

No Negotiated Sellout to Yankee Imperialism!

Stop Reagan's Rape of Central America!

U.S. Out of Grenada!

Central America is at the crossroads of revolution or bloody counterrevolution. There is no in-between. Reagan is getting ready to invade and everybody knows it. But Nicaragua is no Grenada. The Nicaraguan people lost 50,000 lives in the struggle to overthrow the bloody tyrant Somoza, and they won't submit without a fight. It is that prospect which has thus far stayed Reagan's hand. But at precisely this moment when revolutionary will and internationalist solidarity are in greatest need in Central America, we hear the suicidal din for "negotiated solutions." The more Reagan escalates his threats, the more the petty-bourgeois nationalists try to accommodate Yankee imperialism. And every attempt to appease Reagan just makes the U.S. capitalists more bloodthirsty.

It is the nationalism of the popular front which threatens to disarm the Central American masses before the *contras* and Yankee invaders. Looking for a deal with Reagan, the Nicaraguan Sandinistas have told Salvadoran rebel leaders to get out. They have thrown out Cuban teachers and military advisers. They are trying to appease Washington with offers to the "democratic" counter-revolutionary opposition within—at precisely the time when revolutionary measures should be taken against Reagan's confederates. While the people dig trenches, the leaders are digging their graves. The only deal Reagan and the *contras* want is to leave a trail of death all the way to Havana.

The reformists' and nationalists' talk of "negotiated solutions" with the Yankees and their "democratic" *contras* can only mean defeat. As revolutionary communists we have clearly posed the choices facing the Central American masses. When we called for "military victory," the reformists called for a "political solution" and chanted back the classic popular-front slogan, "The people united will never be defeated." They called us CIA agents for even



Mario Ruiz-J. Miller

Big Pine II "war games" prepare invasion of Nicaragua. U.S. troops wade ashore in Honduras.

suggesting the leadership of Nicaragua or the El Salvador guerrillas could sell out. Now the *New York Times* is writing editorials demanding that the Sandinistas dismantle their army and set up a coalition with the *contras* in order to then be "allowed to manage their own society."

Reagan's rape of tiny Grenada has put the Yankee imperialists on a "high." The Sandinistas are pressuring the Salvadorans to accept a "political solution" which would leave the masses defenseless before the death squads. Castro, in turn, declares that Cuba will not militarily aid Nicaragua if the U.S. invades and is reportedly trying to broker a deal between the Sandinistas and the CIA's "liberal" *contra* terrorist,

Edén Pastora. No doubt the Kremlin in turn is telling Castro not to upset the status quo in the Caribbean and Central America, lest Reagan vent his wrath against the Soviet Union.

The nationalists and reformists, from Managua to Moscow to New York City, have had as their major plan reliance on the liberal Democrats in the U.S. So what about the liberals? The *New York Times* (29 November) editorialized:

"The Sandinista leftists are broke and beleagnered by rebel forces supplied by the United States. In piling offer upon promise, the Managua regime seems to be asking that it be allowed to survive."

What should be the terms for capitulation, asks the *Times*. Since "Nicaragua would retain an army of 25,000 and guns

for much of its population... For Nicaragua then to forswear smuggling arms or otherwise aiding rebels in El Salvador or Guatemala would be no concession at all." Their conclusion:

"If the United States is to swallow its disappointment over the betrayal of genuine democrats in Nicaragua it can hardly be asked to give up the right to assist democrats elsewhere. If there is to be a deal, it should be one that contains the Sandinistas in return for their being, if not welcomed, allowed to manage their own society."

What shameless imperialist arrogance! The "deal" is, the U.S. continues to arm Salvadoran death squads while Nicaragua dismantles its army and disarms its people!! And all the imperialists,

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Bronx Cheer for Decal City

It's Mayor Koch's capitalist miracle on the Grand Concourse. In a neighborhood that is part of the poorest Congressional district in the country, where on countless streets the "skyline" consists of the shells of burned-out tenements standing amid acres of rubble, New York City is pasting up large decals depicting louvered shutters, Venetian blinds, drawn shades and potted plants over the shattered windows of abandoned, city-owned buildings. It's 1984 in 1983. "Perception is reality," said the Commissioner of Housing Preservation and Development. Not since Reagan turned ketchup into a vegetable have the government's image makers had such a field day with the lives of the ghetto poor.

Officials "explained" that Federal "deep funding" programs for housing have been shelved and that there is no money for rehabilitation. There isn't even any cash to demolish these fire-traps. Instead the government is providing fake windows, part of a \$300,000 Federal program to improve the images of rundown neighborhoods. The "new look" is not intended for the black and Hispanic residents of the area, mind you—the bankers and politicians don't give a damn what they think.

The posters, which even from 100 feet away look like absurd props from Sesame Street, are primarily for the backs of buildings facing the Cross Bronx Expressway so that New England and New Jersey-bound motorists will get an upbeat view of "Fun City." But up close the first floors are covered with graffiti and trash accumulates in front of boarded-up doorways. Even the *New*

York Times is embarrassed by Koch's decal city, as it quotes the bitter irony of area residents who say the city should provide "designer clothing decals to place over the tattered apparel of impoverished residents, large Mercedes-Benz decals to strap to their sides and decals of strip sirloins for them to eat."

And then there's Charlotte Street, where Jimmy Carter stood on the rubble in 1977 and promised a housing project (later canceled). In 1979 Pope John Paul Wojtyla denounced consumerism and reminded the faithful to keep their minds on "moral matters." He prayed over the rubble. *Deo gratias*. In 1980 candidate Ronald Reagan appeared too, with some Republican hot air. And today there is "Charlotte Gardens," two heavily barred, single-family, ranch-style model houses, complete with white picket fences, standing in the middle of the South Bronx desolation. The homes cost \$53,000 in an area where average family income is \$8,448, less than half the national average.

The bourgeoisie is wincing over the exposure of the decay of the South Bronx. But knowing that they are powerless to stop the rot, the bosses seek to cover it up in the shabbiest of ways. Mayor Koch claimed credit for the poster idea, stating that "In a neighborhood, as in life, a clean bandage is much, much better than a raw or festering wound." So that's what the South Bronx got—a picture of a bandage over a very real festering wound. The court of Catherine the Great, creators of the original Potemkin village, have nothing on Koch's camarilla.

**Urban renewal
Reagan-style:
federally
funded fake
windows
(complete with
potted plants
and louvered
shutters) cover
abandoned
buildings
in desolate
South Bronx.**



WV Photo

Three years ago we hailed NYC city councilman Gilberto Gerena-Valentin for taking a delegation from the Soviet Peace Council up to Charlotte Street and asking the Russians for \$5 billion in foreign aid. In response, his seat was redistricted out of existence. We also recall that in 1942, during the darkest hours of the Nazi siege of Leningrad, false fronts were erected on buildings shelled by the Wehrmacht. Windows, doors and cupolas were faithfully reproduced in plywood, plaster and

paint. It was the Russian people's own promise that their city, cradle of the October Revolution, would rise again after victory. And it did. The South Bronx however is finished under capitalism. It stands as a product of terminal capitalist decay. The rotting ghettos of America are part of this racist, capitalist system. Not promises of presidents, nor prayers of popes, nor decals of mayors can change this fact. It will take the socialist revolution to rebuild America's cities. ■

Slave Law Barbarism

Carolina Racist Judge: 30 Years or Castration

In a horrifying move reminiscent of the worst of the old slave South, three young black men who pled guilty to rape have been offered a "choice" of sentences: 30 years in prison or...surgical castration! The ruling in Anderson, South Carolina by white Circuit Court Judge C. Victor Pyle stunned the courtroom, including even the prosecutor. State Representative Theo Mitchell, one of the defendant's lawyers, rightly condemned the sentence as barbaric and "a badge of slavery." Nevertheless, facing 30 years in hellhole

Southern prisons, the defendants are reportedly considering the castration "option," by which they would be released on five years' probation—mutilated for life.

The hideous "choice" before the three young men illustrates the sick, vicious racist violence underlying American bourgeois "justice." Even the Southern slaveowners, who considered black people subhuman chattel, eventually sickened of castrating men for rape as a form of torture, retaining the death penalty instead. Moreover, castration

isn't so neat and "surgical" as they claim: bloody and deeply painful, there's plenty of chance for infection or death—and just how "careful" do you think the Southern white prison administration will be with its three black "subjects"?

The "theory" is that castration cuts off the production of male sex hormones, supposedly blocking the "male sex drive." Judge Pyle now allows maybe "chemical castration" will be okay—that is, repeatedly injecting them with Depo-provera, a female hormone that (temporarily) does the same thing. This "treatment" with similar drugs in British prisons results in nausea and intense pain in the stomach, chest and testicles, besides causing many men to develop huge, distended breasts that are then amputated.

But this cruel punishment doesn't even "work" in terms of "curing" rape, a form of violent criminal assault. Males castrated after puberty are still quite able to have sex—without ejaculation—and therefore quite able to rape, or, for that matter, quite able to make love with a woman. Not that the judge and prison system really care: the barbaric castration penalty is intended simply as a vindictive form of punishment by torture, like the death penalty which everybody knows doesn't stop murder. Rape isn't the result of "raging male hormones," as some feminists think. It's essentially a violent act of sexual coercion, whose aim is to overpower, abuse and completely degrade the victim.

And this was a particularly brutal and violent case of rape. The victim, an 80-pound black woman, 23 years old, was trapped in a motel, repeatedly raped and beaten for six hours, burnt with cigarettes; she lost four pints of blood and was in the hospital for five days afterwards. It was an outrage, and a bloody reminder that blacks are disproportionately the victims of violent crime in America. How can a victim get any real justice in this racist and exploitative society, which willy-nilly continues to produce an endless supply of abused,

vicious, crazed, empty youth? *Castrating rapists won't stop rape.*

Just as blacks, who are the primary victims of the violence of this sick society, are also the majority of those thrown into Death Row, so too rape laws have always been used to victimize and terrorize blacks. Since 1939, 455 men were put to death for rape—405 of them black, and 398 convicted in the Southern states. And the cry "rape!" was always the signal in white Southern communities to bring out the lynch rope. In the 1931 "Scottsboro Boys" case, eight black youths were sentenced to death on the frame-up charge of raping two white girls they were traveling with, despite overwhelming conflicting testimony at the trial. Though not executed, thanks only to a world protest campaign, they all spent many bitter years in prison.

Even outside the capitalist "criminal justice" system, blacks are still treated as subhuman in this racist society. In the infamous Tuskegee "bad blood" operation begun in 1932 under the federal Centers for Disease Control, 400 black men infected with syphilis were left untreated and just "watched" for decades to see what effects the raging

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Soviet Nukes Deter Imperialist Holocaust

Nuclear Soap Scares Hell Out of America

While the bombs were landing on Kansas City in ABC's nuclear soap opera "The Day After" in TV movie-land, in the real world NATO's Pershing 2 and cruise nuclear missiles were already being unloaded at sites in Britain and West Germany. These so-called "intermediate range" missiles take only six to eight minutes to hit targets in the Soviet Union, creating a deadly and provocative escalation in the ring of nuclear warheads practically on the USSR's doorstep. While liberal "nuke freeze" forces in the U.S. exulted that the ABC melodrama of nuclear holocaust in Middle America vastly strengthened their forces, the deployment of these offensive weapons right on schedule starkly revealed the impotence of the "hot autumn" of European anti-nuke daisy chains and peace crawls.

The Soviet Union at least is not living in a pacifist fantasyland. Soviet defense minister and marshal Dmitri Ustinov had warned beforehand the USSR would never accept the American preparations for "nuclear blitzkrieg" on Soviet command and communications centers. The USSR promptly did what it said it would if these first-strike missiles were deployed, announcing necessary measures to balance the latest offensive lurch by the U.S. and pulling out of the talks on medium-range missiles in Geneva. And Soviet leader Andropov warned the U.S. that it would not escape

Truman A-bombed the defenseless populations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Indeed this U.S. nuclear first strike was intended primarily to intimidate the Soviet Union. Japan had already been defeated and was suing for surrender.

If the USSR had not developed its own powerful nuclear arsenal, the population of the Soviet Union and many other peoples would have suffered nuclear incineration at the hands of U.S. imperialism. To achieve and maintain rough nuclear parity with the U.S. war machine has demanded great economic sacrifices from the Soviet masses, and they were not the only ones to make sacrifices in this cause. The heroic, decades-long revolutionary struggle waged by the Vietnamese peasants and workers tied down the Pentagon war machine and so allowed the Soviets to catch up to the American nuclear arsenal after their humiliation in the 1962 Cuba missile crisis.

That 1962 confrontation was much recalled in the past week or so. "The Day After" had the good doctor Jason Robards and his wife harking back to the Cuba missile crisis in simple fear, reflecting the very real terror of many Americans who felt they might well go over the "brink" then. Meanwhile NBC broadcast a 20th anniversary salute to John F. Kennedy, the imperialist chief who launched the Bay of Pigs and escalated the Vietnam War, glowingly



The real day after: Nagasaki 1945. U.S. A-bombed defenseless Japanese population. The purpose: to intimidate the Soviets.

the consequences of a nuclear attack launched from West Europe:

"During the two world wars the flames of destruction spared the territory of the United States of America. Now, too, the people in Washington would like to think that by deploying their medium-range missiles in Europe and creating thereby an additional nuclear threat to the socialist countries, they would be able to divert the return strike from their house."

—New York Times, 25 November

The right-wing bait to show "The Day After" in Russia is doubly obscene. No people suffered more during World War II than those of the Soviet Union. For every American killed, 80 Russians lost their lives (20 million in all)! And the Soviet people have lived under the threat of U.S. nuclear attack ever since

recalling the days of "Camelot"—i.e., the days of overwhelming American nuclear superiority. From the Soviet side, officials kept repeating that "the missiles of November [the U.S. Pershings in Europe] are more dangerous than the missiles of October [the Soviet missiles in Cuba]." As indeed they are, because America has lost its nuclear blackmail advantage and Reagan's desperate attempts to regain it are inevitably deadly provocations.

"The Day After": Scaring the American Public

It's probably a good thing that millions of Americans who watched "The Day After" were forced to confront the effects of nuclear war on the

United States—even in the extremely sanitized and mild version presented by ABC. The American people have not suffered a war on their soil in more than a century, not since the Civil War. One of the reasons that the Reaganites and their far-right allies like Jerry Falwell and Phyllis Schlafly "High Frontiersmen" were so furious about "The Day After" was that it blew holes in their attempts to convince the public that they can nuke the Soviet Union without a single white middle-class American getting killed. Last January the deputy undersecretary of defense claimed, in a weirdly revealing moment, "Everybody's going to make it if there are enough shovels to go around.... Dig a hole, cover it with a couple of doors and then throw three feet of dirt on top. It's the dirt that does it."

The basic message of "The Day After" is that it doesn't matter who started it. By the time the nukes have hit Kansas City and reduced the green and gold Midwestern prairies to a mass of rubble and bloated cow carcasses the survivors couldn't care less. (To bring nuclear war home to Middle America, all cars are disabled—but miraculously the horses survive.) The most devastating image is of smoking, charred ruins over which the U.S. president's voice floats eerily, carried by deadly radioactive winds: "My fellow Americans...I wish to assure you that America has survived. There has been no surrender, no retreat from the principles of liberty and democracy for which the Free World looks to us." The image is of some utterly isolated nut—Hitler in the bunker—but the date is 1983.

The imagery of Hiroshima was used throughout "The Day After," though everyone admits the reality of nuclear war would be far, far worse today. They didn't even show anybody retching on TV—one of the immediate effects of radiation sickness. Raging fires sucking up oxygen, gigantic craters, no possibility of medical aid—many of these immediate effects are well known. Carl Sagan and other scientists have recently pointed out what is perhaps the most deadly effect of nuclear war—the "nuclear winter" they project will result from dense smoke clouds flung into the atmosphere, blocking the sun (thus preventing plant growth) and creating a months-long pitch-black night with subfreezing temperatures around the globe. Most human survivors would starve; our species, along with many others, could be wiped out. But you couldn't show that on "The Day After," which was explicitly and successfully designed as a nuke soap opera with characters you could "identify with" and thus put the horror on a "human scale." (We're waiting for the spinoffs: "Where's Dallas?" "General Hospice," "Little Shelter on the Prairie," "The Nukes of Hazard" and of course, "As the World Burns" followed by "No Life to Live.")

"Official" Response: War Criminals Cover Up

Cleaned-up and folksy as it was, still "The Day After" did horrify a lot of Americans, and infuriated the Reagan administration which saw it (correctly)

as a propaganda boost for the Democratic Party liberals in the next elections. "White House to Counterattack Movie" was the *Washington Post's* headline on the initial response by the Reaganites. While those crewcut kids in Young Americans for Freedom were out there picketing ABC studios with "Better Dead than Red" signs, somewhat wiser heads at the White House finally figured it was better to outflank the peaceniks by claiming that the movie bolstered Reagan's "deterrence" policies. So they shoved Secretary of State George Shultz out in front of the cameras right after the last scenes of irradiated rubble faded, where in an oddly uneasy and shifty-eyed performance he attempted to sell the American public the incredible proposition that the movie actually supported the president's massive nuclear arms buildup ("peace through strength").

For many, the panel discussion after "The Day After" was even scarier than the nuclear soap itself. The main qualification for this panel was being a certified Vietnam War criminal—Robert McNamara for the Democrats, Henry Kissinger for the Republicans. General Brent Scowcroft, head of Reagan's commission on the MX missile, explained that the lower the number of warheads, the more "unstable" the situation, the more likely a nuclear war. ABC followed up this macabre performance with "The Crisis Game," presenting a bunch of real-life former CIA spooks, national security types, secretaries of state/war and generals "going to the brink" and back successfully in backing the Soviets down in Iran by threatening to use tactical nukes. The message: nuclear brinkmanship can work. The best moment: Hodding Carter III asked, "What will we tell the American people?" about sending troops into Iran. Someone pipes up, "Tell them American lives are in danger—like we did in '65 in the Dominican Republic," and everybody breaks up in spontaneous laughter.

The main political effect of "The Day After" is likely to bolster the "nuclear
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Defend Postal Unionists Schneider and Mares!

Stop the Frame-Up by Canada KKK Union Basher!

We reprint below the statement of the Committee to Defend Anti-Fascist Unionists initiated by the Trotskyist League of Canada in defense of two Canadian postal workers, Paul Schneider and Mike Mares. Members of the Letter Carriers Union of Canada (LCUC) Local 1, Toronto, these two militants have been set up for "legal" lynching by William Lau Richardson, the self-declared "intelligence director" of the Canadian Ku Klux Klan! This is an outrage! Richardson, Canada's most notorious agent provocateur—union-busting terrorist, convicted bomb planter and Klansman—is charging these two postal workers with "assault causing bodily harm" for defending themselves and others against this thug's provocation, intimidation and harassment of an abortion rights demonstration.

Richardson is targeting Schneider and Mares because they are union militants, fighters against Klan terror and supporters of the Trotskyist League of Canada (TLC). They were active in warning their union about this labor-hating fascist as part of a TLC campaign exposing Richardson, distributing photos and documentation of his 15-year record of crimes against the workers movement to unions, left and minority organizations. In their union Paul and Mike have consistently fought for the only strategy that works to stop the fascists: militant mass mobilizations of labor, minorities and all the oppressed. They won the local's support for the 5,000-strong Labor/Black Mobilization that stopped the Klan in Washington, D.C. last year. Richardson's outrageous frame-up charges against these two militants is an open attack on all those who would organize to stop fascist terror and defend themselves against the murderous KKK.

Schneider and Mares have received widespread support from the labor movement, left and opponents of fascism across the country. From Quebec to B.C., unionists have endorsed the Committee's demand to drop the charges. Among the almost 200 union endorsers are 71 union officials representing public sector, auto, steel, wood and brewery workers, as well as a number of members of the social-democratic New Democratic Party.

Ominously, however, defenders of Richardson have wormed their way into LCUC Local 1. Richardson's scandalous charges against Paul and Mike coincided with a vicious witchhunting campaign inside the union. A supporter of the Canadian Anti-Soviet Action Committee (CASAC)—an outfit full of self-declared Nazis and other fascists tied into the sinister, ultraright Moon cult—attempted to have Paul, Mike and 30 other unionists expelled or suspended from the union for issuing a statement exposing Richardson and the fascist-infested, labor-hating CASAC. At the last local meeting the union membership voted overwhelmingly to throw out these atrocious charges.

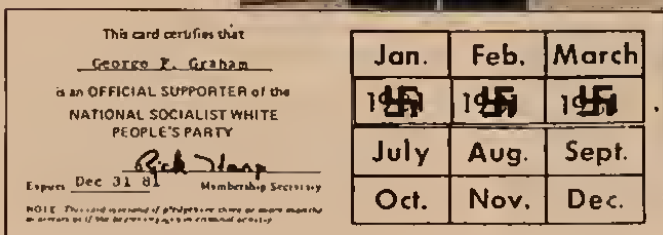
However the redbaiting and witch-hunting was taken up by a two-bit one-time Mao lover, Jim Turnbull. In the tradition of the two Joes, Stalin and McCarthy, Turnbull's supporters mobilized to defeat a motion in defense of Paul Schneider and Mike Mares. The defeat of this motion is a frontal blow to the union itself, which faces an all-out

union-busting attack by postal management. Where "legal methods" are found wanting the bosses have in reserve the fascist storm troopers with their guns loaded and aimed at organized labor, minorities and the left. The sister union of the LCUC, the Toronto local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers;

- 1976, provoked a fight with two Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union organizers at Dylex Ltd. to set them up for firing and smash a union organizing drive
- 1981, posing as an opponent of the KKK, Richardson tried to infiltrate the Riverdale Action Committee

Fascist Scum

Nazi George Graham (left) and William Lau Richardson, self-described "intelligence director" of Canadian KKK. Below: Graham's official Nazi membership card.



endorsed the demand to drop the charges and made a generous \$500 contribution, clearly understanding that "defense of Paul and Mike is defense of us all."

Brothers and Sisters:

William Lau Richardson, self-declared "intelligence director" of the lynch-mob, race-terrorist Ku Klux Klan, is targeting Paul Schneider and Mike Mares, two brothers from the Letter Carriers Union of Canada Local 1, Toronto. On October 13, Paul and Mike were arrested on charges of "assault causing bodily harm" laid by Richardson and another fascist creep, the Nazi George Graham. *This is an outrage!* These unionists face a possible *ten years'* imprisonment!

William Lau Richardson: CIA agent, RCMP informant, union-busting agent provocateur, convicted bomb-planter, Klansman. An avowed enemy of the labor movement, minority and left organizations, Richardson is a dangerous terrorist. The following is only a sampling of his long, well-documented and deadly history of crimes against the left and workers movement:

- 1968-69, worked for the murderous American CIA
- 1974, made bombs planted in the car of the UAW bargaining agent at McDonnell-Douglas and in the car of an Arab worker and union organizer at Ralph Milrod Metal Products in Mississauga

Against Racism, making off with a partial list of members and supporters

- 1983, Richardson and Graham consorted with the Canadian Anti-Soviet Action Committee, an outfit full of self-declared Nazis and other fascists, in provoking the April 23 "Against Cruise Testing" Toronto demonstration

The KKK and Nazis have found fertile ground on the fringes of the new Cold War. It is no accident that William John Beatty, ex-fuhrer of the Canadian Nazi Party, together with former members of the white-supremacist Western Guard like Geza Matrai and Paul Fromm resurface today as the Canadian Anti-Soviet Action Committee. The fascists are the domestic shock troops of the drive to ignite the entire earth in thermonuclear war against the Soviet Union. CASAC, the Nazis, Richardson, the Klan are targeting us and ours for union-busting, race-terror and genocide.

On October 1, the sinister criminal and Klansman Richardson provoked, menaced and terrorized the Toronto "Day of Action for Choice on Abortion" rally. At this rally for women's rights, endorsed by the Ontario Federation of Labour and the Canadian Labour Congress, were union brothers and sisters including Paul, Mike and other LCUC militants, pregnant women, children, leftists and other supporters of democratic rights. Richardson was tracked by rally marshals who were alerted to his dangerous presence by the Trotskyist League of Canada, a socialist

organization that has distributed photos and documentation exposing Richardson and Graham to unions, minority and left organizations. Richardson physically threatened one of the marshals who was in charge of the protection of all in attendance. The police ordered Richardson to leave the rally site at Nathan Phillips Square.

Now this terrorist is trying to have Paul and Mike thrown in jail for defending the demonstration and themselves! These brothers are being singled out because they are union militants, leftists and fighters against Klan terror. Supporters of the Trotskyist League of Canada, Paul and Mike helped build support in the Canadian labor movement for the mass labor/minority mobilizations initiated by the Spartacist League/U.S. that have stopped the Klan and Nazis. Their union, LCUC Local 1, gave its financial support to the 5,000-strong Labor/Black Mobilization in Washington, D.C. last November 27 that stopped the Klan from marching hooded and robed in the U.S. capital.

The arrest of Paul and Mike, who were dragged from their workplace by plainclothes cops, fingerprinted, photographed and thrown behind bars for the day, is an open attempt to silence and intimidate *all of us* who want to stop fascist terror. But we had better not be silent! If these charges stick it will give a green light to the racist, labor-hating fascists to carry out their program of destroying the labor movement, terrorizing and murdering unionists, blacks, Jews, East Indians, gays, socialists and all decent people. *Paul and Mike must not go to jail!*

Remember the words of Martin Niemoller, a German Lutheran churchman and WWI U-boat commander, sent to a concentration camp by Hitler:

"First they came for the communists, but since I was not a communist I did not protest. Then they came for the Jews, but since I was not a Jew I did not protest. Then they came for the Catholics, but since I was not a Catholic I did not protest. When they came for me, there was no one left to protest."

The defense of Paul and Mike is the defense of us all. Your support, endorsement and contributions are vital to this defense. We are depending on you to raise the thousands of dollars needed to wage this fight against Richardson and his ilk. Join with us to demand:

DROP THE CHARGES AGAINST PAUL SCHNEIDER AND MIKE MARES!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1) Endorse the demand of the Committee to Defend Anti-Fascist Unionists: Drop the Charges Against Paul Schneider and Mike Mares!

2) Make a much-needed financial contribution to the Committee.

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Reformists Learn Reagan's Grenada Lessons

The Yankee imperialists are certainly playing Grenada for all it's worth. Racists grooved on TV shots of white U.S. Army Rangers in those mod Wehrmacht helmets training their M-16s on black islanders. Cold Warriors got off on the spectacle of Cuban and Soviet diplomats lined up, body searched, loaded onto trucks and filing past American paratroopers for eight hours while their belongings were ransacked prior to their being expelled from the island. In direct violation of the Geneva Accords, captured Grenadian coup leaders Austin and Coard were handcuffed, blindfolded and stripped to the waist to be displayed on a soccer field. "Hard-core Grenadians" were held in cramped, asphyxiating, hot-as-hell isolation crates reminiscent of the "tiger cages" into which suspected Viet Cong were thrown a decade ago.

For Reagan, Grenada's importance has always been as a pawn to be taken in his anti-Soviet war drive. It was cheap

revenge for the U.S.' humiliating defeat by the Indochinese masses, as it projected itself once again as global policeman. Naturally, the "free world" democracy introduced on American bayonets excluded freedom of the press, freedom of assembly or any political activity. And it was indeed a lesson to be imparted to would-be anti-imperialists: fool around with Castro and the Soviets, and the American empire will strike back. Significantly/predictably much of the left is heeding this lesson. Most explicit was an article by Alexander Cockburn and James Ridgeway in the rad-lib *Village Voice* (8 November) blaming supposedly pro-Moscow "hardline sectarians" for providing Reagan with a pretext to invade. According to this story, Grenadian leader Maurice Bishop was the representative of a "populist nationalist upsurge" while Bernard Coard, who ousted Bishop in a bloody coup, "had far closer affinity to the austere tradi-

tions of democratic centralism and, ultimately, of Moscow."

This disgusting apology for "moderation" explicitly takes up themes from the State Department propaganda mills (which are posthumously rehabilitating Bishop as a radical the U.S. could "live with," even though they plotted his ouster and murder from the day he came to power). It was "highly possible," say Ridgeway and Cockburn, that the popular Bishop "would have been agreeable to a return to free elections" ... as if the electoral farces staged by theosophical UFO nut dictator Eric Gairy with his Mongoose Gang of *tontons macoutes* thugs had anything to do with "freedom." Ridgeway and Cockburn are eager to blame everything on "ultra-left sectarians" whose "overall beneficiary" is Ronald Reagan.

This same theme is taken up by the ex- and now explicitly anti-Trotskyist, "peaceful legal" Socialist Workers Party (SWP). The ultra-reformist SWP cyni-

cally talked of Grenadian resistance even though the so-called "People's Revolutionary Army," inherited from the Gairy dictatorship, collapsed as soldiers shed their uniforms. We ask: what kind of a "revolution" was it that took power by a coup d'état and was undone by another coup, where the imperialists could invade and install a puppet regime without reversing a single revolutionary gain?

In reality, Bishop's Grenada was a left-nationalist Third World regime like many others, popular but without the mass mobilization characteristic of a genuine social revolution, even if bureaucratically deformed. That is what explains the striking contrast between the passive response of the Grenadian masses to the U.S. invasion and the powerful defense of revolutionary Cuba by the Havana workers who rushed to Playa Girón (the Bay of Pigs) to beat back the CIA-sponsored *gusanos* in April 1961. In Grenada the backbone of the resistance was some 600-plus Cuban construction workers, *most of them over 40 years of age*, building the new airport at Port Salines. And what a fight they put up! These internationalists not only defended themselves, they gave the American paratroopers a taste of the reception they'll get if they try a Bay of Pigs II in Cuba itself. ■

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from Reagan to the "dove" liberals, smell blood. Managua's concessions only whet their appetite.

But revolutionaries can see the potential for victory. Revolutionary class struggle is the way to defend, complete and extend the Nicaraguan revolution. The U.S. and the *contras* can be handed an historic defeat south of the border. As the White House turns to Central America to attack the next targets on its hit list, they could find themselves bogged down in a debilitating war like Vietnam, which sapped the strength of U.S. imperialism for a decade. What's needed above all is a genuinely internationalist communist leadership which answers Yankee invasion with revolutionary class war throughout the region and in the heart of the imperialist monster. *The Trotskyists of the Spartacist League say: Smash Reagan's Bay of Pigs, Nicaragua Needs MIGs! For workers revolution, not negotiated sellout in Central America!*

Cuban Revolution Under the Gun

As Reagan threatens to "roll back" revolution from Managua to Havana, the contradictions of the Stalinists and nationalists become excruciating. While Castro seeks an accommodation which may sacrifice someone else's revolution, he also stands on the gains of the Cuban Revolution. We hail the tenacious resistance of Cuban construction workers in Grenada. This will give the imperialist war machine pause where empty United Nations resolutions just roll off the back of slimy East River rat Jeane Kirkpatrick. In Havana the Cuban masses poured into the streets to show solidarity with their comrades' heroism in Grenada. Several thousand waited for days at José Martí International Airport to greet the returning heroes, held hostage by the U.S. Castro shook the hand of each returning veteran. And even though the Americans asked every single one of the 784 Cuban volunteers on Grenada if they wished to defect, *not one could be bought off with promises of the easy life in Miami*. In his speech before hundreds of thousands in Revolution Square, Castro again proudly proclaimed: "Our

country might be wiped off the face of the earth, but it will never be conquered and subjugated."

The giant billboard on the edge of the plaza proclaimed, "*Siempre internacionalistas*"—always internationalists. And the example of the Cuban *internacionalistas* in Grenada is an inspiration to workers throughout the world. Certainly the Cuban masses have tremendous achievements to safeguard. When the Rebel Army marched into Havana on January 1, 1959, average life expectancy was 58 years, there were one million illiterates while 10,000 teachers were unemployed and infant mortality was astronomical. Today the average life span in Cuba is higher than in the U.S., and the literacy rate is the highest in the Americas, while child deaths have been reduced from 70 to 17 per thousand. *The standard of living of the Cuban masses is higher than in any other country of Latin America*, with the possible exception of the oil state Venezuela. Compare this to the misery endemic throughout the Third World (or the South Bronx, for that matter). For youths in San Salvador where one child in two never sees its fifth birthday and three adults out of five are illiterate, Cuba is an inspiring example of liberation from the imperialist yoke of poverty and repression.

But the heroism of the Cuban masses, and even the courageous dignity shown by Castro, are mobilized to defend the *patria* (fatherland) rather than proletarian internationalism. In Grenada, surrounded by a U.S. war fleet of 20 ships and saddled with a murderous bonapartist junta, Cuba was unable—physically and morally—to provide effective aid against the Yankee imperialist invasion. But at a press conference in Havana on October 27, Castro went on to claim that in Nicaragua as well the Cubans would be unable to militarily aid resistance to imperialist invasion. (It has also been reported, and nowhere denied, that the Cubans have been negotiating with ex-Sandinista traitor Edén Pastora, looking for a "negotiated solution" in Nicaragua.) This is treachery, not a consequence of logistical realities so much as of the narrow nationalist perspectives of a Stalinist bureaucracy which is prepared to sacrifice the next guy's revolution in the hopes of negotiating its own deal with imperialism. This is also a reflection of the Soviets' attitude toward Cuba itself, where political support is a given but adequate aid in the face of threats of

a nuclear World War III is more problematical.

Stalin's program of "socialism in one country" was a retreat from the program of international workers revolution advocated by the Communist International of Lenin and Trotsky. This meant abandoning the working masses of China, Germany and Spain "to their own fate," while Stalin vainly sought "peaceful coexistence" (today called "détente") with the imperialists. For the Soviet Union, covering one-sixth of the surface of the globe, this was a dangerous illusion, undermining the defense of the USSR itself as the second imperialist world war approached. But in the island bastion of Cuba, located only 90 miles from the U.S. Navy's Caribbean Command at Key West, such betrayals can be immediately fatal. Speaking to American correspondents after the July 26 celebrations of the attack on the Moncada Barracks in Santiago de Cuba, Castro remarked:

"I said to the journalists jokingly that by trying to prevent the United States from intervening in Central America we were helping Reagan. Because I really consider it would be a very serious error, one that would cause a split between the United States and our peoples that would last for a long time."

—*Granma* (English weekly edition), 14 August

This is no joke.

With all the heroism of the Cuban masses, led by a self-appointed bureaucracy—the guerrillas in power, so to speak, rather than the soviet democracy of Lenin and Trotsky's Russia—successful defense of their revolutionary gains against the American capitalists, who still dream of turning Cuba (as Barry Goldwater put it earlier this year) into the 51st state, requires an internationalist communist mobilization throughout the Americas. Not pandering to bourgeois nationalism, such as Castro's support to the Argentine generals in their Falklands/Malvinas adventure (whose *defeat* has opened the way to ousting the blood-sucking military dictatorship), but promoting *workers* revolution that will really "sock it to the Yankees" (*a los yanquis darles duro*, as the chant goes). In his speech on the 30th anniversary of the attack on Moncada Barracks, Castro remarked:

"A new Vietnam in the heart of the American continent? May it never happen, and there's still time to avoid it! The peoples of Our America and the rest of the world would not sit back and observe a crime of such magnitude."

—*Granma* (English weekly edition), 7 August

The imperialist doves (and their reformist tails) call for "No more Vietnams" because for them, no less than Reagan, Vietnam was a defeat. But for the impoverished masses of the world, the opposite is true. In his April 1967 "Message to the Tricontinental," Cuban revolutionary hero Che Guevara proclaimed that "the Cuban Revolution has before it a task of much greater relevance, to create a second or a third Vietnam...." *The Spartacist League proclaims: Vietnam was a victory! Two, three, many defeats for U.S. imperialism!*

For Revolutionary War Throughout Central America

At the United Nations debate on the U.S. invasion one delegate stated that Grenada was "a small nation whose people are being butchered with the most sophisticated weapons, whose only fault is the desire to build an airport and to choose a government that does not please the United States." In an exchange in the *New York Times* (13 November), Massachusetts Democratic Senator Tsongas remarked ironically, "Let's take Nicaragua. Nicaragua has an airport, too." That, of course, is just what Reagan would like to do. But it's not so easy. For unlike Grenada, Nicaragua has experienced a popular revolution which drove out the hated bloodsucking Somoza dynasty, the "jackal of Managua" installed by the U.S. half a century ago much as it is establishing a Caribbean "peacekeeping force" (neo-colonial constabulary) in Grenada today. The Nicaraguan people will defend the conquests of their revolution. But to do so effectively they must go beyond the trilogy of "mixed economy, non-alignment and political pluralism"—the pipe dream of a "middle road" between capitalism and social revolution—to expropriate the bourgeoisie.

Today Nicaragua is besieged from within and without. Across its borders come the CIA-financed *contras*, whether former Somozaists or the Pastora pseudo-democrats. ("Comandante Zero" recently admitted that he had 25 former National Guardsmen in his forces, but this was okay because they accepted his discipline [*San Francisco Examiner*, 20 November 1983].) Inside the country the capitalist "fifth column" is at work, milking the economy by exporting capital, working in tandem with Reagan's assault from

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Fascists, Gusanos and Moonies

One year ago, on November 27, five thousand overwhelmingly black and working people stopped the Ku Klux Klan in the streets of Washington, D.C. The most effective anti-fascist protest in decades, the Labor/Black Mobilization to Stop the KKK was initiated and organized by the Spartacist League/Spartacus Youth League (SL/SYL) in collaboration with trade unionists from Norfolk, Washington and elsewhere.

Three days later the *Washington Times* printed a libelous article charging Spartacists with having tried to provoke deadly violence against the police. The *Washington Times*, which aspires to be the mouthpiece for the conservative right, is the cornerstone of the drive for anti-communist respectability by the sinister South Korean fanatic Sun Myung Moon. Our Marxist organizations have become the targets of their falsehoods, aimed at setting us up for bloody repression at the hands of the police and intelligence agencies. As an elementary act of self-defense, the SL/SYL have filed a \$20 million libel suit against the Moonies' publishing arm, a lawsuit vital to our democratic rights and the liberties of all Americans. The Moonies' hit list probably includes you.

In previous issues of *Workers Vanguard* and *Young Spartacus*, we have exposed some of the Moonies' sinister activities in promoting murderous anti-communism in Honduras, El Salvador and Uruguay, their links to South African and South Korean intelligence agencies, their venomous anti-Sovietism on U.S. campuses. Yet every day more evidence comes to light of financial and operational ties between Moon's multimillion-dollar cult-empire and a vast collection of bloody tyrants and ex-tyrants, *gusano* assassins and fascist war criminals around the world.

Below we reprint a small selection of material—some of it quite chilling—from a variety of sources about the Moonies and their ominous allies.

Moonies and the Japanese Ultraright

"In Japan...the Unification Church is known variously as *Sekai Toitsu Kyokai*, *Toitsu Genri*, or *Genri Undo*, with numerous variations. The main adjuncts or manifestations of the Church are the *Kokusai Shokyo Rengo* (International Federation for Victory over Communism or IFFVOC), which is essentially the Japanese chapter or counterpart of the World Anticommu-

nist League/Asian People's Anticomunist League (WACL/APACL)....

"In a top position is Professor Juitsu Kitaoka, a leader of the United Nations Association and member of several pro-American, rightist organisations. He is described as a violent anti-communist advocating rearmament, stronger police powers and capital punishment for communists.... Kitaoka is a long-time associate of Dr Tetsuzo Watanabe, a former film tycoon whose ideas are no less violent. Organizer of the APACL in Japan, Watanabe became international president of the WACL/APACL, the IFFVOC's *alter ego*. Watanabe was closely connected with US Army intelligence and maintained relations with prominent McCarthyites in the US....

"*Genri* leaders, by their own admission, have been collaborating with the KCIA [Korean Central Intelligence Agency], and their movement worked in alliance with...the IFFVOC, established jointly by Moon and gambling czar Ryoichi Sasakawa in 1967 with the participation of several prewar ultranationalist, terrorist and underworld bosses....

"The IFFVOC was based originally



People

Sun Myung Moon, dangerous cult leader with links to international right-wing terror network.

on Sasakawa's Federation of Motorboat Racing Associations, which grosses US\$5 billion a year and employs tens of thousands of people, mostly young men. It appears that the IFFVOC serves Sasakawa as a private police force.... Sasakawa's remarks indicate that he considers it as a patriotic militia in reserve for political crises, similar to Hitler's brownshirts and the uniformed militarist party that Sasakawa, a self-proclaimed fascist, organized during the 1930s....

"The Moon Machine in Japan operates...a trading firm known as *Toitsu Sangyo* (Unification Industries) which raised eyebrows several years ago by importing several hundred shotguns and powerful air rifles manufactured by the Reverend Moon's munitions factories in South Korea which assemble M-16 rifles on a knockdown basis under US licence and manufacture parts for the same weapons. Significantly, the shotguns and air rifles mentioned above were imported for the militant IFFVOC, presumably to be used (when *Der Tag* comes) against targets whom the Messiah chooses to designate as communists."

—John Roberts, "Happiness ginseng from earth-conquering Moonies," *Far Eastern Economic Review*, 23 June 1978

Moon Sponsors Gusano Assassins

"Feeding the hopes of [Cuban] exile terrorists through the years have been powerful outside interests. First came the CIA, recruiting for the Bay of Pigs, the Congo, and Vietnam. Later came E. Howard Hunt for Nixon's re-election committee. After that, the Chilean secret police. And in 1977 a representative from yet another heavily financed international organization dedicated to fighting world Communism appeared on the scene: a Reverend Jose Casado of Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church.

"Over the past two years, it was learned, Casado arranged and paid for buses to transport exiles to the World Anti-Communist League conferences in Washington. [Cuban Nationalist Movement leader] Armando Santana also said Casado supplied \$2,000 to the Cuban Nationalist Movement to help pay legal fees for the three members convicted for their parts in the Letelier murder. Casado also picked up the publishing costs for the first three months of this year of *El Cubano Libre*, one of the most right wing of the area's exile tabloids, according to owner-editor Pedro Hernandez."

—Jeff Stein, "An Army In Exile," *New York* magazine, 10 September 1979

...And the "Current White House Staff"

"The ubiquitous 'Reverend' Sun Myung Moon and his Unification Church are making a bid for influence



Village Voice

Notorious Japanese fascist and Moonie supporter Ryoichi Sasakawa posing with Mussolini.

and respectability in the Middle East by setting up their own publication—*The Middle East Times*, first published in Cyprus in March.... But few of the writers, including those who helped to set it up (and fewer of the readers), know that it is funded and run by Moon's right-hand man, former South Korean officer Colonel Bo Hi Pak....

"To achieve his aim of a world theocracy, Moon has set up corporations engaged in everything from ginseng exporting to the manufacture of M-16 rifles. They have turnovers of tens of millions of dollars. Together with Colonel Pak, said to be the man responsible for the day-to-day running of the UC [Unification Church], Moon also cultivates the most conservative of politicians and regimes worldwide to help spread his message by offering them assistance in fighting the left.

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Endorsers of SL/SYL Anti-Moonie Libel Suit

Partial List of Endorsers

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Help Fight Moonie Libel

When the 5,000-strong Labor/Black Mobilization stopped the KKK in Washington, D.C. last November 27, the Moonies targeted the principal organizers. The Moonies' *Washington Times* falsely branded the Spartacists as "violent provocateurs," would-be cop-killers—a set-up for violence against us which compelled the SL to sue for libel.

The Moonie libel is such a pack of lies their lawyers have no defense and so have tried to squeeze through a legal loophole using an anachronistic law in the District of Columbia stating that political organizations cannot sue. Of course we wanted to keep the case in Washington, D.C., the city which experienced the event. But on November 18 we moved the case to New York State. The Moonies must not be allowed to get away with this libel that kills.

Money, and lots of it, is urgently needed to win this lawsuit against the dangerous, well-financed ultrarightist Moon cult. Send contributions to: Partisan Defense Committee, P.O. Box 99, Canal Street Station, New York, NY 10013.



Rousing Benefit for Victimized Phone Strikers

"Hey, D.A.—Hands Off Lauren and Ray!"

OAKLAND—Some 250 people jammed into "Your Place" in south Berkeley on November 14 to hear the hottest blues musicians in the Bay Area in a rousing benefit for framed-up phone strikers Lauren Mozee and Ray Palmiero. Sonny Rhodes, singer Maxine Howard, The Right Kind and others donated their time and talent. Opening with the song "Money," blues band Malik and The Plus Factor kicked off the fund-raiser, which was broadcast live over radio station KPFA. People came out for a good time and for a good cause: more than \$2,000 was raised for Ray and Lauren's defense.

Phone workers from San Leandro and around the Bay Area, trade unionists, socialists of the Spartacist League/Spartacus Youth League came to see justice done. Virtually everyone in the predominantly black crowd had their own stories about racist cop harassment and scab violence. The audience responded warmly when Lauren and Ray addressed them. "They're not going to railroad me to jail," said Lauren. "They did it to me once before, years and years ago. My kids were young. They took me away from my kids for a while, but they're not going to do it again." For several minutes, the nightclub echoed with chants of "Hey, D.A.—Workers say, get your hands off Lauren and Ray!"

Darlene Posey, a member of the Labor Black League for Social Defense and of the Militant Action Caucus in the CWA (phone workers), spoke to the need to fight racist attacks, union-busting and cop terror:

"I worked with Lauren. In my garage we have less than 50 people and we have been off strike for two months. And in two months we had three people fired—for defending picket lines, for fighting overtime. And when I say overtime, I mean 12-13 hours a night for weeks at a time..."

"They're not just doing it to us. They did it to PATCO, which set the trend to all the union-busting going on right now... Look at what they're doing to Greyhound... Lauren and Ray were two people who finally said no."

Following the successful fund-raiser, four Oakland Police cruisers descended on the area. Two of the squad cars tracked Ray and Lauren—who were accompanied by an armed security guard hired by the Defense Committee—to a nearby restaurant, and three cops were waiting outside as they left. Such provocation and harassment recalls earlier police efforts to set up and destroy the Black Panther Party, of which Lauren Mozee was a member for ten years.

On November 21, defense attorneys filed motions for discovery and dismissal of the charges. These motions will be argued in a December 1 hearing at the Hayward Municipal Court. The Phone Strikers Defense Committee has been

mobilizing supporters to fill the courtroom to send yet another message to the D.A. and phone company: Drop the charges! Freedom and jobs back for Lauren and Ray!

Victory for Lauren and Ray requires money—and lots of it. We congratulate the San Leandro phone worker who sold \$105 worth of benefit tickets, and urge *Workers Vanguard* readers to contribute as generously as they can for this important defense effort. Checks and money orders can be sent to: Phone Strikers Defense Committee, P.O. Box 24152, Oakland, CA 94623. In defending themselves and their union picket line against a racist management scab attack, Lauren and Ray fought for all of us—now we must fight for them! ■

Why Keith Anwar Case Isn't Going to Supreme Court

Picket Line Militant Says: "Back Lauren and Ray"

We reprint below excerpts from a leaflet issued by fired Chicago steel worker and picket line militant Keith Anwar:

When Inland Steel fired me in 1979 for the "crime" of refusing to cross a USWA picket line, thousands of District 31 steelworkers saw the fight for my reinstatement as *their* fight for picket lines that no one crosses. It was easy to see we needed the weapon of labor solidarity—not line phrases but united *action*—to defend ourselves from the bosses' anti-labor and racist campaigns. Rank-and-file USWA members dug into their pockets to help pay legal costs. Many circulated petitions and sent postcards supporting the picket line fight to USWA officials. The 1979 District 31 Conference unanimously voted to demand my reinstatement with back pay. My own Local, 1010, organized a rally for our right to honor picket lines. It was this support which last year won a decision from the NLRB ordering Inland to put me back to work.

But last summer a federal Appeals Court in Chicago overturned the NLRB decision and backed the company all the way. This left me with one legal recourse: an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. I have decided not to do this. Such an appeal could cost tens of thousands of dollars—money which would have to be raised from working people

who've been pushed to the wall by givebacks and layoffs. And the chances are damned slim that the Supreme Court would uphold our right to hit back at the steel bosses with militant solidarity.

Originally I took my case to the NLRB on the grounds that even when you're playing against a stacked deck you might win a hand or two. But I recognized that the Labor Board and the courts are not neutral, as a leaflet issued by the Keith Anwar Defense Committee pointed out at the time (December 18, 1980). They are arms of a government whose prime purpose is to maintain this system of exploited labor and racial oppression. What we need to do is to take matters into our own hands, reviving the traditions of labor solidarity by building mass picket lines that no one *dares* to cross.

From the Memorial Day Massacre to Newport News to Phelps Dodge, picket lines have always been the battle lines of class struggle. And the companies know that whenever they can punch holes in our battle lines, they've got us beat. That's why judges, politicians (Republicans and Democrats) and cops are always so concerned about protecting the so-called "democratic rights" of scabs. And that's why they go after militant union pickets who try to put into practice the First Commandment of

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National Black Press Covers Mozee/Palmiero Defense

THE Black American
17-23 November 1983
A BLACK WORKERS STRUGGLE GETS SUPPORT

THE ATLANTA VOICE
12-18 November 1983
Hundreds March To Oppose Racism In Oakland

400 March in Oakland to protest 'frameup'



In a demonstration with overtones of the 60s, over 400 "Black militants" and members of a socialist organization marched through drizzling rain in downtown Oakland, Ca. to City Hall to protest the alleged frame-up of two phone company employees charged with assault during the recent nationwide strike.

The two, Lauren Mozee, 36, and Ray Palmiero, 30, are accused of having assaulted a Pacific Telephone Company manager during a picket-line scuffle in last August's nationwide phone strike. Both were fired and both insist that they are innocent.

Ms. Mozee, a founding member of the Black Panther Party, is Black and Palmiero is white. Supporters of the two contend that the incident occurred when Pacific Phone company manager Michelle Rose Hansen, crossing the picket line of the striking workers, referred to Mozee as a "Black Nigger Bitch" in response to one of "scab" Ms. Hansen allegedly struck Ms. Mozee in the face and the scuffle erupted when Palmiero and others came to her defense. According to prosecutors, Ms. Mozee grabbed Hansen, 27, in a hammerlock as she walked through the picket line and hit her several times in the face. But Mozee and Palmiero say the charges are untrue and insist that Hansen started the fight when she knocked a can of soda out of Ms. Mozee's hand, uttered a racial slur and hit her.

According to members of a legal defense committee set up to defend the couple who face up to seven years in prison, they are the only persons in the nation facing felony charges for strike-related incidents. Ms. Mozee is a phone installer and Palmiero works in directory assistance.

Carolina Judge...

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disease had on their mortality rate—a cruel “experiment” just a step away from Nazi Germany. And poor black women on welfare have all too often regained consciousness after childbirth to find themselves forcibly sterilized.

In Europe, the bourgeois democratic revolutions terminated the last remnants of the abominable practice of castration. It took Napoleon's army conquering Frankfurt in 1815 to abolish the use of “castrati” in “boys choirs,” castrated to keep their voices from echanging. Today the American rulers' willingness to snatch up the ancient bloodstained knife, to geld the black man and sterilize the black woman, reflects the poisonous and unbearable racism which characterizes American capitalism. A direct violation of the U.S. Bill of Rights prohibition of “cruel and unusual punishments,” this barbaric blow at the manhood of blacks, the ultimate cruelty of castration, reveals the terrible fear, and the terrible reality of racist America.

It's going to take nothing less than socialist revolution to finish what the Civil War started, to wipe out the racist oppression of blacks, the central question of the American revolution, and the central agony which has vastly accelerated the slide into barbaric degeneracy of this rotting capitalist society. ■

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freeze” proposal taken up by Democratic presidential hopefuls like Mondale and Cranston. In one sense the “freeze” is just the latest example of the “arms control” fraud. Remember that SALT I, signed by Nixon and Brezhnev in 1972, was supposed to freeze the U.S. and Soviet nuclear arsenals at the then existing level. For many U.S. ruling-class politicians, the “freeze” is mainly intended to free up Pentagon funds for *more conventional weapons*. It is no accident that two of the prominent advocates of the “freeze” and “no first use” of nuclear weapons were also main architects of the Vietnam War—Robert McNamara and McGeorge Bundy. Vietnam was the supposed testing ground for “flexible response” to “Communist aggression” (i.e., social revolution).

“America Über Alles”—Or Else

The mass of the American people know in their guts that they will not survive nuclear war, and “The Day After” strongly reinforced this sense of reality. Yet the aim of the American ruling class—under the Democrats as well as Republicans—has been to destroy the Soviet degenerated workers state through an effective *nuclear first strike*. But they can't come right out and say that. Hence the right wing's seething hostility to a movie which actually understates the effects of nuclear war and Shultz's shifty-eyed effort to enlist “The Day After” in the service of the most massive nuclear arms buildup in history.

From Truman's atomic bombing of Japan in 1945 to Eisenhower's A-bomb threats in Korea to Kennedy's nuclear bullying against Cuba, the American ruling class has repeatedly demonstrated its willingness to launch a nuclear war, in particular to get the Soviet Union. What the Reagan administration has done is to make this policy more public and to bring it closer to reality through an accelerated application of the latest computer technology. Campaigning in 1980 George Bush spilled the beans in an interview with *Los Angeles Times* correspondent Robert Scheer in which former CIA chief and current vice president Bush talked about

“winning” in a “nuclear exchange,” through “survivability of command and control” and by having “a capability that inflicts more damage on the opposition than it inflicts on you.” Colin Gray, one of Reagan's top “arms control” experts, put it more explicitly in his notorious “Victory Is Possible!” article (*Foreign Policy*, Summer 1980) calling for the ability to “initiate strategic nuclear use.”

And the Reaganites are not just talking about starting a nuclear war. They are, with bipartisan support, *preparing to do just that*:

- Development of the MX missile which ex-president Jimmy Carter stated would give the U.S. “a capability to destroy most of the Soviet silo-based ICBM force in a first strike.”

- Deployment of the Trident submarines and their very accurate D5 missile, which can be brought undetected close to Soviet shores.

- The Pershing 2s now being deployed in West Europe, six to eight minutes from their Soviet targets.

- The multi-billion-dollar “hardening” of Bell System phone complexes against the effect of nuclear explosion to preserve Pentagon “command, control and communications” systems.

- The Pentagon's emergency program for 50,000 hospital beds in the U.S., for the spillover from a “limited” nuclear war in Europe.

We could add ten times more evidence that the government of the United States is actually planning a nuclear first strike. But no amount of holocaust handwringing or pacifist protest is going to stop these madmen. As Karl Marx said against the wooly-headed do-gooders of his day: “material force must be overthrown by material force.” And the material force which prevents the Pentagon from unleashing its arsenal of megadeath is, first of all, fear of a Soviet second strike. It is the Soviet nuclear arsenal which has until now stopped the men who A-bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki, who carpet-bombed Vietnam, from pushing the button. *The peoples of the world should be very thankful for those SS18s and SS20s.*

At the same time, the Kremlin Stalinists disarm the world working class politically by preaching the need for “peaceful coexistence” and “détente” with imperialist militarism. Yet all the women's vigils at Greenham Common near London and all the anti-nuke protests at U.S. Army bases in West Germany did not and will not stop or even delay a single Pershing or cruise missile. Here is exposed the bankruptcy of Stalinism as well as the impotence of pacifism.

The only force which can overthrow imperialist militarism is working-class revolution. Thus German Trotskyists of the international Spartacist tendency demand: “Stop NATO First-Strike Weapons with Workers' Strikes!” The Soviet nuclear arsenal has bought the world working class precious time to resolve the historic alternatives facing mankind: socialism or barbarism. And that time is fast running out. The American working class, in particular, has both a great opportunity and a great responsibility—to destroy this war-crazy capitalist system before it destroys the world. ■

Central America...

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without. Recently, the FSLN has sought an accommodation with the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic church, which, however, is waging an open campaign to encourage draft resistance, undermining defense of the revolution against CIA/*contra* aggression. The Sandinistas have also eased censorship of the bourgeois daily *La Prensa*, which printed provocative articles endorsing

Reagan's invasion of Grenada. Yet despite this liberalism, *La Prensa* announced it is closing down supposedly for lack of newsprint. This is an imperialist provocation on the order of the truck owners “strike” in Chile in 1973.

By kicking out the Salvadoran leftists, conciliating the Vatican and the capitalists, the FSLN *comandantes* risk slitting their own throats. Their successful 1979 revolution destroyed the capitalist state apparatus of Somozaism. But the petty-bourgeois FSLN regime has not taken the decisive step of expropriating the capitalist class. By preserving the property of the bourgeoisie intact, the Sandinistas are keeping the door open to successful counterrevolution. No matter how much they try to accommodate the imperialists and domestic capitalists, the latter will recognize their *class* interests as standing far higher than national interests. And when the Yankee invasion begins in earnest, these powerful counterrevolutionaries will undertake sabotage on a massive scale. To crush them it will be necessary to unleash the working masses, forcibly kept in check for the last four years in order to preserve the FSLN's utopian/reformist “third road.” For this the urgent need is for Trotskyist parties built on the program of permanent revolution throughout Central America.

In El Salvador, the leftist guerrillas of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN) have established a corridor across the northern tier of the country. More than 60 municipalities, a fifth of the national territory, are controlled by the insurgents. But to achieve real strength the FMLN must link up with Nicaragua's Sandinista army, sparking a revolutionary civil war throughout the isthmus. Artificially separating the struggles in the name of nationalism only aids the U.S. imperialists who seek to drown the Salvadoran insurgency in blood, “roll back” the Sandinistas and besiege the Cuban Revolution. In El Salvador itself it is necessary to fight for workers revolution rather than “democratic” reform which would safeguard capitalist/landlord property and preserve the genocidal army which has lorded it over this long-suffering country for the past half century. All of Central America must burn with the flames of revolutionary war. This is the only real answer to the impending threat of Yankee imperialist invasion.

Reagan has escalated from not-so-secret support to Somozaist *contras* (at a cost of more than \$80 million to date) to direct CIA attacks against Nicaraguan ports and rehearsals for a U.S. invasion of Sandinista Nicaragua. Washington's ultimate aim is to reverse the Cuban Revolution and overthrow the conquests of the Russian October Revolution. Contrary to the illusions of the reformists and nationalists, accommodation with the imperialists is impossible. And therefore all attempts to negotiate a “political solution” short of social revolution only aid the counterrevolution. The Central American working class is relatively weak and divided. But it can link up with the millions of proletarians, from Mexico to the Southern Cone of Latin America, whose only hope for liberation is through workers revolution against tinpot dictators and the bloodsucking International Monetary Fund. Defeat Yankee imperialism in Central America! ■

Moonies...

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various aspects of the UC in their zeal to join forces with such militant anti-communism. These include Jacques Soustelle, governor of Algeria during the war of independence, Colombia's former president (and its present defence minister), the chief of staff of the Honduran army, a former US secretary

of the treasury, and many others, including, it is said, current White House staff.”

—*The Middle East* magazine, September 1983

The World Anti-Communist League

“In the first ten days of January, 1966, delegates from some 30 countries met in Seoul, South Korea, to officially charter the World Anti-Communist League. Its main offices were established in Seoul's Freedom Center, which was organized by the Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation (KCFF), a Reverend Sun Myung Moon fundraising arm started by Moon's interpreter, close friend and Unification Church member, Bo Hi Pak. Funds for the Freedom Center came principally from the Korean government with \$796,000, and the KCFF, which derived the bulk of its money through tax-exempt donations in the U.S....

“By the early 1970's, WACL had proven itself to be the legitimate flame-bearer for neo-fascist causes....

“On May 23, 1975, a WACL-financed conference was held in Las Palmas (Canary Islands) in the name of the ‘Secret Atlantic Alliance’. Gathered together were the world's active terrorists from Argentina's Anti-Communist Alliance, militants from the Italian-based Ordine Nuovo, extreme right activists from Legion Afrika (South Africa), British neo-Nazis from Column 88, and like-minded extremists from France, Switzerland, Spain, and Brazil.

“In 1976, the League underwrote the founding of the International Anti-Communist Front, to be headed by the Belgian heir to the Rexist Movement, Vlaamse Militante Orden (VMO) which has ties with the U.S. Ku Klux Klan....

“[WACL members] have access to formidable resources and friends and allies in corporations and governments around the world, and represent a key consolidation of the Nazi network, rightist terrorists, cold war rhetoric and obsessive anti-communists.”

—“World Anti-Communist League,” *Public Eye*, 1979

Keith Anwar...

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labor: “Thou shalt not cross!”

Today, two such militants are being viciously framed up on the West Coast. Lauren Mozee and Ray Palmiero, members of the Communications Workers of America (CWA), face up to *eight years in prison!* Their “crime”? Doing picket duty during the nationwide phone strike last summer. On August 10, in the KKK-infested city of San Leandro, California, a racist scab boss walked up to the CWA picket line and punched Lauren in the face, calling her a “*black nigger bitch!*” Lauren defended herself, with assistance from Ray, her companion. Later both were arrested, charged with felonies and fired from their jobs. The CWA bailed Ray and Lauren out of jail and provided lawyers for their defense. Their cause has been taken up by several Bay Area union locals, scores of labor officials and many notable individuals, including Congressman Ron Dellums. Now a massive outpouring of labor/black support from across the country is needed to keep these union members out of the state penitentiary!

I want to thank every USWA brother and sister who has supported the campaign for my reinstatement—a campaign for picket line solidarity. All funds which the Keith Anwar Defense Committee has raised for a Supreme Court appeal will be returned to the contributors. At the same time, I strongly urge all such contributors to send this money to the Phone Strikers Defense Committee (Box 24152, Oakland, CA 94623). Lauren and Ray have their *freedom* on the line because they believe “picket lines mean don't cross!”

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Taylor Family...

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racist attack. In his summary District Attorney Jimmy Evans told the jury: "If you break into my home, I'll kill you. Is that the message you want to send out of this community?" The estimated 150 blacks who were in the courtroom replied, "Yeah."

The hung jury was a defeat for the prosecution. They went after Worrie Taylor first, but they couldn't make it stick. They couldn't shove the monstrous lies, the doctored tapes, the "missing" gun down the throat of the jury made up of eight whites and four blacks. On Friday, the judge threw out the charges of kidnapping and robbery against Worrie Taylor. On Sunday the jury was deadlocked and they couldn't get a conviction of Worrie Taylor on the remaining charge of attempted murder. As a local black state representative put it, "We're gratified, but not satisfied that we got a hung jury."

The Taylors' lives are still very much in danger. Worrie Taylor can be tried again (and next time they'll rig a lily-white jury no doubt). Meanwhile, four other members of the Taylor family are due up next in the dock. Chris Taylor, the 21-year-old student from Pontiac, Michigan who was shot by the cops and then charged with kidnapping and assault, is now fighting extradition back to Alabama. So far the rallies, petitions and fund-raising campaigns, both South and North, have helped to stay the legal lynch mob's hands. There must be a national spotlight focused on Montgomery. Drop the charges against the Taylors! No extradition of Chris Taylor! Jail the racist cops! A million dollars compensation to the persecuted Taylors!

Racist Lynch Trial

The trial began on November 14. But the Taylor family ordeal began on February 27 of this year when family members from Michigan and Ohio gathered in Montgomery for the funeral of Mrs. Annie Bell Taylor. They were sitting around the table at home when Christopher Taylor came running into the house screaming, "Two white men are shooting at me!" The next moment the two white gunmen, pointing .357 magnums, kicked open the door. The Taylors, thinking they were under KKK attack, disarmed the racist thugs, then phoned the cops. But the two thugs who had stopped Chris Taylor outside his grandmother's home, called him "nig-

ger" and then shot him as he fled back to the house where the cops: officers Les Brown and Ed Spivey of the Montgomery PD.

More cops burst into the house. In the 15-minute confrontation which ensued, Brown was shot twice. Evidence suggests that he was shot by another cop who was gunning for the Taylors. The gun has since "disappeared." Then 11 members of the Taylor family were dragged down to Montgomery city jail where they were beaten so badly they were "bouncing off the walls of the police station." Even Judge Thomas suppressed the "confessions" that were beaten out of the Taylors. One week after the arrest, the Taylors' home on Todd Road was vandalized, with "KKK" spraypainted on it. The Alabama lynchers want to string up the Taylors as an example to all black people. The victims are being tried as criminals.

Montgomery is the birthplace of the civil rights movement, but the capital of Alabama is also a small, segregated, insulated, repressive place. Montgomery mayor Emory Folmar aims to keep it that way. He has personally cultivated a police force which resembles nothing so much as an elite Southern cavalry corps, owing its allegiance to one particular Confederate general fighting to restore the slavocracy. One spectator at the trial observed, "Folmar is our Ku Klux mayor." What has these racists screaming mad is that the Taylors defended their home and lived to tell about it: cops are not supposed to get whipped by blacks in racist America.

Spivey and Brown, the prosecution claimed, were justified in stopping and attempting to search Chris Taylor because there were "a lot of shiny new cars with out-of-state plates in front of their rundown shack, probably a dope ring." (It was the Chevy Corvette and the two Lincoln Continentals which really gored their ox. As one black resident said, "They think black people aren't supposed to have that.") As lying D.A. Evans played to the gallery of cops and the jury, he kept screaming that the Taylors had said, "This is the way we treat police up North." His message was clear: the South shall rise again. Evans told the jury, "I want you to come back here with a verdict that says 'we are a community'"—that is, this "community" will make your lives hell if you don't come back with a guilty verdict.

Evans pointed to the impassive, drawn Worrie Taylor and raised a picture of a bottle of gin purported to have been on the Taylor dining room table that night, and screamed that Worrie Taylor had been "fermenting his mourning" and that "the machinery of pure violence was working in this man's mind." On the fact that the mayor of Warren, Ohio had come and testified to Worrie Taylor's good character, Evans intoned, "There isn't a man in the South who wouldn't have said John Wilkes Booth had a good character until he climbed over the balcony and shot Abraham Lincoln, the greatest president we ever had." This was too much for most of the audience. A spectator remarked, "There isn't a Southern white man alive who thinks Abraham Lincoln was our greatest president."

In his closing argument defense attorney Solomon Seay said a guilty verdict would be a revival of the 1857 Dred Scott decision where the Supreme Court declared once a slave, always a slave, even if he has gone North, and that a black man "had no rights which a white man was bound to respect." At issue was Worrie Taylor's constitutional right to self-defense, said attorney Seay, and the jury "must say that a black man does have rights." When another member of the defense team, Vanzetta Durant appealed to the jurors, saying "You must be a Taylor," the frenzied D.A. Evans leapt up and screamed, "Thank god you're not a Taylor, because then you might jump out of the jury box and finish the job," as he clutched the shoulders of cop Spivey. At

one point Judge Randall Thomas, frustrated by Evans' refusal to give any kind of justification for the stop-and-search of Chris Taylor that night exclaimed, "You know the citizens have rights too. This isn't Korea."

Battle Lines in the Courtroom

The Taylor trial became a DMZ for Montgomery. The cops came to the trial armed and ready for intimidation. But the Taylors' black supporters filled the courtroom daily, standing up to the cops' threat. The jury's first full day of deliberations began Saturday at 9 a.m. Montgomery mayor Folmar's troops arrived early to stake out the seating. Over 100 members of the Montgomery PD were there by mid-morning, ap-

as witness.

On Sunday, Folmar himself arrived at the courtroom, walkie-talkie in hand, and herded all the police into the grand jury room for a briefing. This was not Folmar's first appearance in court. He attended at least three times last week, arriving armed, and once in combat fatigues direct from a parachute jump. Folmar is well-known for his paramilitary recreational activities.

Build the Taylor Defense

The five members of the Taylor family still face charges which could put them away for 20 years in Alabama state prison—where any black man branded as a would-be cop killer faces nearly certain death. Folmar's racist thugs in

His Life Is in Danger

No Extradition of Chris Taylor!

The following urgent telegram was sent to Governor Blanchard of Michigan demanding no extradition of Christopher Taylor to Alabama where he faces a lynch law frame-up. The telegram, circulated by the Partisan Defense Committee, Labor/Black Struggle League and Rouge Militant Caucus, was signed by 139 Detroit area unionists, labor and black leaders, including 95 members of UAW Local 600 (Ford River

Rouge). Among the signatories are Mike Rinaldi, President of UAW Local 600; Winston E. Lang, Executive Secretary, Detroit NAACP; Joesephus King, President, AFSCME Local 23; and Roy Greer, Business Agent, Laborers International Union Local 959 (organizations listed for identification purposes only). The growing support for the Taylors must be mobilized in powerful labor/black action to bury the racist frame-up!

Governor James Blanchard
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48909

We, the undersigned, demand that Christopher Taylor not be extradited to Montgomery, Alabama, where he faces jail or worse at the hands of lynch law "justice" in the State of Alabama's racist frame-up of the courageous Taylor family.

Drop the charges against the Taylor family!
No extradition of Chris Taylor!

proximately one-third of the entire department. The chief of police attended the trial every day, while the assistant chief of police showed up in a hunting outfit modeled after camouflage fatigues, armed. There were cops in uniform, cops off duty, plainclothes detectives. And every morning about 20 cadets from the Montgomery Police Academy showed up fully uniformed. The defense attorney remarked that it might have been an ideal time for someone to rob a bank—all the cops were in the courtroom.

Taylor supporters stood their ground. More than a few had grown up with Worrie Taylor. A Montgomery-based Taylor defense committee has raised over \$43,000 and sponsored numerous mass meetings—sometimes up to 800 people, overflowing the church meeting hall. The fact that the Taylors defended themselves and their home against Folmar's racist cops means a great deal to these people. In their support of the Taylors, Montgomery blacks were determined to show that another Scottsboro Boys case would not be rammed down their throats.

On Saturday, "General Folmar's regiment" occupied the first several rows of seats on both sides of the aisle, including the seats that had been occupied by the Taylor family and their friends and relatives throughout the trial. One row of these arrogant thugs finally gave up their seats to the immediate family of Worrie Taylor, after being instructed to do so by Chief Swindall, but continued to surround them. The police conduct during the trial was a conscious political provocation. Donald Watkins, the former black city councilman who blew the cover-up of the brutal jailhouse heatings of the Taylors, was effectively barred from the courtroom when the prosecution refused to release him from subpoena

blue and their friends in the D.A.'s office are pursuing this proud black family with a vengeance. Stymied for now in the courtroom, look for them to wreak their terror indiscriminately in the streets against the 40 percent black population of Montgomery. As defense lawyer Seay remarked about the tension in the city, "In terms of the black community...we're simply on the brink of war, and they won't believe me" (*Atlanta Constitution*, 28 November).

But if Folmar, Evans and the boys think they're still fighting the Civil War, let them remember who won and who lost. The Montgomery blacks who have courageously stood up for the Taylors in the courtroom have powerful allies, in the plants, in the ghettos across the North, among working people everywhere who stand for the dignity of the black man and the basic right of the people of this country to defend themselves and their homes against racist attack. In Pontiac, Michigan the Taylor family's union brothers and sisters in the UAW have shown support, and hundreds have come out to black church rallies there and in Warren, Ohio. The Spartacist League and the Labor/Black Struggle League have fought for mass labor/black action to free the Taylors from the threat of the Alabama lynch mob. They have sought to mobilize support through demonstrations at Wayne State University in Detroit, a fund-raising benefit, telegram campaigns to stop Chris Taylor's extradition. The Rouge Militant Caucus at UAW Local 600 and the Labor/Black Struggle League have rallied outside that giant auto complex to win the black workers there to this critical case. Mass labor/black action can stop the Dixie lynchers from carrying through this racist crime against the courageous Taylors and all black people. Drop the charges against the Taylor family! ■

CORRECTION

"Remember 'The Bedford Incident'" (WV No. 342, 18 November) incorrectly states that in the 1960s movie a U.S. warship hounds a Soviet submarine off the Greenland coast "until it is forced to surface." While in the final moments of the movie the Soviet sub raises its conning tower to take in air, at no point does it surface and submit to the torture of the imperialist psycho commander. Instead, when the *Bedford* moved in for the kill—and the American captain had his crew so wound up that they fired away—the submarine completely submerged and retaliated with nuclear torpedoes. As we noted, if in the recent real-life attack by an American destroyer on a Soviet submarine carrying nuclear weapons, the Soviet commander had done the same—with full justification—there would be a large hole in the Atlantic Ocean where the U.S. ship used to be. Reagan had better stop messing with the Russians!

Greyhound Strike...

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Thanksgiving, ATU "Solidarity" rallies were held in Washington, Boston and New York. They were designed as mere protest affairs, but the thousands of trade unionists who jammed areas adjoining the Greyhound terminals didn't come there to listen to speeches. In Boston some 3,000 workers, with heavy representation from the building trades, turned out in Copley Square and marched to Greyhound. There the bureaucrats attempted to disperse the rally and the militancy, warning against "violence" and pleading that the "police are our friends." But the workers taunted cops: "If you're on our side then why didn't you get the 'Blue Flu' today?" Demonstrators chanted, "No more PATCOs!" and a group of iron workers demanded, "Let us strike!" Over a thousand workers refused to disperse and it took mounted police to break up the rally.

That evening, more than 2,000 workers, including several hundred transit workers, turned out for the rally at New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal. As two dozen speakers droned on endlessly with "we're with you all the way" platitudes, members of the Committee for a Fighting TWU and other militants began chanting "stop the buses!" which spread throughout the crowd. Finally the crowd was instructed to move, not to the nearby bus platforms, but to the Greyhound ticketing area. Half an hour later, protected by a wall-to-wall line of cops, the company closed up the area and the crowd cheered wildly. Reluctantly these workers, who stayed long past the speeches in the hope that there would be a fight against the scabbing, left the terminal. The next day there were only minimal pickets and Greyhound's buses were rolling.

Despite the failure to mount effective picket lines, Greyhound has resumed only about 10 percent of its normal service. Significantly, there are no buses



St. Louis:
Strikers burn Greyhound's
back-to-work order.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Philadelphia:
Trade unionists stop the
buses from leaving terminal.

Landers/Boston Globe

Fresno, California:
Scab Greyhound
driver in training kills
a woman driving a car.

rolling out of Cleveland, with militant Ohio Teamsters on the highways. The bosses have moderated their scabherding tempo to a limited number of targets initially. But the scabbing must be stopped now before it kills this strike! The courage of the Greyhound workers, as well as the enthusiasm expressed by thousands of trade unionists—who know damn well what union-busting here portends for all of labor—show that if the unions take a determined stand in even one location it could spark

a massive mobilization to bury the union-busters!

From Boston to Seattle

On November 17 in Philadelphia, more than 1,000 pickets from ATU and 30 other unions held up Greyhound's first scab bus for more than 12 hours. Hundreds of strikers and supporters pushed through police lines and pounded on the bus. Cops arrested 43, but evidently fearing a massive labor response, the courts set them free. The

same day in Boston there were more than 50 arrests as 300 pickets, including hardhat volunteers from nearby construction sites, blocked the Greyhound terminal.

The next day about 250 workers, who knew that their unions had pledged support and who had seen the cop violence on TV, showed up on the line. When the Boston pickets noticed that Greyhound was sneaking a bus out the back exit, 100 ran to the rear of the terminal to stop it. Militants struggled to stay in front of the vehicle but were forced back by mounted police, yet after 20 minutes the bus had moved only one block. The cops, with badge numbers covered, attacked again. A 53-year-old construction union official was struck by the front wheels of the bus after being driven into its path by a mounted policeman. The Boston cossacks charged into the fuming crowd which continued to bang on the sides of the bus screaming "Arrest the fucking scab!" When a fire engine roared up, everyone braced for the water cannon but the firemen jumped out waving their fists, leaving their truck in the way of the bus until they too were forced to move.

In San Francisco, stones and bottles rained down on scab buses on the 17th as 300 pickets, again including militants from other unions, manned the lines. Again the cops were vicious. ATU costeward Mike Boswell got a dislocated shoulder. Department Store Employees president Walter Johnson was billy clubbed and Molders business agent Ignacio de la Fuente had his arm broken. At least one picket, a Machinist, was hit by a scab bus.

In city after city, rank-and-file militants, in most cases with their local leadership absent, relied on their own resourcefulness in the face of overwhelming police force. In Los Angeles, close to 200 pickets massed in front of Greyhound's first scab bus. Cops pushed the strikers aside but militants, with young black workers especially prominent, filled in the holes. A car manned by sign-carrying strikers "broke down" in front of the next bus and strikers massed around to lend "assistance." This time the cops moved in with

Phone Strikers Defense Committee at Greyhound Strike Meeting

"Shut Down Every Airline, Bus Terminal, Railroad...!"

Supporters of the Phone Strikers Defense Committee have joined other trade unionists on the Greyhound picket lines in San Francisco, where the popular chant from last summer's phone strike, "Picket lines mean don't cross!" was readily taken up by embattled Greyhound strikers. On November 16, ATU Local 1225 vice president Lee Peschell invited representatives of the committee to speak at a special mass meeting of the strikers. We reprint below their remarks:

Kelth Dodds: On behalf of the Phone Strikers Defense Committee, which was formed to defend victimized members of the Communications Workers of America, one of whom I'm going to introduce in a moment, who were fired and face trumped-up, racist anti-labor felony charges as the result of picket line duty during their strike, I want to bring you the greetings and the warmest solidarity of the phone workers, who are with you and know that your strike is their strike. During the strike of 700,000 phone workers last summer in August, there was massive management scabbing, as you know, there was massive violence directed against the pickets. And on August 10 this woman, a courageous member of her union, Lauren Mozee, was attacked on a picket line in San Leandro in front of the directory assistance location there by a management scab who had been provoking the strikers throughout the strike, making

obscene gestures. She approached Lauren and called her a "black nigger bitch," and hit her in the face. Lauren defended herself, and her companion and fellow union member Ray Palmiero, who couldn't be here today, came to her assistance.

As a result of that, the management scab, that racist, still has her job; Lauren and Ray have been fired from their jobs and face four years in state prison on trumped-up felony charges for defending themselves. [Shouts from strikers: "What?!"] We are pursuing that fight and we've got broad support from a lot of the rest of the labor movement. We'll not rest until those charges are dropped and Ray and Lauren have their jobs back with full back pay. [Loud applause.] As I said, we know that your strike is on the front line for the entire labor movement right now. There was a chant that was very popular on the phone workers picket lines, which maybe we can take up a little later today and get Lauren to lead it, "Picket lines mean don't cross!" That's how you're going to win your strike. And we're going to be down there and mobilizing our forces and our people to help you shut Greyhound down! [Cheers and applause.]

I want to close by saying, the labor movement cannot tolerate any more PATCOs. [Interjection: "That's right!" Clapping, shouts.] And that's what they're aiming at you. That's what Reagan and his team and Greyhound

are aiming at you. So we're going to try to be with you, to mobilize support to shut those terminals down and make sure no scab bus runs in this country. And if it comes to it, if Reagan and Greyhound keep pushing it, let's shut down every airline, every bus terminal, every railway... [Cheers and enthusiastic applause.] The working people in this country have the power to shut this country down—we won't have any more PATCOs! Solidarity forever! Let me introduce Lauren Mozee, the woman I told you about.

Lauren Mozee: You guys are great, even though you're here and not working. [Laughter.] I know how that is. But if you notice that Reagan is exercising that trickle down effect—you know, starting with PATCO, United Auto Workers in Fremont, that plant is closed. Phelps Dodge in Arizona—I remember the pictures on the news when they had 750 National Guardsmen escorting scabs into that plant in Arizona. And I understand that's what they plan on doing to you guys tomorrow. [Shouts: "They better not!"] And we're not going to let that happen. I'm going to get up, I'm going to come over here, I'm going to help you. Picket lines mean don't cross! [Cheers and applause.]

I've been reading this ATU [Amalgamated Transit Union] flyer that was given out at the front door. And it says, "Question: Can I be fired for participat-

ing in a legal strike? Answer: No, although you can be fired for misconduct on the picket line, hitting a supervisor." [Laughter.] What if a supervisor hits you? [Interjections: "Right, yeah!"] What if they hit you and call you lots of names...? I was on the picket line and I saw a truck coming at me, 40 or 50 miles an hour. I don't care. I've got a job. I got kids to support. And I am a unionist. And I'm not going to let any scab or anyone take food out of my kid's mouth. [Loud applause.]

I worked a long time for the phone company. I was a lines person. I worked outside on the lines, okay, and I climbed poles in this weather like we have here. They have scabs that are still working after the strike. [Boos.] And they are starting to fire our union members that supported me and my comrade during the strike. They fired me outright, because I defended myself. But now they're starting that little trickle down effect, they're firing one right behind the other, that same old thing. My whole garage, and they have scabs in there.

Picket lines mean don't cross! And you guys: tomorrow there should not be one bus rolling. Not one! [Interjection: "There won't be!" Loud cheering and applause.] We're going to show Reagan, and all those other corporate whatever you call them [Interjection: "Idiots!"] that we're not going to let this happen. Picket lines mean don't cross! Scabs must go! [Loud applause.] Thank you. ■

TWU Militants Say: Greyhound Strikers' Fight Is Our Fight!

Reprinted below are excerpts from a leaflet issued to New York City transit workers by the Committee for a Fighting TWU. The Committee, a class-struggle opposition in the union, is currently contesting elections in Transport Workers Union Local 100 against the conservative John Lawe bureaucracy.

If the bosses succeed in husting the Greyhound strike, who's next? Where's this union busting going to stop? We need a nationwide strike—Teamsters, rail, airlines, transit—everything stops. We need mass picket lines manned by all the unions to stop the scab buses!

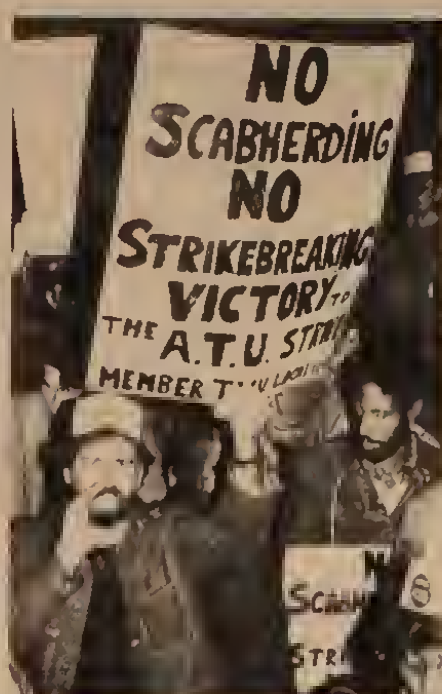
The Committee for a Fighting TWU has been fighting to get our union behind the Greyhound strikers. We were out there Thursday morning helping man the picket lines. Jimmy Smith, who's running for exec hoard in the Motormen, along with other supporters of the committee raised the following motion at last Wednesday's meetings of that division:

"Greyhound's scabberding union-busting attack on the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) is an attack on not only the transport workers unions but the entire labor movement like Reagan's attack on PATCO. What's

really needed is a solid national transport workers strike to stop this union busting crap. We should mobilize our members and the entire union to get out to help man the ATU picket lines on Thursday morning, when Greyhound has threatened to run the buses with scab drivers, to make sure those buses do not roll—because they'll be rolling over American trade unionism."

But it's going to take a massive mobilization of labor because the big city mayors, most of them Democrats, have called out their cops, and the police terror daily unleashed against the black community is now being used against the labor movement. The cops have beaten pickets and arrested over 130 strikers. We cannot let these people go down. This fight is our fight. What they do to the ATU they will try on every union. The bottom line is the picket line. If you don't have the right to strike, if you don't have the right to defend your picket lines, you don't have a union. Picket lines mean don't cross!

When Reagan went after PATCO, the rest of the labor movement let them hang alone. This is the payback. Continental Airlines fired their whole workforce. Now the bosses have got the ATU in their sights. And still the



Transit militants support Greyhound strikers at NYC labor rally, November 23.

union misleaders refuse to unleash the power of a massive labor mobilization. We said it would take actions of labor solidarity to defend PATCO. We called for unions like the Teamsters

and IAM to join with the air controllers to shut down the airports. We called for our own union to shut down the train to the plane as an act of solidarity. But Lawe chose that moment to announce the TWU would give up our long-standing policy of "no contract, no work" and submit our contracts to binding arbitration. He, like the rest of the AFL-CIO tops, ran up the white flag before the battle ever started. Well, Reagan's not going to let up. His war on the unions, blacks and the poor here at home is meant to force the working class to march in step with his plans for war against the Soviets which have dramatically escalated with the KAL 007 spy mission provocation and his committing what amounts to acts of war against the Soviet navy in every ocean of the world. But labor has the power to stop this war-mad union buster. A national transport strike would not only beat back the Greyhound union busting, it could bring down that maniac in the White House before he blows up the world. We need a labor offensive to hust the union busters and our own workers party to lead it! No more PATCOs!

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riot gear.

All across the country, cops have been employing the sort of violence against the strikers which they ordinarily reserve for the daily treatment of blacks. But despite Greyhound's attempt to set black against white, based on mass recruitment of scabs in heavily minority urban areas where unemployment has gone through the roof, the strikers aren't buying the company's union-busting racism. On November 15 a white scab in Cleveland told a black picket, Marvin Sealey, that he'd "rather be a scab than a nigger." The scab's companion tried to start a fight. Sealey effectively defended himself, and as a dozen plainclothes and uniformed security guards jumped him, the picket line came to his defense. In Atlanta, strikers assert that a company vice president has committed racist bombings against black churches. On the picket line, he's been met with chants from black and white workers of "Church bomber!" and "KKK!"

Despite the efforts of rank-and-file unionists, the ATU and AFL-CIO bureaucrats have consistently undercut the militancy of the ranks. Elected strike committees are needed now to organize mass picket lines drawing in the broad ranks of labor. In Boston, a company request for an injunction was refused because ATU officials agreed voluntarily to limit the pickets and state AFL-CIO officials agreed to go along. In Detroit, the AFL-CIO president "kept order" by personally directing scab buses through the ATU's lines. Meanwhile, the UAW's misnamed Solidarity House is daily playing the role of strikebreaker by instructing its Greyhound bus mechanics, baggage handlers and ticket clerks from UAW Locals 656 and 985 to work behind the ATU's picket lines.

For a National Transport Strike!

The "strategy" of the ATU and AFL-CIO leaders boils down to "hang tough and ride Trailways." If there's ever a situation where this kind of go-it-alone business unionism won't work it's right now. Because this is no ordinary trade-union dispute where you can even find somebody to cut a deal. "Pressure" Greyhound through a consumer boycott? But the bosses at Trailways and elsewhere are hacking Greyhound chair-

man John Teets to the hilt because if the ATU is wiped out here, it's open season on the unions elsewhere. Appeal to the Democratic Party city bosses? In Cleveland a city council resolution urging the mayor to enforce a local ordinance banning the employment of strikebreakers was laughed out of court. In San Francisco labor leaders pleaded with Mayor Dianne Feinstein to do something, so she made the record by sending a letter asking Governor Deukmejian to suspend Greyhound operations in the state. The letter is gathering dust in some state agency. But what can you expect from Democratic Party mayors whose cops right now are shepherding scabs through the picket lines! From Feinstein (a leading labor-baiter during the 1976 city workers strike) to Ed Koch to Coleman Young, there's not one of these Democratic party pols who doesn't have a trail a mile long of attacking city unions and enforcing Reagan's austerity on working people and blacks.

Union officials keep claiming this is a "legal" strike, but the only picketing the cops want to permit is the kind that doesn't stop any buses! This strike confronts the whole range of government strikebreaking, from Reagan on down. The way to win is not through impotent appeals to labor-hating politicians, but militant mass labor action. It's a question of power. As a former PATCO leader put it, "The only illegal strike is a strike that fails." Postal workers struck against the government in 1970 and beat back the strikebreaking. Coal miners defied Taft-Hartley in 1978. What it will take to smash Reagan/Greyhound scabberding now—to make a dead letter of injunctions limiting pickets and send the strikebreaking cops packing—is the organized muscle of the heavy battalions of labor to shut down rail, trucking, transit and airlines.

Greyhound workers and other unionists are getting a cold, hard taste of the kind of force that Reagan metes out to working people in Grenada and El Salvador. Reagan's smashing of picket lines at home is part of his preparation to terrorize the unions and any organized resistance to his mad plans to launch a war against the Russians. And American workers are saddled with a

leadership that backs Reagan's anti-Soviet crusade to the hilt. Lane Kirkland, Owen Bieber & Co. are the hand-picked descendants of a union bureaucracy consolidated by driving out the socialists and other militants who led the struggles that built industrial unions. The union tops never fought Taft-Hartley, Landrum-Griffin and other major postwar anti-labor laws because they lined up in favor of their anti-communist witchhunting provisions.

The Taft-Hartley Law provided for strikebreaking injunctions and outlawed hot-cargoing, secondary boycotts and other weapons of labor solidarity. Government snoop laws were used to put away Jimmy Hoffa. And emboldened by the union bureaucracy's refusal to fight, the government's attacks on the unions have mushroomed in the last couple of years to outright union-busting: PATCO smashed, National Guardsmen called out to bust the copper miners in Arizona, a whole union workforce fired at Continental. There's Taylor Law fines imposed on transit workers in NYC and new legislation in Illinois that eliminates cost-of-living protection for Chicago's subway and bus drivers. The state outlaws respecting picket lines and victimizes picket line militants like Bay Area phone workers Lauren Mozee and Ray Palmiero.

Now is the time to deliver powerful

strike action against the government's union-busting assaults on the unions. *For a nationwide transport strike—nothing moves until the Greyhound strikers are back at work with a decent contract! Amnesty—no victimizations! Rehire the PATCO strikers, release jailed PATCO leaders and fire the scabs! Bury the Taylor Law and the RTA bill in Chicago—and make Taft-Hartley a dead letter now! A national transport workers strike could smash the union-busting and pay cuts imposed on Teamsters and airline workers through government-fostered deregulation schemes.*

Such a struggle would immediately become a political confrontation with the government that could turn the racist, union-hating cowboy in the White House into a lame duck. But you can't fight Reagan with Democrats. What's needed is a workers party to rally millions of the oppressed to the banner of a fighting labor movement: Jobs for all through a sliding scale of wages and hours! Organize the unorganized! For labor/black defense guards to defend picket lines and smash racist terror! Fight for a workers government that would put an end to decaying capitalism once and for all.

Transport workers: the battle lines are drawn. If the ATU goes down, you are next. No more PATCOs! Bust the union-busters! For a national transport strike! ■

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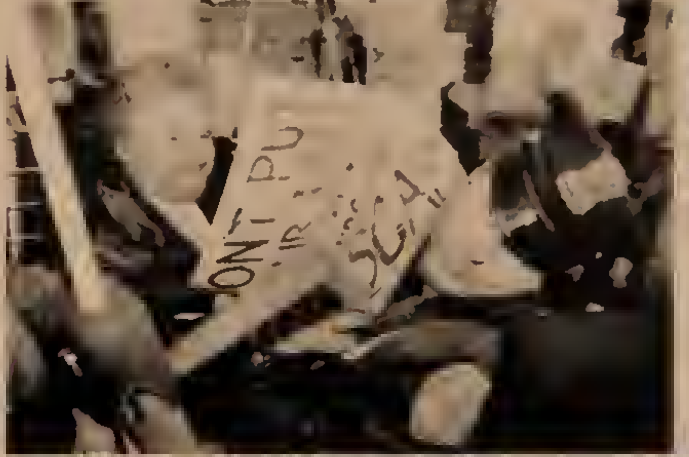
Beat Greyhound Union-Busting! For a National Transport Strike!

Stop the Buses! No More PATCOs!

On November 17 Greyhound started operating with scabs. It should have been the signal for an immediate response by labor of mass pickets and strike action to *stop the buses!* On November 29, after union members defiantly rejected the company's surrender terms by a 97 percent margin, Greyhound announced it was firing all strikers. If Reagan and the bosses can break the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) at the nation's largest bus company, then no union is safe. They got away with it at PATCO and now they're herding scabs in union towns from New York to Detroit to San Francisco. We say: *No More PATCOs!* The Spartacist League calls on other bus workers, Teamsters, railroad workers, pilots and ground crews, city transit workers: *All out to stop the scab buses! For a nationwide transport strike!*

When Greyhound began to run the buses, rank-and-file ATU members attempted, essentially without leadership, to stop the scabherding. The cops answered with mass arrests and assaults on strikers. In the face of this blatant government-sanctioned strikebreaking, the response of the ATU and AFL-CIO tops has been to appeal for a *consumer boycott*—the same impotent tactic that paved the way for the PATCO disaster. Mass picketing has been dismantled and precious time needed to mount a labor mobilization has been wasted on appeals to Democratic Party city bosses to "ban" the scabbing. This strike can be

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3,000 unionists rally with Greyhound strikers in Boston, November 23. Inset: Strikers defend picket line against cops' scabherding in Seattle.



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winn, but union militants must fight now to reverse these disastrous policies.

The ATU leaders tried to run away from this strike. They offered to work without a contract and even proposed *their own* takeaway package of wage and benefit concessions. But Grey-

hound will settle for nothing less than total union-busting. *The unions didn't pick this battle, but they better win it!* Every decent trade unionist understands this. Individual militants and some officials from dozens of unions have joined the ATU picket lines on their own

initiative. As one Teamster on strike against Budweiser put it, "We didn't do what we should have during PATCO... we need a little [muscle] out here to stop the union-busting."

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Hung Jury in Alabama Racist Frame-Up

Drop the Charges Against the Taylor Family!

MONTGOMERY, Alabama, November 27—The racist frame-up trial of Worrie Taylor, 49, of Warren, Ohio, ended here today with Judge Randall Thomas declaring a mistrial at 4:05 p.m. Three courageous black jurors stood firm for acquittal throughout some 20 hours of deliberation, refusing in "compromise" despite the judge's repeated order to the hung jury to go back in and reach a unanimous verdict.

The state was out for a legal lynching of the Taylors, the family of black auto workers from the North who had come back to Montgomery for a funeral and dared to defend themselves against a nightriding Alabama cop attack. Here in the "cradle of the Confederacy" where the South seceded from the Union in

1861, where today George ("Mr. Segregation") Wallace is governor and jack-booted "Führer" Folmar is mayor, they were fighting the Civil War all over again. For the 13 days of the trial, the Montgomery Circuit Court was the battleground as scores of gun-toting cops packed the courtroom to enforce the prerogatives of Southern lynch law and intimidate the Montgomery blacks who dared to show up in the Taylors' support.

But the cops did not succeed: each day some 80 to 100 determined black supporters were there when the court opened at 9 a.m., staying until 10 o'clock each night. The Taylors' fight was their fight. At stake was the right of the black man to defend himself and his home against

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Lillie Bell Taylor and Worrie Taylor at the start of his trial in Montgomery.