was forewarned by Donald Maclean that U.S. and British imperialism had secretly developed the A-bomb.**

were being conducted for the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. A Soviet citizen, Maclean went to the voting place and, inside the booth, wrote on the form: "While girls like Olga Ioffe are kept in mental institutions, I cannot participate in the elections."

Maclean was pleased when his book on British foreign policy was published in England without any concealment of his authorship. He announced to everyone he knew that he would no longer go under the name Mark Petrovich Frazer, but would again be Donald Maclean. About two years later the book was published in Russian in the Soviet Union. I received a copy with the author's compliments and inscription.

In Moscow Maclean's family life was not a happy one. He did not like to discuss the matter, but it was not difficult to guess that his frequent drinking bouts were the cause of the friction. He was an alcoholic and underwent treatment for the disease. Evidently, the nerve-racking experience of previous years was not without effect.

Did Maclean maintain any contacts with the KGB? His closest friends were convinced that, if such ties remained, he used them only to get the material privileges and perquisites without which life in the Soviet Union is very difficult. In the past Maclean had evidently held some sort of rank in the intelligence service, that of colonel perhaps. But now he was a retired colonel and had no desire to remain in active service. Besides, he had never had any connections with those branches of the KGB that work in domestic matters.

Maclean had received the position of "adviser" to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs while Stalin was still alive. In essence, this was a sinecure. Later he began to work in the Institute of World Economics and International Relations in the Soviet Academy of Sciences. It was there that he defended his doctoral dissertation.

Nevertheless, it was only thanks to the assistance of the KGB that he and his wife Melinda received good apartments in Moscow. If the KGB had not vouched for him, he would not have been able to make trips to certain countries of the Soviet bloc—to Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria.

On several occasions he explained to me how to reveal an "informer" or learn if the secret police was following you and how. He even used one woman as an example, pointing out the clues that showed her to be a KGB informer.

Maclean could not have become a Soviet dissident, but neither did he wish to make any sort of career for himself in the U.S.S.R. He preferred to be an ordinary scholar. In the 1950s, Maclean still maintained friendly relations with a number of historians and specialists on international relations.

He became a regular in the group that formed around the journal *International Life*, and he enjoyed the complete trust of its members. I am not going to

name any names here. In the 1960s, the circle of his acquaintances shrank considerably. He broke off relations with some persons, and others passed on to a better world. In the '70s, his circle of acquaintances was reduced still further. By that time his sons had grown up and were studying in Moscow University, and not infrequently brought home young friends who were opposed to the government. Maclean listened to their conversations with interest, but this was already a different generation, with its own ideas about political and moral values.

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Donald had a dacha not far from Moscow, in the resort area of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He lived there from spring till late fall, cultivating his orchard, flower beds and garden like

a true Englishman. Often his daughter came to stay with him. He particularly loved his little granddaughter, who would stay with him for weeks at a time.

Gradually Donald's family began to fall apart. First his eldest son Fergus left for England. Then Donald's wife left to live with her mother. Together with her second husband, Donald's daughter left for the United States, taking his beloved granddaughter with her. Finally, his youngest son Donald also left, and Maclean was left alone in the world. When he learned of his illness, he withdrew into himself and stopped seeing even his closest friends. I learned of his death from the newspaper *Izvestia*.

Maclean lived a little over 30 years in the Soviet Union—precisely the amount of time he would have spent in solitary confinement in an English prison. In his youth he had passionately longed for social justice, and he did not betray his ideals in old age. Fate, however, had prepared heavy trials for him, and he was not up to enduring them all. This was more his tragedy than his guilt, for he lived in a very complex time and found himself in extremely complicated conditions.

Various people will probably try to draw conclusions from his tragic experience. The history of intelligence gathering is also history, and sometimes very instructive. In the foyer of his apartment Maclean had hung a sign with large letters: "Opportunists, Dishonest People, and Anti-Semites leave this apartment!" It was a strange sign for a man who had been one of the most important Soviet spies and KGB agents. But it was a very natural sign for the man whom we knew simply as Donald Maclean. ■



—translated from  
*Izvestia*,  
12 March 1983

## Д. Д. Маклэйн

После тяжелой болезни на семидесятом году жизни скончался Дональд Дональдович Маклэйн — член КПСС, видный ученый-международник, доктор исторических наук, ведущий исследователь Института мировой экономики и международных отношений АН СССР.

Д. Д. Маклэйн родился и получил образование в Англии.

Всю свою сознательную жизнь Д. Д. Маклэйн посвятил служению высоким идеалам социального прогресса и гуманизма, мира и международного сотрудничества. Исключительно велики его заслуги в борьбе против фашизма.

Работая более двадцати лет в Институте мировой экономики и международных отношений АН СССР, он внес большой вклад в изучение проблем мировой политики. Его работы по вопросам внешней и внутренней политики Великобритании получили широкое признание в научных кругах нашей страны и за рубежом. Много сил и внимания он отдавал подготовке и воспитанию молодых научных кадров.

Выдающиеся заслуги Д. Д. Маклэйна перед партией и государством отмечены орденами Красного Знамени, Трудового Красного Знамени и медалями.

Человек высоких моральных качеств, убежденный коммунист, чуткий и отзывчивый товарищ, Д. Д. Маклэйн неизменно пользовался всеобщим уважением и искренней симпатией. Светлая память о нем навсегда сохранится в наших сердцах.

ГРУППА ТОВАРИЩЕЙ.

## D.D. Maclean

After a grave illness in the seventieth year of life Donald D. Maclean died—a member of the CPSU [Communist Party of the Soviet Union], distinguished international scholar, doctor of historical studies, leading researcher of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

D.D. Maclean was born and raised in England.

D.D. Maclean devoted his whole conscious life to the service of the high ideals of social progress and humanism, peace and international cooperation. Exceptionally great was the service he rendered in the struggle against fascism.

Working over 20 years at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, he made a great contribution to the study of world politics. His works on the questions of foreign and domestic policy of Great Britain brought widespread recognition in the scientific circles of our country and abroad. He gave much strength and attention to the training and education of the young scientific cadre.

For his outstanding service to the party and government D.D. Maclean received the Order of the Red Banner, the Order of the Red Banner of Labor, and medals.

A man of high moral character, dedicated communist, a warm-hearted and sympathetic comrade, D.D. Maclean was invariably held in general esteem and sincere warm feelings. Long may his memory be preserved in our hearts.

A GROUP OF COMRADES



# Immigration Scare...

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starvation conditions. And while the image of a tidal wave of "wetback communism" is a Reaganite hallucination, many of these victimized and superexploited workers can be won to revolutionary politics.

The Senate Judiciary Committee report on the Simpson-Mazzoli bill laid out the ruling class' rationale:

"If immigration is continued at a high level, yet a substantial portion of these new persons and their descendants do not assimilate into the society, they have the potential to create in America a measure of the same social, political, and economic problems which exist in the countries from which they have chosen to depart."

—U.S. Senate Report, "Immigration Reform and Control," April 1983

And what are those problems? The Committee stipulated that "Communists, anarchists, saboteurs, and those seeking to overthrow the government will be excluded from each category of legalization." The racist anti-Communist character of U.S. immigration policy was made clear during last year's "Operation Jobs" dragnet: some 50 Polish immigrants picked up in Chicago were granted special refugee status, while several thousand Latin Americans were summarily deported. More recently, last May the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) arrested scores of Mexican workers in factory raids around San Jose, California. The press reported that they were replaced by "legitimate refugees," who turned out to be anti-Communist Indochinese.

## America's Reserve Army of Labor

The drum beaters for the Simpson-Mazzoli deportation legislation are filling the media with myths of a flood of illegal aliens "stealing" American jobs, "freeloading" on social services, etc. There has indeed been a dramatic increase in immigration to the U.S. during the '70s, much of it legal entry by right-wing fugitives from revolution: more than 280,000 Cubans and almost half a million Indochinese since 1975 alone. There has also been a sharp increase of Hispanic immigrants concentrated in the largest metropolitan centers, though the numbers are probably closer to 6 million than the 20 million claimed in the scare campaign. As for the use of social services, Los Angeles County last year asked the federal government for over \$200 million in compensation for services provided for "illegals." But a study by the federal Department of Labor showed that less than 1 percent of undocumented workers received welfare, 1.5 percent received food stamps and 4 percent had ever gotten unemployment payments; in contrast, 73 percent had income taxes withheld and 77 percent paid social security (*Econo-*

*mist*, 8 May 1982). Obviously, an undocumented worker would be crazy to submit to a welfare investigation. More than "paying their way," foreign workers are being robbed!

The vast bulk of "illegal" immigrants come to the United States because they are needed by the capitalist economy, whole sectors of which are dependent on low-wage labor without legal rights. Stoop labor in the fields for agribusiness, sweatshop workers in garment, restaurant dishwashers, hotel maids—millions of Latin American and Asian workers receive at most the minimum wage of \$3.35 an hour because to demand more would mean instant deportation. This is genuine super-exploitation, and a classic example of what Karl Marx called the "industrial reserve army" which holds wages down by increasing competition for jobs. When the economy is in crisis, the capitalists seek to remove "surplus" labor from the workforce—in this case, sending them back to the "Third World" countryside. The same process can be seen with Turkish and Yugoslav workers in West Germany, Africans in France, West Indians and Asians in Britain. But the U.S. presently lacks the mechanisms for such mass expulsions. The call for immigration "reform," like social service cutbacks and industrial union "givebacks," is a broader attempt to exploit the labor force more profitably.

Meanwhile, there is a vast population living on the margin of "legal" society, in daily fear of lightning Gestapo raids by the hated *migra* cops or identity checks on the streets. Take a look at a typical month in Los Angeles (as reported in the Spanish-language daily *La Opinión*), where out of an estimated 2.1 million Mexican Americans and 350,000 other Hispanics, over a million may be "illegals." Following a Supreme Court decision removing restrictions on factory raids, they have increased noticeably. On May 26 INS agents surrounded the entrances to a Baldwin Park garment shop, seizing anyone of Latin appearance. A pregnant Mexican woman was seriously cut on the head while producing her legal papers; her Salvadoran husband was jailed on \$5,000 bail. Two days earlier *migra* agents kidnapped three Guatemalan children in their home in order to lure the parents to INS offices to be deported. On June 10 a raid on a home in Santa Ana found 68 illegals jammed into a dark garage, and the L.A. district attorney announced he is not filing charges against off-duty cops who murdered a Latin youth at a ball game in a Pasadena park last summer. On June 20, an undocumented worker was run down and killed by a police cruiser in Stanton, the town where the 5-year-old black child Patrick Mason was murdered in his bedroom by a killer cop.

Along the 2,000-mile frontier is the domain of the notoriously corrupt and brutal Border Patrol. Last year more than 800,000 people were sent back to Mexico, and so far in 1983 the rate has been up by almost 50 percent. The border police are now using sophisticated equipment including infrared night sensors, dune buggies and helicopters, making the Chula Vista area look like the U.S. army's attempt to block the Ho Chi Minh trail. They are equally unsuccessful, and obviously such numbers would not get through unless they were wanted. Often workers are brought across by *coyotes* (smugglers) who supply them to labor contractors; jammed into vans, then dumped in chicken-wire coops in the middle of some ranch, they will work for a grower and then, frequently, be seized by the INS just before payday.

Across the border are the giant holding pens of Tijuana and Ciudad Juárez, both with populations over a million, spread out in vast working-class barrios that resemble a moonscape, with dirt streets, not a blade of grass and no running water for drinking or sewage. Many of the residents work in the



Young Spartacus  
New York City, 30 April 1982: SL demands "Free Haitians from Reagan's Concentration Camps!"

"maquiladoras," American-owned light-industrial assembly plants on the Mexican side of the border which are exempt from import-export duties (and free of unions). Others are waiting for harvest season to head north again. All of them, on both sides of the border, are an integral part of the American capitalist economy. And instead of joining the bosses' clamor for immigration controls, as the sellout labor bureaucrats do (along with their calls for protectionism), socialists and militant unionists must organize these workers in struggle against their common exploiters.

## Down with the Simpson-Mazzoli Deportation Bill

Now the U.S. ruling class wants to "reform" this regime, drastically reducing legal immigration to 425,000 a year (down from over 800,000 in 1980), increasing the police powers of the INS and mandating a "national worker identification system" of "counterfeit-proof" IDs which even right-wing columnist William Safire has labeled "totalitarian." The Labor Department's role as slave labor contractor would be expanded, reviving the *bracero* program of the 1950s—now renamed "guest worker" (the H-2 program)—to import more than 300,000 field workers, often as strikebreakers. And there will be penalties for employers who knowingly hire undocumented foreign workers. In sum, as we wrote last December, "If fully enforced it would lead to a South African-style 'internal passport' system ... if they don't start tattooing Social Security numbers on our wrists."

In exchange the bill offers an amnesty, touted by Senator Alan Simpson as the most "generous legalization in history of immigration law in any nation." Claims are made that it would cover anywhere from 2.3 million people up. Under the present Senate version of the bill, applicants who have been in the country since before 1 January 1977 would be eligible for permanent resident status (the "green card"), provided they could prove they were here and that they won't become "public charges"—i.e., receive welfare, unemployment compensation, etc.—an absurd condition in a time of mass layoffs. In addition, they must obtain "good conduct" certificates from the local police. Those who entered the country before 1 January 1980 can apply for temporary residency, under the same conditions. However, the names of those who apply for legal status and are rejected will be handed over to the INS for deportation. Refugees from rightist terror regimes in Latin America will be prohibited from applying for asylum, and the cut-off dates would exclude most of the black Haitians and Salvadorans who have fled to the U.S. in the last three years.

How then must the Simpson-Mazzoli bill be fought? In announcing a June 11 protest in Los Angeles, long-time Stalinist hacks Bert Corona and Frank

Wilkinson declared that "the bill can be blocked with amendments" and it "can and will be stopped in the House." The Republican Senate already passed the legislation in May by a 76-18 vote, as it did last year, so these reformists are relying on the Democratic-controlled U.S. House of Representatives. This program was voiced at the L.A. march in the frequent chant, "*Congreso escucha, el pueblo está en lucha*" (Listen Congress, the people are in struggle). But the Democrats are supporting Simpson-Mazzoli. A combination of labor and business interests blocked the act in the last session, and now that the latter have been pieced off with lighter employer sanctions, the bill will probably pass. Only militant working-class struggle can defeat the deportation legislation. When Chicago was hit with a series of *migra* raids recently, the Spartacist League (SL) called a demonstration on June 17 demanding, "For Labor Action to Stop the INS Raids! No Deportations!"

## Immigration and Workers Revolution

The bipartisan assault on "illegal" Latin American workers is in part one of the domestic consequences of the anti-Soviet war drive. A July 11 TV documentary in the "Frontline" series pointed out that 6,000 Salvadorans were deported back to their war-torn country last year, many of them to face death at the hands of rightist terrorists. Poles who arrive in the U.S. illegally are routinely awarded special "extended stay" status, already granted to several thousand applicants. But only 28 out of some 25,000 Salvadorans apprehended over the last two years have been granted political asylum, and 30 out of 30,000 Haitians! Ronald Reagan stands by his butchers, so that Nazi war criminals, Cuban *gusanos*, Vietnamese drug pushers and Nicaraguan torturers are received with open arms while their victims are systematically excluded. Nativist fascists have seized on the "illegal alien" issue as well, as the Ku Klux Klan threatened to march in Washington last November 27 against the "amnesty" provisions of the Simpson-Mazzoli bill. But they were blocked by more than 5,000 overwhelmingly black workers, youth and leftists who came out to the call of the SL to "Stop the KKK."

The Spartacist League has uniquely fought for full citizenship rights for undocumented workers. In the mid-1970s we denounced the shameful actions of Cesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers, who called on the INS to arrest Mexican field hands being used as scabs. The SL called instead for the organization of farm workers on both sides of the border. In March 1981 in Los Angeles we called the first demonstration in the U.S. protesting the deportation of Salvadorans. In April 1982 the SL, along with militant unionists from telephone and longshore, held emergency demonstrations in L.A. and across the country protest-

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## Hunger Strike at El Centro

# Free Salvadorans From U.S. Concentration Camps!

LOS ANGELES—Guards at the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) detention center in El Centro, California have responded to a recent hunger strike by detainees with daily beatings and torture of Central American refugees confined there. The hunger strike, which lasted nearly three weeks, was called to protest the abominable concentration camp conditions at this holding pen:

The L.A. Spanish-language daily *La Opinión* (22 June) reported that a delegation from the Ecumenical Project of Los Angeles visited the detention camp and found Carlos Bance Tibaral, a Guatemalan accused of being the leader of the hunger strike, thrown into solitary confinement for five days. Mario H. Pérez, a Salvadoran, was put in a refrigerated starvation cell for 24 hours. Two other Salvadorans, Eduardo Antonio Evora and Ulises Antonio Menjibar, were beaten and tortured. Evora suffered a broken bone, while Menjibar's nose was broken, for which

he never received medical attention.

The Los Angeles-based "Santana Chirino Amaya" Central American Refugee Committee (named for a Salvadoran deported from the U.S. in July 1981 and found one month later decapitated in El Salvador) has publicized the hunger strike, which began June 2. The Committee reported that at least three Salvadoran hunger strikers have been deported back to El Salvador since the strike began. When the strike ended, only 25 of 40 strikers remained at El Centro. The only knowledge of the others is that they have been "relocated."

There are reportedly more than 500,000 Salvadoran refugees—more than 10 percent of the entire population of that country—in the U.S., almost all having arrived in the past three years. They seek to escape the ravages of the U.S.-backed genocidal military and death squads who have butchered more than 40,000 unarmed peasants and urban poor in the last half decade.

Although more than 20,000 Salvadoran refugees have requested asylum in the U.S., only a handful have been granted it. "If we gave the refugees asylum, it would be an admission that the Government in El Salvador, which we support, violates human rights," said Peter Schey of the National Center for Immigrants' Rights (*New York Times*, 4 July).

The grisly spectacle of 1,000-plus Salvadoran refugees being put aboard Western Airlines and Mexicana flights every month, many of whom are literally being deported to their deaths, has sparked an outcry in the U.S. From Los Angeles to Chicago to Washington, D.C. hundreds are now finding refuge in churches as pastors and whole congregations of middle-class Americans are openly defying U.S. laws. But it is not a question of "moral witness." The U.S. government, which under both Democrats and Republicans has welcomed Cuban *gusanos*, Vietnamese drug pushers and now Polish defectors, has

systematically excluded refugees from Pinochet's Chile and D'Aubuisson's Salvador. The source of the Salvadoran refugee question is Washington's policy of global counterrevolution, which is trying to drown leftist insurgency in Central America in blood.

When Reagan spins his demagoguery about "feet people," it is necessary to answer this cynical defense of the death squads head on. Revolutionaries, class-conscious unionists, black militants—anyone fighting for social justice—must take the side of the Salvadoran workers and peasants struggling against Reagan's butchers. The Spartacist League/Spartacus Youth League, which were the first to protest Salvadoran deportations from the U.S., have consistently fought for military victory to the leftist rebels. The struggle against Reagan's racist immigration policies must be part of the struggle for workers revolution in Central America and at home. Asylum for refugees from Salvadoran terror! No deportations! ■

ing the racist roundup of foreign-born (mainly Mexican) workers in Reagan's cynical "Operation Jobs." In particular we called on the labor movement to wage a determined fight against racist immigration policies, for jobs for all and citizenship rights for all foreign workers: everyone who has made it into this country should have the right to stay here! And we linked struggle against deportations in the U.S. to the war in Central America: on June 11, SL demonstrators at the anti-Simpson-Mazzoli demonstration in L.A. raised a banner proclaiming: "Military Victory to Leftist Insurgents! Defense of Cuba, USSR Begins in El Salvador!"

The immigration question is inherently international. The Communist Party reformists, who here appeal to the Democrats, in Mexico look to the ruling "Institutional Revolutionary" Party (PRI) to pressure Washington over immigration issues. Yet for the populist PRI, Mexican immigration to the U.S. is an important escape valve to relieve social tensions at home. While the Trotskyist SL calls for a battlefield victory to Salvadoran guerrillas, the reformists support the Mexican government's call for a "negotiated solution" to forestall the threat of workers revolution in Central America. The pseudo-Trotskyist Partido Obrero Socialista (POS), followers of Argentine adventurer Nahuel Moreno, had condemned the reformists for their support to a negotiated sellout in El Salvador. But over Mexican immigration to the U.S., the POS called on the PRI to "come out in defense of Mexican-origin workers and our Latin brothers" against the Simpson-Mazzoli act (*La Opinión* [Los Angeles], 25 March). Proletarian opposition to the victimization of undocumented workers is one thing, but this nationalist appeal amounts to support to the counterrevolutionary purposes of the capitalist rulers of Mexico.

Because immigrant workers as an "industrial reserve army" are often used as scabs, "pure and simple" trade unionism cannot transcend anti-immigrant chauvinism reflected in the AFL-CIO's endorsement of Simpson-

Mazzoli. The bosses also use immigrant labor to further divide the labor movement, pitting white and black workers against immigrants. It will take a revolutionary party and a class-struggle leadership in the unions to unify the labor movement behind the internationalist perspective which includes organizing the unorganized on both sides of the Mexican border and fighting for citizenship rights for all foreign-born workers.

Communists are the most militant opponents of the racist immigration policies of imperialist capitalism. Even social-democratic "models" like Sweden

only offer "voting rights" to their foreign "guest workers" (a reformist demand raised by the Morenoite Internationalist Workers Party in the U.S.). As Marxian materialists we understand that national borders will remain as long as the nation-state persists, that is, until we have achieved a classless socialist society. Thus we reject the utopian demand of "open borders," which among other consequences would mean an unhridled invasion of Mexico by U.S. capital. V.I. Lenin, leader of the Russian October Revolution, declared in his April 1917 speech on the national question, "Only when the socialist

revolution has become a reality, not a method, will the slogan 'Down with frontiers' be a correct slogan." Among the first decrees of the victorious Soviet state in Russia was the "Declaration of Rights of the Toiling and Exploited People" (January 1918), which proclaimed the right of citizenship for all workers living on Russian territory, and of asylum for foreigners persecuted on grounds of political or religious offenses.

Under socialism there will be no more "illegal aliens." National borders will disappear and all they will call you will be "comrade." ■

## Reagan Targets Anti-Apartheid Poet

# Asylum for Dennis Brutus!

CHICAGO—The racist U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has been trying since 1981 to deport black South African poet Dennis Brutus, currently a tenured professor at Northwestern University. Brutus, a well-known anti-apartheid activist, is appealing for political asylum in the U.S. against the Reagan administration's attempt to ship him to Zimbabwe, where his life would be in immediate danger from the long arm of the racist South African police-state regime.

Brutus, who was born in the then-British colony of Rhodesia and raised in South Africa, helped organize the 60,000-member South Africa Sports Association as a young athlete there, protesting the color bar in sports. It was outlawed in 1962, Brutus' poetry was banned in South Africa, and in 1965 Brutus himself was "banned" under the "Suppression of Communism Act." Now classified by the INS as an "excludable subversive," Brutus has lived in the U.S. for over a decade on a series of visas granted in the name of "cultural exchange." Only a month

after Reagan's inauguration, Brutus was notified his visa wouldn't be renewed and he was ruled deportable. Reagan is, in effect, handing Brutus over to Botha's torturers as a gesture cementing the U.S./South Africa racist, anti-Soviet alliance.

The Spartacist League/Spartacus Youth League demand political asylum for Dennis Brutus! From the assassination of anti-apartheid fighter Ruth Furst in Mozambique to Pretoria's terror raids and bombings in Maputo and Lesotho, and their recent lynching of three heroic African National Congress fighters, the savagely racist South African regime has shown it will stop at nothing to crush its opponents.

Brutus is an advocate of liberal "divestment" schemes. But no "progressive" portfolio management is going to smash apartheid or the U.S./South African anti-Soviet axis. Instead, the black workers of South Africa must take the industrial wealth that they have created. The increasingly powerful black proletariat holds in its hands the means to break



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the shackles of apartheid. Smash apartheid—For workers revolution!

Brutus' lawyers will present his defense before the INS in Chicago on July 18. The Partisan Defense Committee has sent a telegram demanding political asylum for this courageous anti-apartheid fighter, and we urge our readers to send similar telegrams to: Judge Irving Schwartz, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 219 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60604.



# Hands Off Grenada...

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to arm a force of Surinamese exiles to invade that country. In Grenada, the plan centered on economic destabilization. Both plans were supposedly nixed by Congressional intelligence committees. A senior Senate Intelligence Committee member cynically remarked, "We are out of the business of overthrowing governments. We may cause a little economic trouble, a little publicity and [give] aid [to opposition groups], but we don't overthrow governments" (*Washington Post*, 27 February). Tell that to the Sandinista militiamen fighting the U.S.-trained and equipped counterrevolutionaries in the jungles of Nicaragua!

In early June, Grenadian prime minister Maurice Bishop came to the U.S. to "establish some form of official contact" and to "deepen and strengthen the people-to-people relations." In Washington, Bishop appealed to the Organization of American States to intercede on Grenada's behalf. Not bloody likely. This is the OAS which Fidel Castro rightly called a "Yankee ministry of colonies," which expelled Cuba for standing up to Uncle Sam, that provided cover for the 1965 U.S. invasion of the Dominican Republic! Snubbed by Reagan, Bishop found an enthusiastic reception at Hunter College in New York City, where he spoke before nearly 3,000 people, mostly Caribbean blacks. He drew rousing applause on quoting from a secret State Department report that warned that black radical Grenada could have "dangerous appeal to 30 million black people in the U.S."

A major point of contention between the Reagan administration and Grenada is the new international airport. Bishop waxed lyrical in his description of the undertaking: "This airport is an ancient dream of the people of our country." In fact, the expanded airport is crucial to Grenada's tourist industry, making access by jet plane possible for the first time. But for Reagan, said the Grenadian prime minister, it is a "strategic jump-off point from where we can launch an attack on the great big powerful mighty United States. It looks like we have become a superpower."

Bishop told his audience at Hunter College of an ABC television crew

which traveled to Grenada to investigate Reagan's charges that Grenada was building a sophisticated military base. "So we said, 'Okay, let's go down to the airport and take some photographs'.... They discovered that at the beginning of the strip... is where the medical school with 700 American students live and study. And they discovered that these medical school students, American students, were running up and down the strip jogging every day and every night!... Two days later ABC comes back. Same crew. So I say, 'What's the problem now, fellows?' They say, 'All right. We agree that it is not a sophisti-



During recent U.S. visit Grenadian prime minister Maurice Bishop sought to turn away Reagan's wrath.

cated air base; we won't say that again. We're sorry about that.' But, they now discover that we have sophisticated communications facilities. So we say, 'All right. We don't know anything about them; we don't know where they are, but feel free. Go around the country. If you can find them, we also would like to see them.' So much for Reagan's satellites.

Although high on Reagan's hit list and touted by everyone from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) to Herbert Daughtry's National Black United Front as a black radical mecca, Grenada is hardly revolutionary. Bish-

op's left-wing populist New Jewel Movement (NJM) came to power in a 1979 coup, overthrowing the brutal and corrupt right-wing dictatorship of Sir Eric Gairy. Sir Eric, installed at "independence" by the British colonial rulers, maintained "law and order" with a cutthroat band of ex-criminals called the Mongoose Gang. Upon ousting the hated tyrant Gairy, the NJM set up the People's Revolutionary Government (PRG), undertaking a number of social programs to reduce the island's astronomical unemployment.

Members of the social-democratic Second International and "comrades" of such open anti-Communists as "State Department socialist" Michael Harrington and El Salvador's Guillermo Ungo, the NJM's model is Michael Manley's People's National Party (PNP) in Jamaica. It was the anti-working-class austerity policies of the bourgeois-populist PNP that generated mass opposition to Manley, combining with U.S. "destabilization" actions to bring in current Jamaican prime minister Edward Seaga, known locally as "CIAga," in 1980 elections.

The NJM's support for the island's business interests is fundamental to Grenada's "mixed economy." Bishop has called for "stimulat[ing] the private sector generally" (*Granma Weekly Review*, 12 July 1981). After farm workers occupied the plantation of a leading Grenadian family, the NJM newspaper condemned the action: "This kind of crazy seizure of property was one of the factors that led to counterrevolution in Chile." The now anti-Trotskyist SWP may consider Grenada, together with Cuba and Nicaragua, as one of the "three revolutionary giants of the Caribbean." But many of the SWP's "fraternal" allies in the pseudo-Trotskyist United Secretariat (USec) are not so enthusiastic. A Jamaican leftist writing in *Tranchées* (July 1982), a West Indian USec magazine, observed critically, "It appears that the local bourgeoisie has been assured by Bishop's repeated commitment to respect private property, as well as by the presence of representatives of the capitalist class within the PRG."

While they are in no way socialists, these populists can be a thorn in the side of U.S. imperialism. The NJM, merely in order to achieve a measure of independence from neo-colonial domination, has been forced to adopt radical-nationalist tones and ally with Cuba. Yet only a socialist federation of the

Caribbean, in cooperation with a revolutionary workers government in the U.S., can lift the weight of poverty and despair from the lives of the masses in the West Indies. As we wrote in *Young Spartacus* (December 1980-January 1981):

"It is absurd to envision proletarian revolution within the confines of these impoverished islands which hardly have a proletariat. Lacking the strength of proletarian or bourgeois class rule, petty-bourgeois movements like Bishop's can dominate the lumpenproletariat only through bonapartist militarism. And tiny Grenada is no Cuba. Moreover, even in a Caribbean-wide framework, linking up the fragments of a working class from Trinidad to Cuba (and the U.S. colony of Puerto Rico), it will not be possible to escape from deep poverty and build socialism without proletarian revolution in the metropolitan imperialist powers, first and foremost the United States."

The "counter-projection" of Yankee power throughout the Caribbean is well under way. Reagan brandishes his Big Stick and complains about Democrats who want to "speak softly." A Caribbean fleet command has been established in Key West. The latest U.S. naval maneuvers in the region, involving 77 warships and 400 aircraft, were described as "offensive war games" (*Los Angeles Times*, 3 April). And in late 1981, American military forces staged an invasion of the island of Vieques, off Puerto Rico, as a trial run for an assault on Grenada. An attempted invasion (by U.S. Nazis and KKKers) of another small Caribbean island, Dominica, with a mildly leftist government, was broken up last year only as the invaders were embarking in New Orleans. To beat back such imperialist adventures requires revolutionary struggle throughout the region and in the U.S.

The Trotskyists of the international Spartacist tendency seek to build a genuine world party of socialist revolution. In the Caribbean this means welding the black, Hispanic and East Indian masses into a united proletarian-led movement that, together with its North American comrades, could sweep away imperialist domination from the area. Only the Trotskyist program of permanent revolution can provide the basis for integrated class struggle throughout the region. U.S. out of the Caribbean! Independence for Puerto Rico—Hands off Grenada—Defend Cuba! Forward to the formation of Trotskyist parties in the Caribbean, sections of a reborn Fourth International! ■

# Speedup on Death Row...

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that state; from capitalist politicians to cops and prison guards. For example, Texas prisoner Thomas Barefoot, whose request for a stay of execution was denied, is accused of killing a cop in 1978. But the killer-cops like Anthony Sperl who broke into the home of five-year-old Patrick Mason and killed this black child in cold blood, one of the most revolting racist murders in decades, are protected and emboldened by these laws. Further, this most recent decision is a fundamental attack on habeas corpus, undermining basic human rights established in the Middle Ages to curtail the arbitrary brutality of a dying aristocracy.

The court thereby approved the pending execution of Barefoot, and in addition dangerously approved the method by which he was convicted—the prosecutor had two psychiatrists who had not even interviewed the prisoner testify that "he would present a danger to society if he was not executed"! As dissenting justice Harry A. Blackmun noted, this means that "the specious testimony of a psychiatrist... equates with death itself" (*New York Times*, 7 July). The next day even the *Times* felt

compelled to editorialize that "the Court's majority seemed eager only to avoid blame for delaying executions." The bloody-minded high priests of American capitalist "justice" should have put on executioners masks to announce their verdict.

While the government plays up the horrible crimes of a few murderers in order to sway public opinion in favor of the death penalty as a "deterrent" to crime, we know that the terrible power of the state will be used in the main to go after the working class and particularly black people.

The case of Johnny Imani Harris, a black man now sitting on Death Row in Alabama for a crime he did not commit, is typical of the kind of victim they want. After moving into an all-white neighborhood in Birmingham and facing racist threats—such as a cross burned on his lawn—he was imprisoned for the standard Southern racist charge of "raping a white woman." Too poor to hire a competent lawyer, he was thrown into jail for five life sentences. Harris joined a prisoners' union to improve conditions in jail—and then he was framed up on the charge of killing a prison guard, for which he now faces the death penalty despite the fact that an eyewitness to the murder subsequently exonerated him! Free Johnny Imani Harris!

The threatening legal bloodbath has been encouraged by the racist mobiliza-

tion of the Klan/Nazis in the streets today—facilitated not only by Reagan & Co. but also by the Democratic liberals like Jimmy Carter, who paved the way with attacks on husing for integration and other minimal civil rights gains. As communists, champions of democratic rights and opponents of

all forms of social barbarism, we stand against capital punishment because the real threat to mankind is the murderous power of the imperialist state itself. The only solution to racist capitalist violence is the abolition of capitalism, by a workers government. Down with the death penalty! ■

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# Taylors...

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frame-up charges for defending themselves from an armed invasion by two unidentified plainclothes police. It's obvious they need the support of fellow unionists and all decent people in the form of massive labor/black action and financial aid for their legal defense.

Any union leader with even one shred of decency would have wanted to organize labor action in defense of the Taylors, who are hard working UAW members like all of us. But what do we get from Hank Wilson and his bosses in Sacrifice House? Damned if they care if the Taylors fry, or rot in Alabama's jails! While saying (talk is cheap) he supported the Taylors and the motion, Wilson sank into an orgy of race-baiting against RMC member Frank Hicks to sabotage any organized union defense of the Taylors. Wilson's Health and Safety Rep. Curtis Newton added his 1/2c, attempting to divide black and white workers by calling Hicks "Tarzan." The fact is that Wilson & Co. hate the Rouge Militant Caucus because it is integrated, and has led Rouge workers in action to drive out the two Klan-hooded foremen and helped build the 5,000 strong labor/black demonstration which stopped the KKK in Washington, D.C. on November 27th.

Wilson sabotages the defense of the Taylors just like he strips us of any defense of our jobs in the DAP. His job for Ford depends on keeping us hogtied and at each other's throats.

What happened to the Taylors shows that blacks in America can't even mourn their mother in peace and dignity.

**DEMONSTRATE FRIDAY GATE 4**  
2:30-3:30 pm

The Taylors' lives are in danger! Damn Wilson, Rinaldi and the rest of the sell-outs who would leave the Taylors at the mercy of Alabama "justice". Demonstrate for labor/black action—we must adopt and implement the motion for union action to save the Taylors now!

Rouge Militant Caucus, June 29

## Down with the "United Front" That Would Let the Taylor Family Hang!

Due to the efforts of the Rouge Militant Caucus (RMC) and the decent,

concerned Rouge workers who spread the word about the Friday July 1st Gate 4 demonstration, and circulated, or signed the petition for UAW action, important beginning steps have begun to mobilize the necessary union and black action that can save the beleaguered Taylor family from the racist legal lynching perpetrated by the state of Alabama. We would also like to thank the Detroit Labor/Black Struggle League (LBSL) and the Spartacist League—*Workers Vanguard* (SL), demonstrating their commitment for the cause of black liberation and workers revolution by joining this action.

A stench of indecency has been uncovered and there are some things that should be crystal clear to those who have the following questions:

1. Why should Hank Wilson (or any other so-called "leader" in the UAW) oppose UAW action to defend UAW members from racist victimization? He and all the other sellouts in Sacrifice House are against any labor action to defend itself because they are the political police of U.S. capitalism in our unions, to keep us "under control"—any success we achieve for militant working-class action would give the workers confidence and strength to wage class struggle against their masters—and the Democratic-Republican parties. We need jobs, decent low-cost integrated housing, education for our youth; you name it—we need it. But all we get from the sell-out union leaders and their masters in the capitalist Democratic-Republican parties is concessions, unemployment, ghetto hell-holes, and police terror "curfews" that are going to keep more than just young people

consulate in New York City demanding, "Crush the *contras*, workers to power!" Now the Moonies have tried to set up the SL for organizing the Labor/Black Mobilization that blocked the fascist Ku Klux Klan from parading their lynch mob terror in the streets of the nation's capital last November 27. The 5,000 black militants, unionists and leftists who responded to our call to stop the racist terrorists are slanderously accused of "provoking violence" against the police. The Marxist socialists of the SL are falsely branded as outlaws, to be denied democratic rights and shot down at will. All opponents of fascism and jackboot terror are on the Moonies' hit list. To anyone struggling for human freedom, from Honduras to Washington, D.C. we say: "Our fight against the Moonie libel is also yours." ■

## France...

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anti-working-class austerity measures, required by the capitalist crisis, also hit the petty bourgeoisie, which will follow the anti-Mitterrand demagoguery of a Le Pen [leader of the National Front fascists] or other would-be *Führers*, unless a powerful workers movement shows its determination to fight for power, winning the confidence of layers of the petty bourgeoisie in struggle. Only the working class can provide a radical solution

"under control" in this rotting capitalist system.

2. Isn't the RMC and the "United Front Caucus" the same group, don't they stand for the same thing? No way, no how.

Fact: at the June 25th Dearborn Assembly Plant (DAP) meeting, Judy Wraight seconded ex-foreman Al ("Boss Hogg") Morris's motion to "invalidate and adjourn the meeting," because there weren't "enough Executive Board members present." This flunky action proves that Ron and Judy will sink to the lowest measures to sabotage genuine labor action in alliance with "Boss Hogg" or Hank Wilson, who did finally adjourn the meeting in the middle of discussing the action proposal of the RMC to defend the Taylor family.

Fact: Judy Wraight, Ron Lare and their friends from the "Revolutionary" (!) Workers League huddled near the guard shack on the other side of the street from the Save the Taylors demonstration refusing to join because they won't do anything that goes against the RULES as determined by Hank Wilson, Mike Rinaldi or the International. These blowhards are ever full of words, ink and paper but like every two-bit hustler that comes along they promise everything and deliver nothing.

Fact: Judy and Ron are pathetic excuses for "socialists" or "militants." They whine and complain endlessly about how "undemocratic" (tell us something we don't know) Hank Wilson is. Of late they've been falling all over themselves in swallowing Wilson's off the cuff bait that they should integrate Dearborn. Wilson suggested this as a stab at "white radicals" who so much as

pay lip service (Ron and Judy) to struggling for black and working-class rights. Wilson cares no more for integrating Dearborn—a diehard racist enclave—than he does for defending the Taylor family. He has bigger fish to fry (giving up more concessions). And Ron and Judy just want to be little fish in his foul smelling pond. If Wilson gave these "militants" a little do-nothing "committee" (like the Civil Rights Committee they're begging for) they would simply continue their fight against concrete labor/black action against the bosses and their stooges. It would be Howdy Doody time.

3. Not to let sleeping dogs lie, for those that don't know Lonnie Spight, he's a supporter of the Communist Labor Party, whose only response to the question of if he supported union action to defend the Taylors was something we hear from committeemen: "I'll get back to you—leave me alone!" We cite these shameful actions of so-called leftists because as we have always maintained, that when the union misleaders get into trouble there are those pretenders to the banner of socialism that will do their favors to the union bureaucrats to keep the workers passive, docile and "under control."

Then we have these messengers for Libya's despot Colonel Qaddafi, the Workers League and its paper, the *Bulletin*. For those of us that have not avoided their salesmen like the plague, take note: on the morning of the rally, *Bulletin* salesmen at Gate 2 physically assaulted two *Workers Vanguard* salesmen, frothing at the mouth that defense of the Taylors was "opportunistic."

Action always speaks louder than words. Those Rouge workers that did their part to establish the beginning of this necessary fight are to be congratulated, and ought to feel proud. Let us go forward and finish what we have started. To those that seek to sabotage and stand in the way of labor/black action to save the lives of the Taylor family for whatever opportunist reasons—get out of the way! Those serious fighters that understand the life and death consequences if the Taylors are allowed to hang are not to be trifled with.

Rouge Militant Caucus, July 12

Contributions for the legal defense of the Taylor family may be sent to: Montgomery Defense Fund, PO Box 3273, Pontiac, MI 48059.

# Moonies...

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blamed it all on the thousands who came out to protest Duarte, violence-baiting the left, "the Revolutionary Communist Party, the Spartacus Group and several others" in particular. An SL spokesman wrote to the *San Francisco Examiner* protesting the cop slanders:

"The provocateurs were the ultra right-wing cult followers of Reverend Moon who staged a pro-Duarte provocation.... The real violence came from the *San Francisco Police*."

—"SL Protests S.F. Cop Smear," *WV* No. 291, 23 October 1981

Thus the Moonies offer themselves up as shock troops for Reagan and the police to silence opponents of U.S.-backed right-wing terror in Central America.

Sun Myung Moon's pseudo-religious "Unification Church" proclaims: "Communism is a cancer. You can't live with it. You have to destroy it." That is just what the dangerous Moonie cult is attempting to do in Central America, allied with the death squads and *contras* responsible for killing well over 100,000 workers, peasants and leftists during the last five years. The Spartacist League (SL) has made the fight against counterrevolutionary terror in Central America its own. On March 25 we demonstrated outside the Honduran

to the crisis of decaying capitalism by seizing power, expropriating the bourgeoisie and installing a planned economy. But by supporting the government of austerity, the reformist leaderships of the proletariat paralyze and demoralize the workers. These cowardly bureaucrats talk of "mobilizing" to counterbalance the right, but in practice they break strikes, as in auto, they leave the streets to the fascists and do everything to avoid the general strike which is needed against the second plan of "rigor." The CGT [Communist-led union federation] leadership's "week of action" is intended to be nothing but a "safety valve" for the workers' anger. *Break the bureaucrats' stranglehold! Transform work stoppages called for by the CGT tops into real strikes against the government's austerity policies and a show of strength against the reactionary demonstrations!* We would wager, for example, that if there is a real strike on May 10 at Renault-Cléon, with thousands of workers marching in the streets, the fascist vermin will immediately crawl back into their holes!

The Ligue Trotskyste [LTF—French section of the international Spartacist tendency] has always refused to give even the slightest political support—in particular electoral support—to Mitterrand and his government of Cold War and austerity which is paving the way for the return of reaction. Those who

backed Mitterrand claimed that his government would be "more sensitive" to workers' pressure than its predecessor. Mitterrand's second plan of "rigor" proves them wrong! The reformist bureaucrats and the "far left" which tails them have proposed a variety of utopian plans to improve the capitalist system ("make the rich pay," etc.). They are trying to detour the working class into the dead end of pressuring bourgeois parliament. In reality, for the proletariat the way out lies in extra-parliamentary mobilization, independently of and more precisely *against* the popular front in power.

The May '68 general strike demonstrated the immense power of the proletariat, but it was sabotaged and dissipated by the reformist leaders. For the working class to win there must be not only strikes against austerity and factory occupations but also the formation of democratically elected strike committees to wage successful struggles and replace the treacherous bureaucrats with a revolutionary leadership, a leadership determined to expropriate the bourgeoisie without compensation and install a real workers government based on organs of dual power, on workers councils. *Break with Mitterrand! For a May '68 that goes all the way! For a workers government!*

Ligue Trotskyste de France  
10 May 1983



# WORKERS VANGUARD

## Detroit Auto Militants:

# "Labor/Black Defense of the Taylor Family!"

DETROIT—United Auto Workers (UAW) militants here are fighting to save 11 members of the Taylor family—including five auto workers from Pontiac, Michigan—from the dragnet of Alabama-style Jim Crow "justice." Just before midnight on February 27 two white plainclothes cops shouting racist epithets burst into a Montgomery, Alabama home where some 30 blacks were mourning the recent death of their relative, Annie Bell Taylor. For the "crime" of defending themselves from this racist attack, which had all the appearances of a nightriding Ku Klux Klan raid, the Taylors face dozens of felony charges, including attempted murder, kidnapping and robbery!

On July 1 a rally for labor/black defense of the Taylor family was held outside Gate Four of Ford's giant River Rouge plant near Detroit. The rally was organized by the Rouge Militant Caucus (RMC) of UAW Local 600 and the newly founded Labor/Black Struggle League, a revolutionary integrationist organization initiated by the Spartacist League, which stands for class-struggle defense of black and working-class rights. Coverage and a photo of this demonstration were carried in the July 7 edition of the *Detroit News*.

Reprinted below are two recent leaflets issued by the RMC on the struggle to build a powerful labor/black mobilization to defend the Taylors.

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**Ford Rouge,  
July 1: UAW  
militants, SL and  
Labor/Black  
Struggle League  
demand union  
action to  
defend victims  
of Alabama  
Jim Crow  
"justice."**

### Labor/Black Defense of the Taylor Family!

At the DAP union meeting Saturday Hank Wilson joined with the State of Alabama which is trying to lynch the Taylor family. He adjourned the meeting to kill a Rouge Militant Caucus

motion for concrete union action to save the Taylor family from Southern justice:

—for \$1,000 donation from the General Council to the Montgomery Defense Fund.

—For a mass labor/black demonstration to defend the Taylors.

Everyone has heard about the racist victimization and brutalization of the

Taylor family (including five UAW brothers from Pontiac Truck and Coach) at the hands of the Montgomery, Alabama police, when they went down South for the funeral of Annie Bell Taylor. These brothers and sisters are being persecuted by the State of Alabama for "attempted murder" and other

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## For a Socialist Federation of the Caribbean!

# U.S. Hands Off Grenada!

In his infamous "Star Wars" speech last March, President Reagan targeted the tiny Caribbean island of Grenada and its black population as dangerous Kremlin "surrogates": "The Soviet-Cuban militarization of Grenada, in short, can only be seen as power projection into the region..." To buttress his claims of a buildup of Soviet military strength in the Americas, Reagan displayed satellite photos of an airfield being built within easy striking range of important international shipping lanes. At issue is much more than cornering the market on Grenada's number one export, the U.S. imperialist chief proclaimed: "It is not nutmeg that is at stake in the Caribbean and Central America. It is the United States' national security." Thus Reagan catapulted this lilliputian island, one-tenth the size of Rhode

Island, with its 110,000 people into a front-line target of the U.S.' multi-trillion-dollar, bipartisan anti-Soviet war drive. And with this administration, these are not empty threats. The Spartacist League (SL) says: U.S. hands off Grenada! Defend Cuba and the Soviet Union against imperialism!

Ronald Reagan came to power determined to put an end to the "Vietnam syndrome"—the opposition to foreign military adventures resulting from the decisive rout of U.S. imperialism in Indochina—and to reassert U.S. hegemony throughout the world. In Latin America Reagan's policy was anticipated by a 1980 report of the Committee of Santa Fe, which has supplied top administration advisers on Latin American foreign policy. In the fevered minds of this gang of New Right

braintrusters, "Even the Caribbean, America's maritime crossroads and petroleum refining center, is becoming a Marxist-Leninist lake." The Committee of Santa Fe also drew up a hit list: Cuba, Nicaragua, Grenada, Guyana and even Panama were listed as targets for a "counter-projection of American power."

Now with Reagan president, Washington is arming and directing Somozaist counterrevolutionary terror in Nicaragua. The U.S. Navy has been conducting combat maneuvers in the Caribbean on a scale and of a frequency unprecedented in peacetime. This year CIA plots to overthrow the governments of Surinam and Grenada were revealed. The *New York Times* reported last month that the CIA had proposed

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Grenada targeted in Reagan's global anti-Soviet war drive.