

SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE

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On Sept. 13th, 1972, the "Western Guard" (formerly called the Edmund Burke Society) called a meeting on "White Canada". Like the Klu Klux Klan and the Nazi Party - the "Western Guard" whose membership includes actually known former Hitlerite Nazis have a open Fascist and Racist Programme. They have been attacking the meetings of East Indians, progressive bookstores, Black and Chinese businesses, and threatening Black brothers and assaulting individual colored immigrants over the last several years.

Seeing that the Canadian Capitalist Government was allowing this openly fascist and racist organization to carry out its vicious propaganda and to intensify its attacks, the INDIAN PROGRESSIVE STUDY GROUP and the AFRO-ASIAN LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT decided to join a demonstration led by the COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (MARXIST-LENINIST).

The Latvian House, just west of Bathurst at College Street was the site of the racist "White Canada" meeting. What was going on inside? What is on the mind of the "Western Guard"? The answer is shamelessly reported in the mouthpiece of the Racists and Fascists, the Globe and Mail (Sept 14th, 1972):

'Chairman Donald Andrews, 30, a municipal health inspector, told everyone to sit down.

"I don't know any Canada of an Indian (meaning East Indian) heritage, nor African heritage, I only know a Canada of a western European heritage", he began.

"Some of you wags might think I'm a racist I'm a white man and I like whites first".

Forbidding any question from the floor - "this is a speech, not a debate" he ended the meeting with slides of Blacks, Asians and whites mingling in downtown Toronto at Caribana festivities this summer, on University Avenue, and on Yonge Street.....

In five years you'll find yourselves a stranger in this land". '

This is the face of FASCISM ! Here is the effort to create a public opinion before actual massacre of colored immigrants begin, all in the name of "democracy" and "free speech".

Outside more than a hundred demonstrators and over a thousand supporters protested. The slogans: DOWN WITH THE RACIST WESTERN GUARD! DOWN WITH THE RACIST 'WHITE CANADA' MEETING! and SMASH FASCISM THROUGH ACTIVE RESISTANCE! were initiated by the members of the COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (MARXIST-LENINIST). Soon the slogans were taken up by Italians, Indians, Pakistanis, Blacks and other National Minorities.

The crowd began to swell. Leaflets were quickly changing hands. "Right On!" said the people. The police who had the entrance well-protected, saw the anger of the people and soon the helmeted, leather-booted Hitler's Helpers began their dirty job, cheered by a bunch of the Western Guard fascist punks at the doorway. "Smash Fascism Through Active Resistance!" had shouted the brave comrades and they had meant it!

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What followed neither the Western Guard punks nor their defenders, the Metro Police, had anticipated. The members and supporters of the CPC(M-L) gave the cheering punks a good beating, then turned to the police and resolutely defended themselves from baton-wielding and mounted police. The police instead of attacking the Nazis, viciously attacked the Communists and the National Minorities and hauled them to jail! This clearly shows which side they were on! The angry crowd shouted "DOWN WITH THE WESTERN GUARD-AND-POLICE ALLIANCE!"

Dear friends,

we have the right to be here! The Canadian bourgeoisie first committed genocide against the Native Indians. Then they brought in immigrants from Asia, Africa and other countries to be used as cheap, drudge labour. And today they hope to break the unity between the white and the coloured working people by encouraging racists like the Western Guard.

To think that these neo-nazi organizations will disappear by legislation is to fool ourselves. To let them grow is to allow Canada to become another Germany of Hitler. By permitting the Western Guard to organize the Canadian government is unleashing violence on the coloured people. The people have no choice but to oppose this growing racist and fascist violence with Peoples' violence! The fascists will have to be resolutely completely and wholly wiped out. This active resistance to fascism on September 13th was a VICTORY FOR THE PEOPLE.

With the Canadian working class and their militant, revolutionary party, the COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (MARXIST-LENINIST) on our side - who dares to put us down! No amount of police protection will save these fascists from the wrath of the people!

A meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24th - 7:00 p.m.
International Students Centre
33 St. George Street,

Main Speaker will be Adesh Jain, member of the Indian Progressive Study Group, facing charges of "Causing a disturbance" and "Assault". Other Afro-Asians facing similar charges will also speak.

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