

Sudbury Miners: **Fight for Survival!**

Sudbury is dying. The nickel bosses, who run this mining town as their own fiefdom, have driven it into the ground. Today Sudbury, where the official unemployment rate is 40 percent, is known as the "unemployment capital of Canada"—if not North America. In ten years Inco has thrown more than 10,000 workers on the scrapheap. Who knows how many more will get the ax when Inco resumes production in April—the scheduled end to a ten-month shutdown! And 4,000 Falconbridge miners, out of work since June, are threatened with a 25 percent cut in the workforce when these mines allegedly reopen in January.

In Sudbury we see the crisis, not just of one company but the entire capitalist system, most starkly revealed, most anarchic in irrationality, most painful in social consequences. While the Inco bosses have squandered fat profits milked out of the sweat and lives of miners in billion-dollar losing business adventures—like their investment in battery factories—many miners and their families starve, are driven out of their homes unable to meet mortgage payments and are forced to beg for ever-diminishing welfare benefits.

Conditions in Sudbury are a more powerful argument for Bolshevism than a thousand socialist pamphlets. What's at stake is the survival of a key and historically militant sector of the Canadian proletariat. As Leon Trotsky, a leader of the Russian Revolution, wrote in the "Transitional Program" (1938):

"Under the menace of its own disintegration, the proletariat cannot permit the transformation of an increasing section of the workers into chronically unemployed paupers, living off the slops of a crumbling society. *The right to employment* is the only serious right left to the worker in a society based upon exploitation."

It's desperately necessary for Sudbury workers to fight for survival. But how and for what? The miners have never been lacking in militancy. In 1978-79 they faced down the Inco bosses and their massive nickel stockpiles in an 8½-month strike.

But militancy is not enough as was demonstrated in this year's Inco strike: the miners struck only to return to work in the face of Inco's shutdown with the same wage-freeze contract they had previously rejected. Local union leaders presented the "choice" of \$40-a-week strike pay or unemployment benefits. But it didn't have to be this way! The miners could have seized the mines, held them hostage and sparked a labor counteroffensive that

could have won for them and all of labor.

The union tops have consistently tied the fate of the workers to the company and then surrendered. Now United Steelworkers of America (USWA) District 6 director Dave Patterson, once touted as a left-talking "maverick," is pleading with the government to bail out Inco—force production to resume and pay the carrying charges so Inco can stockpile more



Sudbury: "unemployment capital of Canada," miners demonstrate against Falconbridge layoffs, September 1982.

than the 150 million pounds of nickel already on hand. Just look where government bailouts got Chrysler workers!

Over the years the labor tops and the NDP have howled over the fortunes invested by Inco in its failed operations in Guatemala and Indonesia. This was not motivated by international working-class solidarity with the hideously exploited workers of these countries but by the nationalist poison of protectionism. This reactionary program leads straight to imperialist war, in which workers will be used as cannon fodder to make the world safe for Inco. We say no! "Buy Canadian" won't save jobs any more than the social democrats' "Canadian ownership"

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Spread the Chrysler Strike to Detroit!

Ten thousand angry United Auto Workers (UAW) members struck Chrysler Canada on November 5 determined to take back the givebacks and win wage parity with GM and Ford. With no pay raise since 1979, Chrysler workers are fed up with concessions. No wonder: according to Canadian UAW officials, they have fallen behind their union brothers at Ford and GM in the U.S. by the equivalent of \$7 per hour in wages and benefits! So when Chrysler boss Lee Iacocca flew into Toronto to plead bankruptcy and offer the same takeaway deal U.S. Chrysler workers had turned down, the workers answered him by walking out. Friday morning pickets in Windsor, just across the river from Detroit, torched copies of a letter Iacocca sent to each Chrysler Canada worker threatening that a strike "could put us out of business." One striker told *Workers Vanguard*, "It's been three years too long coming. If Chrysler goes under—too bad!"

But militancy is not enough. UAW sellout artist president Doug Fraser and his Canadian sidekick Bob White have manipulated the situation to isolate the striking Canadian locals from the main body of Chrysler workers, especially the potentially explosive black workers of Detroit. When U.S. workers voted down Fraser's latest sellout by two-to-one in early October, White postponed the Canadian strike deadline in order to scuttle the possibility of a company-wide strike. This provoked wildcats in Windsor, Ajax and Etobicoke. To split and demoralize the ranks, Solidarity House called an anti-strike referendum for U.S. locals on October 26. Fearing that they could not win a strike saddled with the likes of Fraser, a majority voted to extend the negotiating to New Year's Day.

Only then did White call the Canadian locals out.

With its U.S. plants still in operation, Chrysler is naturally hardlining it and says it will not negotiate with the Canadians until January. It will not be easy to turn this situation around. *But it must be done!* Auto militants must act to spread the strike—shut down Chrysler now on both sides of the border! Elect strike committees to launch mass picketing and dispatch delegations to the key Chrysler plants centered in Detroit! A solid company-wide Chrysler strike could spearhead a struggle to throw back all the givebacks, restore the uniform industrywide contract and win a big wage hike.

The Canadian UAW tops made sure that the strikers pouring out of the gates on November 5 got into their cars and drove off as soon as possible, leaving only a handful of picketers. White and his bunch want no repetition of the militancy in early October, when wildcatters at the Windsor van plant stopped a truck and dumped its load as the driver tried to cross a mass picket line.

The main way in which White & Co. are trying to prevent a company-wide strike is by pushing Canadian nationalism. The Canadian UAW bureaucrats are also doing their best to whip up anti-communism, especially among workers from an East European background. This encourages the worst enemies of the workers movement. Thus, racist English Canadian nationalism emanating from the union brass and the wretched social-democratic New Democratic Party has contributed to the recent growth in Canada of the Ku Klux Klan—imported straight from the U.S. of A. The center of the North American auto industry is in Detroit with its large and combative black proletariat. There can be no major victories against

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schemes. Inco is already more than half Canadian owned!

Inco's board of directors once included John Foster Dulles, Eisenhower's Cold War secretary of state. Charles Baird, U.S. undersecretary of the navy at the height of the genocidal war against the Vietnamese workers and peasants, is Inco's current chairman. Behind Baird's cries against the "Soviet and Cuban threat" to international nickel markets lies the imperialists' drive to reconquer that one-sixth of the world that was ripped out of their hands by the 1917 October Revolution in Russia. The labor brass and the NDP are 100 percent behind the drive to "roll back" Communism abroad which has meant war on labor at home.

Sudbury miners have the courage, determination and militancy. Chrysler workers are out on a strike that the bureaucrats are desperate to isolate and sell out. In Quebec 200,000 public employees recently staged a one-day general strike against the PQ's plans to slash wages. What's lacking is a leadership with the will to fight and a program to win what's needed:

- * For disciplined flying squads to stop all evictions and repossessions.
- * For a massive program of public works and full unlimited, unconditional unemployment benefits at

union scale with complete protection against inflation. Full union rights and right of recall for laid-off workers.

- * A shorter workweek at no loss in pay to immediately create jobs for millions of unemployed with full automatic cost-of-living adjustment.
- * Mass organization of the unemployed under the leadership of the trade unions.
- * Fight all forms of racial and sexual discrimination. For labor/minority defense against Klan/Nazi terror and all racist attacks. Unconditional defense of Quebec's right to independence.
- * Against chauvinist trade protectionism. For international working-class solidarity.
- * Not one man, not one penny for the imperialist war machine. Defend the USSR, Poland, Cuba and the other bureaucratically ruled workers states against imperialism.

Working people have the right to live and work in dignity. Why should anyone starve for Inco's profits. Labor has the power to put an end to the capitalists' one-sided class war. For the unions to get off their knees and fight means ousting the labor fakers. You can't fight Trudeau with the NDP! The future of Sudbury lies with the fight of all of labor under a class-struggle leadership for a workers government to expropriate the bosses and institute a planned economy where the workers take the wealth they have created and run society for the benefit of all. For North American socialist revolution! ■

Geza Matrai: Fascist!

Reprinted below is a letter to the editor of the University of Toronto student newspaper, the *Varsity*, submitted by the U of T Trotskyist League Club.

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For Canadian Anti-Soviet Action Committee (CASAC) chairman Geza Matrai to write expressing his "hope" that members of CASAC "were not singled out for racist harassment by someone on the *Varsity* staff" (*Varsity*, 18 October) is something like Adolf Eichmann decrying anti-Semitism. Who is Geza Matrai? This man was a prominent member of the Edmund Burke Society and its successor, the Western Guard, a self-proclaimed white-supremacist, Hitler-loving, fascist action group.

Scum like this are the enemy of all decent people—they stand for genocide, mass murder and death camps for blacks, East Indians, Jews, unionists,

Premier Kosygin in Ottawa. After two months in jail Matrai fled to Florida, and joined Alpha 66 (*Straight Talk*, Vol. 5, No. 3), a hard-core terrorist gusano (worm) organization of fanatical anti-Castro counter-revolutionaries. It is no accident today that Matrai has resurfaced as the head of the Canadian Anti-Soviet Action Committee.

From lauding the Afghan "freedom fighters" who buy and sell women as chattel slaves to fomenting (along with the Vatican's Wojtyla) Solidarność' counterrevolution in Poland to drowning the heroic Salvadoran workers and peasants in blood—Reagan and his junior partners in Ottawa are out to "roll back" communism abroad. In this climate of Cold War anti-communism, the fascists figure that it is open season on minorities and leftists at home. Like Matrai's band of defeated counterrevolutionaries from Vietnam to Hungary to Cuba, they are crawling out of the woodwork presenting themselves as "patriots." Part and parcel of the defense of labor and minorities against fascist terror is necessarily the defense of the gains of the Russian Revolution, despite its Stalinist degeneration, against imperialist attack.

KKK cross burnings and racist beatings and murders of East Indians in Vancouver; the brutal rape of a Roncesvalles Ave. Jewish shopkeeper—fascist terror is on the rise. But the genocidal maniacs can be stopped! Last month hundreds of demonstrators

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GEZA MATRAI



Fascist, race-hate sheet touts Matrai for assaulting then-Soviet Premier Kosygin, October 1971.

man of the month

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gays and socialists. This was the program that members of the Western Guard put into action—from spray-painting swastikas and "White Power" slogans on construction sites throughout Toronto to terror attacks (including smashing windows and at least one firebombing) on homes of minorities, racially mixed couples and leftists, all of whom these fascist creeps called "human garbage" (*Globe and Mail*, 18 February 1978). Their paper hailed a vicious goon attack by racist thugs "armed with chains, belts and clubs" on an April 1974 meeting at the U of T Med Sci auditorium opposing Portuguese imperialism in Mozambique (*Globe and Mail*, 8 April 1974). Matrai's cohorts boasted:

"Amid shouts of 'WHITE POWER', the Vigilantes began to administer punishment to every anti-White genocidist in sight.... Six race-traitors were dispatched to hospital."

—*Straight Talk*, undated, Vol. 6, No. 6

Matrai got himself front-paged as *Straight Talk's* "man of the month" (October 1971) for jumping Soviet

Varsity Witchhunts TL

The U of T *Varsity* has targeted the campus Trotskyist League club for a witchhunt. In a November 12 editorial cartoon they equate the Student Administrative Council's granting of \$100 for a club event with funding the murderous race-terrorists of the KKK. This is an outrage! It is an attack not only on the TL but on all campus black, women's and foreign students' organizations.

Under the cover of decrying "funding political parties," the *Varsity's* front-page article, "SAC funds Trotskies," its editorial and cartoon are attempts to silence our fight for the program of revolutionary Marxism. Their claim that "this has nothing to do with the politics of the Trots" is an obvious lie. Over the past months the *Varsity* has consistently censored TL club submissions to the paper, most importantly an opinion piece protesting Zionist genocide in Lebanon. But they had no compunction about printing a letter from an apologist for the Zionist holocaust slandering the TL as anti-Semites. They have printed a letter from the fascist Canadian Anti-Soviet Action Committee, but refused to print the TL club's response (published here). Now these tinpot censors openly compare communists with the racist killers of the KKK.

The *Varsity's* penny-ante contribution to the Big Lie campaign against communists, setting us up for repression, will not go unchallenged! We will not be silenced! Stop the *Varsity* witchhunt!

Canada, All Imperialist Troops Out of the Near East!

Zionist Holocaust

At the Palestinian refugee camps of Shatila and Sabra took place the bloodiest massacre yet in the bloody oppression of the Palestinians. The stage was set by the U.S. Marines, butchers of Vietnam; the French Foreign Legion, murderers of Algerian women and children; and the elite "bersagliere," terrorizers of Italian civilians, who disarmed and expelled the PLO commandos from Lebanon, leaving the Palestinians defenseless. With the heroic PLO fighters gone, the Zionist blitzkrieg rolled into West Beirut, surrounding the refugee camps. On September 15 they unleashed their local butchers, Major Saad Haddad's "Lebanese Forces" and the Damuri Brigade—Lebanese fascists under the direct control of Israel.

For 36 hours the Zionist-organized mass murderers rampaged through the camps: the victims, mainly women, children, the elderly, were shot at close range; many were tortured and raped. The horrors committed reminded the world of nothing so much as the Nazi Holocaust and Begin/Sharon pulled the trigger just as surely as Hitler did for the dreaded Lithuanian and Ukrainian SS *Einsatzkommandos*.

Voicing outrage at the Israeli-engineered slaughter, opposing the bloody imperialist troops who paved the way, championing the national rights of the Palestinians while opposing the PLO's treacherous nationalism—the international Spartacist tendency initiated and participated in protest demonstrations from Sydney to Paris to London. The emergency demonstrations and rallies initiated by the Spartacist League and the Spartacus Youth League across the U.S. were in many cases the only organized protest against the Zionist Holocaust.

In demonstrations in Vancouver and Toronto September 25 Trotskyist League contingents participated with placards demanding: Smash Zionist Genocide! Defend the Palestinians! Israeli/Imperialist Troops out of Lebanon! For a Socialist Federation of the Near East! In Toronto our chants of "Deir Yassin—Never Again! Tel Zataar—Never Again! West



Imperialist "peacekeepers" set stage for massacres by disarming and expelling PLO fighters. UPI

Beirut—Never Again! Smash Zionist Genocide!" rang out and were picked up by other demonstrators.

As communists in Canada we had a particular responsibility to rip the "peacekeeping" mask off the face of our "own" bourgeoisie; TL signs and chants demanded: "Canadian Imperialist 'Peacekeepers' Out of the Middle East!" and "U.S./Canada: Imperialist Troops Out of the Near East!" The image of Canada as the "nice guy" imperialist "peacekeepers" is fostered by the reformist left, in particular the Communist Party which heralds these jackal junior partners of U.S. imperialism as the "brave neutral mediator."

At the Toronto demonstration marchers carried maple leaf flags, chanting "Trudeau, Trudeau, recognize the PLO," and speakers urged the audience to write their MPs to insist that Canada "intercede" in Lebanon. This is truly obscene! Canada has repeatedly "interceded" in the Middle East—as the protectors of the Zionists and as the partners of U.S. and British imperialism. Indeed Canada won its spurs internationally as the imperialist "peacekeepers" in 1956 when the Israelis, British and French attacked Egypt after Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal. With the U.S. opposing the invasion Lester Pearson sent in Canadian troops to allow the British and French

an orderly and "face-saving" retreat. For this he won a Nobel "peace" prize after of course selling arms to both sides (with the Zionists getting the most and the best) and making clear his support to Britain's efforts. Ever since, Canadian troops have been in the Middle East—today in the Sinai and the Golan Heights—using a UN fig leaf to "keep the peace" of the imperialist-sponsored status quo.

In 1947-48 Pearson, then the under-secretary of state for external affairs, was "dubbed by Canadian Zionists as the Balfour of Canada. In the struggle to secure the acceptance of the partition plan his influence had been of importance... it was perhaps decisive" (*Canada in World Affairs from UN to NATO 1946-49*). Israel is the by-product of the most barbarous excesses of capitalism in its death agony—the Nazi "final solution" and the closing of the "democratic" imperialist countries' borders. And this country was second to none in its anti-Semitic immigration policy—admitting only 5,000 Jews from 1933 to 1945. In early 1945 one Canadian official when asked how many Jews would be allowed into Canada after the war responded: "None is too many."

Today the genocide carried out in Lebanon by the terrorist Begin has fanned the flames of anti-Semitism. In Toronto on September 15 a Jewish woman was raped in her west end store by two men who painted "Get out Jew" and a Star of David on the wall after pouring yellow paint over the woman's head. We savagely denounce this racist atrocity. Labor must be mobilized to crush these fascist scum!

Anti-Soviet Cold War Tie

On October 23 the Toronto TL sponsored a forum, "Lebanon: Zionist Holocaust," attended by nearly 40 people, including militants from several unions who guaranteed the meeting's safety in the face of a phone threat by a supporter of Zionist genocide. The speaker, Jane Clancy of the TL Central Committee, explained the Canadian imperialists' role in the Middle East in the context of the drive to war against the Soviet Union:

"The Canadian imperialists are the real backers of the Zionist state. They don't have as direct imperialist interests as the U.S., as they do in the Caribbean, for example. But they play a role there that they do internationally as the jackal imperialists, as the junior partners of U.S. imperialism.... Indeed Trudeau offered to give Canadian troops to the imperialist 'peacekeeping' mission for West Beirut. He was turned down, but the basis of the offer for troops to Lebanon is the same junior partner role to the U.S. in the drive to war against the Soviet Union."

On the September 25 demonstrations the TL carried placards reading, "Protest Israeli Atrocity

Against Soviet Embassy" and "Smash Reagan/Trudeau/Begin's Anti-Soviet War Drive from San Salvador to West Beirut!" Casting the PLO and Syria as Russian surrogates, together with the incredible provocation of seizing the Soviet Embassy, the Zionists seek to justify every genocidal act as part of the crusade against "Soviet influence" in the region. The imperialist troops in Lebanon, just a few hundred miles away from the Soviet border, establish a beachhead for large scale military intervention—directly posing the danger of anti-Soviet thermo-nuclear World War III.

Break with PLO Nationalism!

The Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the massacres at Shatila and Sabra exposed to millions the truly genocidal nature of Zionism. But it also exposed the bankruptcy of PLO nationalism. It was Arafat who appealed for and got the international "peacekeeping" force that paved the way for the massacres. And it was Arafat who proclaimed that the disarming and expulsion of the PLO commandos from Lebanon was a great "political victory." But for the Palestinians, with victories like these....

The PLO has always seen the liberation of the Palestinians as coming through international pressure (applied through the backstabbing Arab sheiks and colonels), not through social revolution in Israel and the surrounding Arab states. But all of Arafat's diplomatic maneuvers were rewarded with Israel's invasion of Lebanon and its genocidal campaign against the Palestinians. At the same time PLO nationalism has meant reliance on the Arab military dictatorships and sheikdoms of the region who raised not a finger to aid the Palestinians in Lebanon when they were under the gun of the Israelis.

Moreover, these regimes have perpetrated massacres against their own peoples (Syria at Hama) and against the Palestinians—Jordan in its 1970 Black September massacre of more than 10,000 Palestinians; and Tel Zaatar in 1975, where the Syrian army played for the Phalangists the role Israel played for its Lebanese fascist forces at Shatila and Sabra. And it was the PLO's policy of "non-interference" in the affairs of the Arab regimes that channeled rebellions like in Jordan in 1970 or in Lebanon in 1975-76 (an incipient social revolution based on the Lebanese Muslim/Palestinian toilers) into self-isolated and easily decapitated movements, contributing to the

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"Don't Blame Me, I Wanted NDP"

RWL: "New Jewel" in Municipal Elections?

It was an election campaign that would have made Karl Kautsky blush as the Revolutionary Workers League (RWL) sent its candidates out on the hustings in recent municipal elections in four cities—Toronto, Hamilton, Vancouver and Montreal. Wendy Johnston's Toronto election brochure headlined: "For a Workers Government in City Hall." Whew! Socialism in one city? Well the RWL found it on one island in "revolutionary Grenada," so who knows what additions have been made to its sliding scale of "workers and farmers" governments—which includes everything from Castro's Cuba to the petty-bourgeois Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

And leave it to the *Toronto Sun* to capture a flavor of the RWL's eccentric social-democratic electoralism: "A big fan of governments and life in Cuba, Nicaragua and Grenada and a member of the Revolutionary Workers League, Wendy Johnston wants free day care" (1 November). But not just that. Why Johnston promised that a "workers City Hall" would end property taxes on workers' homes, build demonstrations against wage controls, "expose" the cops' racism and strikebreaking and "crack down" on landlords. Hot diggity dog! About socialist revolution, "expropriating the expropriators," not a word.

But the RWL's main message was "who needs us anyway?" All its candidates in English-speaking Canada insisted they were simply stand-ins for absent NDPers, promising to step down if some right-wing social democrat would only run for the post. As *Socialist Voice* explained, its candidates "are running for mayor to help popularize the idea of an NDP city hall." In Quebec where the English-chauvinists of the NDP have no support the RWL is busy "popularizing" bourgeois nationalism. RWL candidate Katy LeRougetel laced into strikebreaking, union-busting Montreal Mayor Drapeau for not using the city budget "to launch a campaign in defense of Law 101." (Bill 101 is the PQ's reactionary language law aimed at "preserving" the French language through the denial of the democratic language rights of non-French-speaking minorities.) At the same time the RWL calls on the Quebec labor tops to build a

"labor party." All of this to culminate in a grand "workers and farmers" government in Ottawa with the Anglo-chauvinist NDP and a handful of Quebec trade-union bureaucrats sharing the benches of Parliament.

In Hamilton the RWL's candidate was "laid off steelworker" Dan Grant. The massive layoffs in steel came after United Steelworkers of America Local 1005 president Cec Taylor sold out last year's strike. Not only did the RWL hail Taylor's betrayal as a "victory," but they defended his policy of opening picket lines by redbaiting supporters of the Albania-crazy Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and denouncing union militants for "creating picket line problems," i.e., trying to enforce the elementary union principle that picket lines mean don't cross. But then what does one expect from an organization whose American big brother organization, the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), ran a scab as their 1980 presidential candidate.

The RWL is the poor little sister of the SWP—once a proud communist organization which fought for the program of revolutionary internationalism—now a party of idiosyncratic social-democratic reformism which the sterile and eccentric Jack Barnes leadership is driving hard and not slowly toward irrelevance. The Barnes clique is presently running a messy purge of old-timers in faction-ridden and bureaucratic bloodletting, and it seems that his Canadian followers have caught the drift. At a Hamilton election rally—which drew next to nobody outside of RWL members—an RWL hack told one of our members, "Jack Barnes told me not to talk to you, Jack Barnes told me not to talk to you...." Weird!

Under Barnes' tutelage the SWP leadership rediscovered the industrial proletariat and after a rather long hiatus made a much-vaunted "turn to industry" which was supposed to bring in hundreds of proletarian recruits. The RWL followed suit, throwing members into industry where they served as the waterboys and lawyers for "progressive" bureaucrats like Taylor. In making the "turn" the RWL leadership hauled out all the tired old promises of a "new

Sub Drive Success!

Our *Workers Vanguard/Spartacist Canada* subscription drive once again went over the top at 108%, bringing the SC subscription base to its highest level yet.

Subscription selling this year was more concentrated in areas of work reflecting our political priorities. Of particular importance was Vancouver's door-to-door campaign in a largely East Indian neighborhood where comrades sold 20 points in just three hours.

The University of Toronto, postal workers and Hamilton were special focuses for the Toronto

local. In addition, a weekend trip to Kingston and Montreal netted 49 points and 98 pieces of literature sold, mostly at McGill and the University of Quebec.

Congratulations to the comrades for their hard work and dedication, especially to this year's individual winner, Peter of Toronto (49 points), and to runners-up Mark of Toronto (47) and Andrew of Vancouver (37).

We welcome our new readers.

	Points	Quota	%
Toronto	209	200	105
Vancouver	170	150	113
Total	379	350	108

Spartacist Candidates in San Francisco Elections

In the recent San Francisco elections for Board of Supervisors Spartacist candidates Richard Bradley and Diana Coleman fought a hard campaign for our black-centered, Soviet defensist, class-struggle program. The final tallies November 2: 8,692 for Coleman, 6,326 for Bradley. The Spartacist vote was strongest—over 10%—in several black, Hispanic and working-class districts where the campaign concentrated: those who don't share "the American dream" have fewer illusions in the bogus parliamentarism that covers the capitalist rule of racism and unemployment.

Coleman and Bradley, the only socialists on the ballot, ran squarely counterposed to the broad anti-Reagan popular front which pushes the Democratic Party as the "lesser evil." They used this campaign to spread the Spartacist communist program: For Labor/Black Mobilizations Against Racist Terror! You Can't Fight Reagan with Democrats! For Mass Strike Action to Bring Down Reagan! Build a Workers Party! These votes were hard votes for our fighting program against the bipartisan anti-Soviet war drive and domestic war on labor, blacks and the poor, and against electoral illusions of reforming capitalism



Workers Vanguard

Diana Coleman and Richard Bradley.

by the ballot. But most importantly, this campaign was a vehicle for reaching new layers and mobilizing new supporters from which must come the leadership, above all black leadership, of the Trotskyist party that can lead a North American socialist revolution.

period" and a "rising tide of the (whatever) struggle." It was the same five years ago when the fusion of the right-centrist Revolutionary Marxist Group (RMG) and the reformist League for Socialist Action (LSA) was presented as the ticket to overnight "mass" influence. Today this hasty marriage of convenience, accomplished by papering over political differences, is in a shambles.

Since the 1977 fusion the RWL has lost close to 75% of its membership, virtually every ex-RMG member has quit as well as long-time LSA members. Most recently this steady exodus has seen two leading ex-Mandelites walk out. In his resignation letter one nine-year RMG/RWL Political Committee member comments:

"The theory of the leadership is that decline can be overcome if one places a plus sign wherever life presents a minus. Every membership resignation, every opportunity missed at political intervention, every failed subscription campaign represents a 'gain'—because, they say, we have learned; we have grown in understanding; we have gained in political homogeneity. Nowhere is this tortured logic more apparent than in Quebec, where the RWL's so-called corrective adaptation to the PQ was supposed to end the former's dreadful political isolation. But the RWL is now more isolated than ever in Montreal, possessing fewer francophone members than ever before as far back as the LSA/LSO in the late 1960's. The only significant 'correction' this past year was that it helped to convince a veteran francophone member of the party...that the PQ rather than the RWL is the superior vehicle for the struggle for national and working class emancipation."

Well as they say consistent nationalism lead to ...
We hold no brief for the SWP's "oppositionists"

who for all their leftist-sounding rhetoric have a rightist thrust, or for the sour grapes of RWL ex-Mandelites who stomached everything from Khomeini's Persian chauvinist, anti-worker, anti-woman "revolution" to cheerleading Solidarność' counterrevolution in Poland. Today the RWL maintains its infatuation with Khomeini long after the bulk of his apologists on the left have backed away in embarrassment. But this is only one of the good-sized chunks of political eccentricity that is the Barnes version of social-democratic reformism. For example, their "Castroism" is necessarily a problem for an anti-Soviet party, in particular for the fans of Cold War Broadbent in the RWL.

The ominous growth of race-terror groups like the Ku Klux Klan who, emboldened by anti-Sovietism and attacks on labor and minorities, have taken to the streets of Vancouver in full regalia, the same city where a cross was burned recently in front of a Sikh temple—merited not a mention in the platform of the RWL's mayoralty candidate in that city. While East Indians and other minorities in Vancouver face terror attacks, firebombings and murder at the hands of these racist creeps the RWL stands for "exposing" the fascists' "bad ideas" by debating them! One would think that any member of a nominally socialist organization would have a gut impulse to fight the fascists. There must be a few such people left in the RWL and we'd like to find them before they give up on "socialism."

Rosa Luxemburg described the social democracy as "a stinking corpse." The RWL's willing self-abasement before the wretchedly right-wing, anti-communist, pro-capitalist NDP defines it as a maggot on the rotting cadaver. For all its decrying of "the crisis of capitalism," the RWL's "Don't blame me, I wanted NDP" election campaign exposes only the crisis of its bankrupt brand of nutty reformism. ■



DEFEND THE GAINS OF OCTOBER!

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the Russian Revolution when the Bolshevik Party, under Lenin and Trotsky, led the Russian workers to the seizure of state power. The October 1917 Revolution was the greatest victory for the international working class and the greatest defeat for the imperialist bourgeoisie. Today, as the U.S. imperialists backed by their junior partners in Ottawa feverishly gear up for war against the USSR the defense of the social gains of the 1917 Revolution is acutely posed.

Despite the Stalinist degeneration of the first workers state, it is crucial that revolutionaries stand solidly for the unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and the deformed workers states against imperialist military attack and internal attempts to restore capitalism. At the same time Trotskyists fight for the construction of Leninist vanguard parties to lead the workers of these countries in political revolution to oust the Stalinist bureaucrats and establish workers democracy and proletarian internationalism.

On June 22, 1941 Hitler's armies invaded the Soviet Union. At this moment of peril the Trotskyist movement—true to its program—fought for the class-struggle defense of the USSR. One day after the Nazi attack, the U.S. Socialist Workers Party (SWP) Political Committee issued the manifesto excerpted below (from Fourth International, July 1941). For the SWP these were not idle phrases: many

SWPers in the merchant marine, for example, lost their lives as volunteer seamen transporting critically needed supplies—and smuggling Trotsky's "Letter to the Workers of the USSR" as well—to Murmansk.

Today it is the international Spartacist tendency (iSt) which carries forward the then-revolutionary SWP's banner of Soviet defensism, from Afghanistan to Poland to El Salvador. The iSt originated as the Revolutionary Tendency, expelled from the SWP in 1963 after fighting against that organization's abandonment of revolutionary politics. Today the ex-Trotskyists of the SWP and their Canadian counterparts in the Revolutionary Workers League (RWL) stand together with Ronald Reagan, Pierre Trudeau and Margaret Thatcher cheering for Solidarność' counterrevolution in Poland. When they are not actively putting their meager forces in the service of Cold War anti-Sovietism, these fake-Trotskyists simply duck the Russian question in pursuit of a popular-front alliance with the "progressive" bourgeoisie. Together with the rest of the reformist left they resort to lies, slanders, exclusion, goon squads and calling in the capitalist cops in an attempt to silence our revolutionary politics, in particular our class-struggle defense of the gains of October.

The social-democratic reformists of the SWP and RWL seek to bury and forget such documents as the following Manifesto. We are proud of it—it's ours!

The Soviet Union is in mortal danger! Under the most adverse conditions the Soviet masses are heroically defending the Workers' State against imperialist invasion. The Second World War, which could have been prevented only by victorious socialist revolution and destruction of world capitalism, menaces the very existence of the isolated Workers' State. All the warnings of Lenin and Trotsky have come true.

German imperialism seeks to overthrow the October Revolution and to restore the capitalist system in its degenerate fascist form. This is the essential meaning of Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union. Every worker who realizes the significance of this attack will have no hesitation in accepting the slogan of our party: *Defend the Soviet Union at all costs and under all circumstances against imperialist attack!*

The Russian working class in October 1917, established a government of Soviets which took the land from the landlords and gave it to the peasants, and took the banks, industries and railroads from the capitalists and placed them—as nationalized property—under the management and control of the workers. Thereby the Soviets abolished the system of private property which permits a handful of capitalists to own the wealth of a country and to exploit the vast majority of the people. This achievement of the October revolution is the greatest advance ever made by any people. It proved, beyond any refutation, that the working class is capable of taking its destiny into its own hands. The unprecedented development of this nationalized property proved for all time the superiority of socialist methods of production over capitalist anarchy.

The productive forces were nationalized by the Soviets of Workers', Soldiers' and Peasants' Deputies under the leadership of Lenin and Trotsky. Those Soviets no longer exist. They have been destroyed by the Kremlin bureaucracy, which has usurped all political power. But the productive forces are today still not in the hands of private owners. This means that, in spite of the damage done to the revolution by Stalin and his Kremlin clique, the essential conquest of that revolution survives.

It is this nationalized property that we call upon the workers of the world to defend against every

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and under all circumstances against
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enemy. It is this nationalized property which the capitalists of Germany, represented by Hitler, are out to seize and transform into capitalist property. Today, therefore, the main enemy of the Soviet workers is German imperialism. Against this enemy must be pitted every worker conscious of the tremendous advance which the October revolution made in the progress of mankind. Every blow of the Red Army against German imperialism is a blow for the socialist future of mankind. It is the duty of every worker to aid the Red Army to victory.

What We Do Not Defend

The Soviet Union and Stalin's regime are not at all identical. The October revolution was not made for the bureaucrats who have usurped the seats of power. In defending the Soviet Union, we do not

defend these usurpers. Stalin and his clique have brought the Soviet Union to a point where Hitler feels confident that he can in a short time conquer it. Within the Soviet Union the Stalinist bureaucracy has destroyed every form of workers' democracy established under Lenin and Trotsky. The Cain in the Kremlin has murdered the best, the most devoted and most capable Bolshevik leaders of the Soviet workers, and at this very moment keeps imprisoned in his dungeons hundreds of thousands of revolutionary workers upon whom he now perpetrates the last indignity of all—he prevents them from defend-



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James P. Cannon, principal founder of American Trotskyism.

ing the Soviet Union arms in hand. Outside the Soviet Union, Stalin strangled the Chinese revolution and led the whole European labor movement to catastrophic defeats. Thus the Soviet Union was deprived of its only reliable allies.

By his pact with Hitler, his collaboration with the Nazis in dismembering Poland, his 1939 attack on Finland, and his leaving Hitler free to master Europe, Stalin has alienated from the Soviet Union the sympathies of tens of millions of workers.

Not for one moment do we suspend our struggle against the Kremlin dictator and the bureaucracy which he represents. For the fact is already evident, and will become more so with each day, that the Soviet workers must rid themselves of this bureaucracy and re-establish workers' democracy in order to assure victory against the Nazi armies. The overthrow of Stalin by the workers is demanded by the needs of the struggle to save the Soviet Union. We are confident that the Russian workers who made three revolutions in the space of twelve years—1905, February 1917, October 1917—will rise again to the level of their great revolutionary traditions.

Stalin must be overthrown—but only by the working class. His overthrow by Hitler would mean restoration of capitalism. For the sake of the Soviet Union and of the World Socialist Revolution, the workers' struggle against the Stalinist bureaucracy must be subordinated to the struggle against the

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main enemy—the armies of Hitler Germany. Everything that we say or do must have as its primary object the victory of the Red Army.

The Soviet Union can be best understood as a great trade union fallen into the hands of corrupt and degenerate leaders. Our struggle against Stalinism is a struggle within the labor movement. Against the bosses we preserve the unity of the class front, we stand shoulder to shoulder with all workers. The Soviet Union is a Workers' State, although degenerated because of Stalinist rule. Just as we support strikes against the bosses even though the union conducting the strike is under the control of Stalin-



Trotsky addresses the Red Army during revolutionary war against Pilsudski's Poland. Today the fascistic inter-war dictator is counterrevolutionary Solidarność' hero.

ists, so do we support the Soviet Union against imperialism. Despite imprisonment and repression, our comrades in the Soviet Union, the hounded Trotskyists, will prove to the Soviet masses that the Trotskyists are the best fighters against the capitalist enemy.

Defense of the USSR Against Its Capitalist Allies

Churchill has indicated that he will consummate some form of military alliance with the Kremlin. When the United States reaches the "shooting war" stage, Roosevelt will likewise enter into a formal alliance....

We warn the workers: the "democratic" ally is just as hostile to the nationalized property of the Soviet Union as is the fascist enemy. Roosevelt and Churchill will seek two things at the same time: the defeat of their German imperialist rival, and also to prevent the Soviet Union from strengthening itself through victory. Even at the cost of weakening their fight against their imperialist rival, Roosevelt and Churchill will try to hold down the world working class, including the Soviet Union.

The chief contradiction in modern society, we have said since 1917, is between the Soviet Union and the imperialist world. That still holds true. Special circumstances now, as during the time of the

Stalin-Laval pact, bring about an alliance between the Soviet Union and capitalist countries. Not the least of these circumstances is that Stalin's reactionary policy lessens capitalist fears of the revolutionary role of the Soviet Union and weakens the effect of the example of the October revolution. But only for

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the time being is the fundamental antagonism between the Soviet Union and Anglo-American imperialism relegated to the background.

The fundamental antagonism remains and will come to the fore precisely if the "democracies" begin to win. Only a week ago the sober spokesman of American monopoly, the *New York Times*, said about the Soviet Union: "The democracies, having got rid of dictatorship in Germany, would hardly support dictatorship elsewhere." The *Times* has not unsaid this vicious threat, any more than Churchill unsaid his enmity to the Soviet Union.... The Vatican announces it is training priests for work in Russia in case of a "change"—which it anticipates whether the fascist or the democratic imperialisms become masters of Europe....

On guard against the capitalist allies of the Soviet Union! That is the only possible position of the real defenders of the Soviet Union: irreconcilable opposition to all the imperialist powers, whether "allies" or enemies.

For Revolutionary War!

To rally the utmost energies of the Soviet masses, to rally around the Soviet Union the masses of all countries, to arouse in the German proletariat the determination at all costs to undermine and sabotage the Nazi war machine—these tasks of the hour require a policy in the Bolshevik spirit of Lenin and Trotsky, tribunes of the people summoning the whole world to revolt. Nothing could be further from this than the statement of [foreign affairs minister] Molotov upon the outbreak of hostilities....

In everything it does the Stalinist bureaucracy indicates its lack of trust in and fear of the great masses. It is to the capitalist masters that the Kremlin looks for aid. In his policy Stalin finds a place for the masses only as so many pawns whom he can yield to the bourgeois masters as payment for collaboration....

In the light of his fundamental policy, Stalin surely will not carry on this war as it ought to be carried on—as a war in which the Soviet Union,

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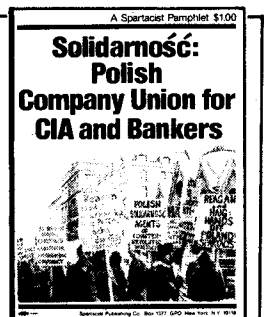
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subsequent bloody communalism in Lebanon. That Arafat would entertain Reagan's proposal for a ban-tustan "homeland" for the Palestinians under the thumb of Jordan's King Husséin is a damning indictment of the PLO's political inability to secure the national rights of the Palestinians.

Most of the left in North America echoed Arafat's call for Reagan to enforce "Pax Americana" in the Near East or at best did not oppose it. Today the CP calls for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Lebanon and demands "international guarantees for a Middle East settlement under the aegis of the United Nations' Security Council" (*Tribune*, 18 October). In short this is a scarcely veiled call for a UN "peacekeeping" force, which like the "Unifil" forces on Israel's northern border serve as one-way doormen for Zionist aggression. Such "peacekeepers" the long-suffering Palestinians can do without!

The fake-Trotskyists of the Revolutionary Workers League, in an article reprinted from the *Militant*, newspaper of their American counterpart the Socialist Workers Party, casts Reagan's Marines and the French Foreign Legion as the saviors—indeed the only possible saviors—of the PLO. The withdrawal of the PLO they say was "a remarkable accomplishment under the circumstances.... The only thing a fight to the end would have accomplished would have been to help the Israelis in their aim of destroying the PLO and its forces" (*Socialist Voice*, 25 October)!

From El Salvador to West Beirut the reformist left hopes to pressure the imperialists into playing a "progressive" "peacekeeping" role in the world. Well, they got the "negotiated settlement" they want in El Salvador—in West Beirut: the disarming and expulsion of the PLO and then the massacres. And what did the NDP, those peddlers of negotiated "peace" with the junta in El Salvador, have to say on the massacres at Shatila and Sabra? As comrade Clancy pointed out:

"They said nothing! Neither did Dennis McDermott or any leader of the CLC. It's not particularly surprising because the NDP are very ardent champions of the Zionist state....

"What really unites Ronald Reagan, Pierre Trudeau and the Zionists is the drive to war against the Soviet workers state. The NDP are the same people who went crazy about the declaration of martial law in Poland, attempted to get the working class out for demonstrations against the suppression of Solidarity's counterrevolution. They said not one word against the massacre of the Palestinians because they have a side. They are the mouthpiece and ideological frontmen for the drive to war against the Soviet Union, which is the basis for their support to Zionism and to counterrevolution in Poland."

For a Socialist Federation of the Near East!

Today the Palestinians face the Zionist holocaust. But there are only three million Jews in a sea of 150 million Arabs. Israel's military expansionism and mass terror against the Arabs will ultimately lead to the self-destruction of the Hebrew-speaking people. If the Jewish people in the Near East are to be any-

thing other than a catalyst for a nuclear World War III, the Zionist state must be smashed.

The demonstrations against the Lebanese invasion and the 400,000-strong protest—over a tenth of Israel's total population—demanding an investigation of those responsible for the massacre indicates that Israeli society is becoming unstuck. But the upheavals in Israel remain largely under the control of the "Labour" Party—the party of the Zionist establishment which established and governed the state of Israel for three decades through the expulsion and terrorization of the Palestinians.

The Hebrew-speaking working people must be broken from Zionism and the deep-going racialist



Toronto September 25. TL contingent protests Israeli-engineered slaughter in Shatila and Sabra.

chauvinism that pervades Israeli society and unite with their Arab class brothers against the Begin and Peres, the Husseins and Assads. Palestinian militants must break from their reliance on imperialist and Arab League diplomacy, a dead end both for national justice for the Palestinians and for the liberation of the toilers of the Near East. The few million Jews in the Near East can be a valuable cultural and technical resource in the region, but only in unity with the Arab masses. That unity requires above all the construction of a proletarian internationalist vanguard party that fights for the right of self-determination for both the Palestinians and Hebrew nation through a socialist federation of the Near East.■

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knowing whether it would be there or not. What these black workers knew was that when the Nazis and the Klan are attacking gays their ultimate victims are the blacks in the U.S.—a goodly section of the proletariat, and certainly its most combative section.

So this was a victory for everyone who hates the Klan and the Nazis. It was also a victory for our strategy of labor/black mobilizations; for the program of class struggle, not class collaboration, and in particular for our opposition to the popular front. And this demonstration was only a *small taste* of what we want to see: labor's power unleashed! We want sitdown strikes against layoffs and plant closures. We want plant seizures—not the kind like the one here [the 1981 B.C. Telephone occupation] that was sold out by labor misleaders, where they give away everything at the bargaining table that the workers fought for. And ultimately what we want is workers to power—which is not the NDP to power but the working class with state power!

We believe that the working class has the capacity not only to defend the oppressed but to overthrow capitalism and establish a socialist society. But this will need a leadership and a party. Our message in talking about this anti-Nazi demonstration in Chicago is not just that we are the best builders of anti-Nazi demonstrations or that we try harder than other people on the left, but that we have a different strategy than the rest of the left. The most common question when someone comes around the left is "Why can't all you leftists get together? You're all for socialism." But if you go to any of these demonstrations you will see that there is a line down the left, not just a political line: you will see the cops out there that the other "leftists" have called against the Spartacist League, you will see the goon squads.

In every one of the anti-Nazi demonstrations that the Spartacist League has initiated around the United States—from Detroit to Ann Arbor to San Francisco to Chicago—you can look at the list of endorsers and you won't see one other left organization, not one. You might see a few local collectives, a few gay groups, but you won't see one other of the major left organizations endorse it. So that does say something.

We have had to battle against all the strategies that other people have put forward about how to fight the fascists. One of the main ones is the basic liberal strategy which is "You should ignore them" —"All the Nazis want is TV publicity and if you come out with your counterdemonstration you'll give them publicity." We got this in San Francisco from the Board of Supervisors [when the Nazis planned to "celebrate" Hitler's birthday in April 1980]. They said that we should ignore the Nazis and have a "pray in" or something at some church. The leaders of the Chicago Gay Pride demo also had the same theory. They told the people who were coming to the demonstration, "Don't worry about the Nazis. There is a little hill between us and the Nazis—you won't even have to see them." But the point that we made is real clear—you can ignore them but they're not going to ignore you!

That's the problem. This theory of ignoring the Nazis has been tried at least once on a very large scale and that was in Germany. A whole bunch of people, including the Communist Party, tried ignor-

ing the Nazis until they found themselves marching towards concentration camps and gas chambers at which point it was a little late.

Closer to home I want to talk about the April 19 demonstration that we had in San Francisco against the Nazis. They wanted to come and "celebrate" Hitler's birthday—in San Francisco! We organized a united-front demonstration of a number of unions: postal workers, the Communications Workers Union, a number of unions endorsed it. The Communications



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Labor has the power to stop fascist terror.

Workers sent a contingent. A number of blacks and gays came to it. And the Nazis backed down. They didn't show. On the same day in Chattanooga, Tennessee the Klan came out, also to "celebrate" Hitler's birthday. They "celebrated" by shooting down four black women walking down the street. In the fashion of "good old boys" Southern justice, I think they all got a *year's* probation for that!

So these are the two we contrast: San Francisco where we came out and stopped the Nazis because the Spartacist League, the unions, the blacks and gays were there to see that the Nazis weren't. Or Chattanooga where four black women were shot down. The Nazis haven't been seen in San Francisco since then. That was really a victory. The Nazis got the message in their own demented way. They got it in the only way they ever get it—which is when they see the power of the labor movement out in the streets, ready to stop them. And let me tell you, if they had been there we would have been more than happy, as Trotsky said, to "acquaint them with the pavement."

No Platform for Fascists!

There have been these various theories—most clearly put forward by the Socialist Workers Party (the Revolutionary Workers League in Canada)—that you ought to spend your time "debating" the Nazis and the Klan. But these guys are not interested in "debates"—they are interested in action: in murder, in lynchings. So we say, while you're debating with

Drive Out Racist DJ MacKellar!

TORONTO, October 30—A spirited Trotskyist League contingent, including six members of the Letter Carriers Union of Canada, joined a demonstration today against CKFM disc jockey Phil MacKellar. Over the airways July 31 MacKellar used the word (printed here not without pain) that is the recruiting call of the fascist vermin and their program of race terror, lynchings and genocide: "I am not going downtown because there are four million niggers down there." Adamantly defending himself ever since, MacKellar has become a symbol of the virulent racism of hypocritical, white Canada. Many of the demonstrators joined with the TL's chants "Drive out racist DJ MacKellar!", "Labor must show the way, smash the Nazis and the KKK!" and "Black liberation through socialist revolution!" ■



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them, what are they doing? One of their guys is out hot-wiring your car so when you turn the engine on the sticks of dynamite in your motor go off.

The Socialist Workers Party ran a candidate in southern California where Klansman Tom Metzger was running as a Democrat. There was a Democrat—a Klansman—a Republican and the SWP. The SWP proposed a debate. The Republican said "I don't want to debate the Klan! Why should I? They're just murderers." The SWP went ahead and they debated the Klan! But when the same guy for the SWP came to San Francisco when I was running for Board of Supervisors I asked him to debate me. He said no, he had no interest in debating anyone from the Spartacist League. So they debate the Klan, but they are not interested in debating Trotskyists!

Besides the debate theory, there's the one from the Communist Party and its supporters: "Ban the Klan." The point is that the Klan has been running around in the U.S. for 100 years. And the FBI, the CIA and all the forces of the U.S. government have not done anything about it. Of course they had no problem dealing with the Black Panther Party who they managed to shoot down in their beds. But in dealing with the Klan the U.S. government has always had a great deal of "difficulty."

This "Ban the Klan" theory which the CP puts forward is very much part of their whole class-collaborationist program. The whole idea is that the capitalist state can be made to serve the interests of the working class. I want to give comrades a specific example of why this doesn't work: that is the 1979 Greensboro, North Carolina massacre where five members of the Communist Workers Party—trade unionists, blacks—were shot down in cold blood by the Klan and the Nazis. It was on videotape—you could see that on television in every city in the U.S.! You could see them being shot down! And not one Klan or Nazi had a scratch on them! But when they went to court, they got off scot free! That is capitalist "justice."

Not only did they get off free, it turns out there was an agent of the Bureau of Alcohol and Firearms Control in the car with them. And he supplied them with the guns, he egged them on and he knew it was going to happen, and the U.S. government knew the whole thing was going to happen. It's revealing for the people who have any illusion in where the government stands. There was an FBI

agent who supplied the materials for the bombing of that church in Little Rock in the 1950s where the young black schoolchildren were killed. There was an FBI agent who was in the car and may well have pulled the trigger when they killed this white woman Viola Liuzzo, who had gone down South to be in the "freedom march." All of this stuff is a matter of public record.

So the U.S. bourgeoisie has no interest in stopping the Klan and the Nazis. And neither does the Canadian bourgeoisie. Because they know something: they may need them—if not now, later. Especially in the face of a militant, resurgent labor movement that actually fights in the interests of the workers and the oppressed. That's why they're planning on keeping them around. So this whole theory of "Ban the Klan" is going to fail because the capitalists have no interest in "banning" the Klan.

The Klan and Nazis are growing. For those of us who aren't independently wealthy, it's obvious that there is a capitalist crisis—the plant closures, the unemployment lines, all over North America. The message from the top—from Reagan—is clear: no Equal Rights Amendment, no busing, smash the air controllers union, get the blacks, get the minorities and get the unions. One of the big Klan leaders said "Reagan's program could have been written by a Klansman." Well, they're not far wrong, are they?

David Duke of the Klan said "Canada is the last bastion of white supremacy." A lot of people in

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Canada should think about that, because too often one hears this stuff about "There's no racism up here." Or else one hears that these various punks running around with swastikas or the confederate flag—that this is just "art" or this is a punk "affectation" or this is just a joke in "poor taste" or something. No—these are the symbols of genocide, white supremacy and the fascist death camps! And it very directly means "Death to East Indians" in this country—that's what these people have in mind!

Anti-Soviet Cold War Tie Equals Klan/Nazi Genocide!

The Klan and Nazis are the domestic reflection of Reagan and Trudeau's anti-Soviet war drive. But you're not going to hear that from the "left." They have been busy ducking this issue. It's not just that Reagan is "crazy" or "trigger happy"—although both are true. He has a plan in mind to overturn the nationalized property forms in the Soviet Union and open it up for capitalist exploitation. He hopes to do this to put capitalism in the U.S. back on its feet again.

In the U.S. and Canada there is this "peace" movement. Some "peace" movement: it is run in the U.S. by certifiable Vietnam war criminals. Their real goal in the U.S. is to get Kennedy elected. "We're against war," they say. Well it didn't look that way as they carpet-bombed Vietnam, as they dropped Agent Orange and napalm all over that country, killing almost two million. They're not against war, they just have slightly different ways of pursuing it. In Canada the "peace" movement seems to spend its time alibiing the ruling class of Canada, pressuring the Canadian bourgeoisie to be more "progressive." There's this slogan, which I thought was a joke, that Canada should be the "Brave Neutral Mediator." The Canadian bourgeoisie is neither "brave," "neutral" nor "progressive" and it doesn't seem to be "mediating" much of anything. They are the junior partner of U.S. imperialism. There is a real attempt by the Canadian left to get out of having to tell the working class of this country the truth, which is that *the main enemy is at home*—that they need class struggle here against the Canadian bourgeoisie. What is needed is genuine working-class revolutionary internationalism. We say that anti-imperialism abroad means class struggle at home.

In the U.S. the pages of the *Village Voice*, the *Guardian*, the Workers World press and the Communist Party press have all been filled with these endless series of contradictory lies about the Spartacist League. We work for the CIA, we work for the KGB—we work for both at once! We're dangerous, vicious. That we don't organize anti-Nazi demonstrations but

break up anti-Nazi demonstrations. Of course the Big Lie behind these other lies is that what is needed is an alliance with the liberal bourgeoisie. In the U.S. that takes the form of the Democratic Party. That's the real thing because it's very embarrassing at these demonstrations when you're trying to get the big shot Democratic Party politicians to come and speak and there are all these people with red flags and "Military Victory to Salvadoran Leftists!" signs [the Spartacist League-organized Anti-Imperialist Contingents].

This is what they are pushing in the U.S.—from the Communist Party on down—that the Democratic Party, the party of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, the Vietnam War, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, of putting Japanese-Americans in concentration camps, the party of Klansman Tom Metzger and the Southern Dixiecrats—that this is the party the American working class ought to be supporting. In Canada the alliance with the bourgeoisie runs through the NDP. The workers vote NDP and the NDP goes into a corridor coalition with the bourgeoisie. And that's why there have been all the same type of things at these Canadian demonstrations with the cops and the goons. There is a real dividing line, and it is class struggle versus class collaboration—they're on one side and we're on the other.

I want to say a few words about our other slogan—why we defend the Soviet Union. This is what really sends everyone up the wall. What we defend is the revolution that was made in 1917 which overthrew the capitalist class. The Bolsheviks, leading the working masses, broke down the domination of the bosses, they nationalized property, they established a planned economy and this went a long way toward wiping out poverty and unemployment. What we don't defend is the Stalinist bureaucracy—the parasitic bureaucracy which is nationalist, *against* world revolution, willing to wheel and deal with the Reagans of this world under the guise of "peaceful co-existence."

So when various Canadian anti-communists tell us that crooks are running that country, that they have suppressed the cultural and political life of the USSR, that there's no workers democracy there, we say yes, we know that: but who will bring it back? Reagan? No! We stand for the defense of the Soviet Union against imperialism and for proletarian political revolution to bring down the bureaucracy.

The Russian question really overshadows all—especially these days because the war drums are beating, the anti-Soviet war drive is on heavy. We don't think that you can fight on the domestic questions if you don't fight the whole military program which is aimed at restoring capitalism in the USSR. No one else is really defending the USSR on the "left." And no one else is mobilizing to smash Klan and Nazi

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Chrysler's Iacocca and the other auto bosses unless black Detroit plays an active and leading role.

A fight to take back what Fraser, White & Co. have given back, to restore the uniform industry-wide contract and reverse the massive job cuts on both sides of the border will be opposed by these reactionary, chauvinist pro-capitalist misleaders. These basic tasks require an *internationalist* class-struggle leadership which will fight for working-

class solidarity across *all* borders, a leadership that will fight all the protectionist schemes by which the Iacoccas and their ilk set workers against their class brothers in Japan, Europe and elsewhere. A leadership is needed whose starting point is not the limitations of decaying capitalism but the actual needs of the working people, a leadership that is ready to carry the struggles forward to the expropriation of capitalist industry and the establishment of a planned socialist economy under a workers government.

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terror through labor/black mobilizations. And no one else is going to lead a socialist revolution.

In the U.S. we've been fighting for and have long had a position on the black question of revolutionary integrationism. Today especially we look to the black workers—politically the most combative section of the working class—to lead all the oppressed along with their white class brothers and sisters through a vanguard party. And we have found that although the "left" is very hard against the Spartacist League, black workers are extremely receptive. One of the reasons is that the anti-Soviet war drive propaganda doesn't reach into the black proletariat. The whole lie: "If the communists take over we'll lose American freedom and liberty" and "You'll lose your house and your car"—for the laid-off auto worker in Detroit or the black welfare mother in Harlem, she has never seen any "liberty" and "democracy." She doesn't have a house and she doesn't have a car either. So these are the people we look to because they really have a lot to gain and very little to lose. What we need are revolutionary workers parties in the U.S. and Canada—that can be the tribune of all of the oppressed and exploited masses.

"Join the IS!"

So the fascists have a dream. They have something in mind. It's called race war. We have a dream too: and that is a war of the international workers and oppressed against the ruling class. So brothers and sisters, time is growing short. The anti-Soviet

war drive could well spell the end of all of us, through nuclear war. The alternatives really are socialism or barbarism. That was said a long time ago. It's been getting truer all along. So if you stand for a socialist society and for a better world for all of the oppressed and all of the exploited, what you should do is join the international Spartacist tendency, party of world revolution!■

Geza Matrai . . .

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sent the KKK packing when they tried to march through downtown Boston. In Detroit, Ann Arbor, San Francisco and Chicago our comrades in the Spartacist League/U.S. have organized successful mass labor/minority mobilizations that have stopped the KKK/Nazis cold. These actions gave only a small taste of the social power of the working class—the power to smash capitalism that breeds the fascists as a last line of defense for its decaying rotten system of mass unemployment, inflation, oppression and war.

Matrai & Co., just like the KKK and the Nazis, are the mortal enemies of minorities, workers and leftists. As opponents of racist terror, we say there is no place on this campus, or anywhere else, for CASAC and its ilk.

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U of T Trotskyist League Club

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though taking advantage of all aid from Hitler's imperialist enemies, plays the independent role of a Workers' State, rallies the world masses to the banner of socialism, calls upon the working masses of Germany to overthrow Hitler and capitalism and to join in an alliance with the Soviet Union. Stalin represents the antithesis to such a revolutionary policy; he has crushed that policy wherever he could, inside and outside the Soviet Union. He has murdered its best representative, Leon Trotsky.

Workers and peasants of the Soviet Union! We appeal to you in the name of our martyred leader, Comrade Trotsky. His voice would now be urging you on to revolutionary war against Hitler. This was the hour of danger which Trotsky was destined to turn into the hour of proletarian triumph—but his noble and heroic mind was crushed by Stalin's pickaxe. Since he has been denied the happiness of participating in your decisive battles and final victory, let Trotsky henceforth participate invisibly in your struggle. Let his voice, stilled by Stalin but living on in the movement which bears his name, advise you in your struggle for a better world. Avenge his death by destroying Hitler, overthrowing the Cain in the Kremlin, and reviving the Soviet democracy which in the heroic years of the October revolution made possible the victory over imperialist intervention....

The Main Tasks of the American Working Class

Every worker must defend the Soviet Union as a class duty. The revolutionary worker cannot accept the corrupt and opportunistic line of the Stalinists. He defends the nationalized property of the Soviet Union and not the Kremlin bureaucrats.

He defends the Soviet Union because capitalism has been overthrown there. He can under no circumstances support the imperialist war of Britain and the United States, no more than he would support the imperialist war of Nazi Germany. The revolutionary worker understands that if Churchill and Roosevelt find themselves allied to the Soviet Union that does not change by one iota the reactionary character of the war that Churchill and Roosevelt are waging.

The workers must fight fascism to the death—but the imperialist war of Britain and the United States is not a war against fascism, it is a war against their imperialist rivals. The only way the workers can fight against fascism is to take the power and establish a Workers and Farmers Government in the United States. Only such a socialist government would be a real ally of the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile the method to defend the Soviet Union is to continue the class struggle against the imperialists. Defend the workers' rights against government strikebreaking! Build the power of the working class until it becomes the governmental power. That is the best service which the American workers can render to their brothers in the Soviet Union.

Defend the Soviet Union! Defend the conquests of the October revolution!

Down with the Stalinist bureaucracy that weakens the Soviet Union!

Revolutionary war to the death against fascism!

Against all the imperialists in this war!

On guard against the capitalist allies of the Soviet Union!

For a Workers and Farmers Government, the only reliable ally of the Soviet Union!

Long live the world socialist revolution!

June 23, 1941

The Swastika Is No Joke!

Labor/Minorities Must Crush Fascist Terror!



Workers Vanguard

Chicago, June 27. Racist cops protect swastika-waving fascists. Successful SL-initiated labor/black mobilization prevented Nazi scum from goosestepping in Lincoln Park.

VANCOUVER—White teenaged punks board a bus and proceed to terrorize the passengers—mostly women, Chinese and East Indians—with carefully rehearsed "songs" about systematically gassing Jews, raping and then shooting women. The Klan has moved its Canadian headquarters to "beautiful British Columbia," recruiting degenerate garbage like the motorcycle thugs who invaded the front lawn of Vancouver's largest Sikh temple this summer. As more of these creeps rode up members of the East Indian religious congregation came out and gave these scum a well-deserved lesson, sending several to the hospital. Then, on the night of September 15, a two-meter cross was burned in the parking lot of the same temple.

On June 27 a Spartacist League-initiated demonstration of 3,000 stopped the Nazis from goosestepping through Chicago's Lincoln Park, an important victory for all the intended victims of fascist terror. This summer at a Vancouver video showing of the June 27 action Diana Coleman, a key builder of the 1980 SL-organized demonstration that stopped the

Nazis from "celebrating" Hitler's birthday in San Francisco and Spartacist candidate in the recent Board of Supervisors election there, presented the program to sweep away the KKK/Nazi punks: militant class struggle leading to the conquest of power by the working class. We print below an abridged version of Coleman's presentation.

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On June 27, the Nazi Party, endorsed by the Klan, tried to hold a "Death to Queers" rally in Chicago. They figured that gays were the most vulnerable and isolated of the oppressed, and they could come out against them and no one would turn out to defend them. They were wrong! The Spartacist League initiated and organized a united-front demonstration which stopped the Nazis. Blacks were the core of it. It was black workers who came out to a white section of Chicago—which is probably the most segregated city in the U.S.—who had to get up that morning and go out to this demonstration not

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