

Fight Cold War II Witchhunt!



Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Secret Service men panic on Georgia golf course.



Hosefros/NY Times
Bunkerizing the White House: cement barricades close "truck-bomb gap."

Why Reagan Needs "Terrorism"

It was Day One of 1984, so what could be more natural than the news that the FBI is planning "a major expansion of a national computerized file to distribute information about people who are considered suspicious but are not wanted for crimes" (*New York Times*, 1 January). Just who is Big Brother looking for? Drug traffickers, organized crime, "terrorists" (that is, anybody fitting the government's definition of terrorism). More generally, anybody who is "known to be, believed to be, likely to be..." will set the red lights flashing. To justify this major escalation

of the state's repressive apparatus ("law enforcement capabilities") comes a mounting "terrorism" scare.

The 31 January *Washington Post* features a "leaked" front-page story on a new "crackdown" coming out of Meese's Justice Department. The article says new anti-terrorism laws are "in the final clearance stage at Justice." The proposals would use the "conspiracy" trap to go after U.S. citizens the government says "support" terrorism. (The West German government has used the same legal strategy to viciously prosecute lawyers who defend people

accused of terrorism.) The new laws would create a kind of government "bounty" for private investigators of "terrorism" and would criminalize financial support to targeted causes.

The *Washington Post* article presents as justification for the proposed repression laws a big blast of CIA black propaganda worthy of Claire Sterling or the "Spike" gang. The paper's unnamed "source" declares that "terrorism is a growth industry abroad" and goes on to demonstrate that disinformation is a growth industry at home by dishing up the whole nonsense list, from the

Bulgarian "pope plot" to allegations of "60 major training camps" for terrorists (the only terrorist named in the article is the indispensable phantom "Carlos").

Back in the McCarthy days it was "reds under the beds"; today, in Cold War II, you're supposed to find Carlos in the closet. So now, if you are known to be, believed to be, likely to be or may be on Ronald Reagan's "enemies list," you could be blown away in the night.

After the FBI announced its new Domestic Security/Terrorism Guidelines last March, we published the *continued on page 2*

Red Squad Meets "Blue Thunder"

LAPD Martial Law Olympics

LOS ANGELES—The Reagan government's outcry against "terrorism" has as its real object gearing up the bourgeois state apparatus for witchhunting and destruction of its political opponents. Not far behind is the notorious Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The LAPD, working in close conjunction with the FBI, has seized on the upcoming Olympic Games as a pretext to virtually declare martial law. In recent weeks the bourgeois authorities have gone on a full-scale dress rehearsal for next summer, with everything from sweeps through black areas in Pasadena and South-Central Los Angeles to search for weapons, to an incredible "anti-terrorist" airport raid on LAX where two dozen cab drivers were rounded up as "illegal aliens."

Meanwhile, the city council is considering an ordinance to ban demon-

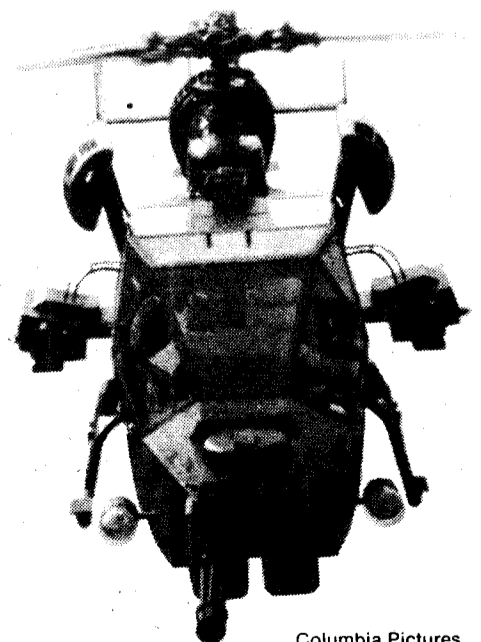
strations during the Games, while the cops at the ritzy University of Southern California campus, which adjoins the Olympics site, have been granted special powers to arrest for "probable cause." Now any black seen on the USC campus after dark could easily wind up in jail—or worse. And that's nothing yet: come next summer, there will be 50 police agencies beefed up by 16,000 private cops crawling all over the L.A. metro area as part of "Operation Torchlight."

The LAPD is not only undoubtedly the best armed police force in the U.S., it behaves as a semi-bonapartist paramilitary operation which fantasizes itself the civilian equivalent of the Army Rangers or 82nd Airborne. At the time of Jimmy Carter's failed mission to rescue the hostages in Teheran, LAPD chief Daryl Gates was quoted: "Gates said he stood by his belief that given proper logistical

support, 100 men from the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) could rescue the hostages" (*Los Angeles Times*, 26 April 1980). The LAPD's targets, however, are not Shi'ite militiamen armed with AK-47s, but the civilian black population. For sheer cold-blooded murder—from the murderous choke holds which have claimed scores of victims, to the horrendous slaying of five-year-old black child Patrick Mason, to the execution of black football star Ron Settle—the racist police departments in L.A. and the surrounding towns have few equals.

Blue Thunder and the Olympics

So while the city fathers are drooling over the money they expect to rake in next summer, the black and Latin populace is already bracing for an



Columbia Pictures

Blue Thunder: fact or fiction?

intensification of racist terror. The cops' desires for extraordinary powers for the summer of 1984—and beyond—was dramatically portrayed in a recent Hollywood movie, *Blue Thunder*. The film, scripted well before serious prepar-

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Fight the New McCarthyism!

The Partisan Defense Committee is appealing to all of you for financial help in fighting "McCarthyism with a drawn gun." If there is a simple, practical lesson to be drawn from the terrible times of Senator Joe McCarthy, it is this: better to organize and fight. When facing government set-up and fascist provocation, it is time to defend our rights and our lives with every resource we can muster. The PDC, founded on the principles of class-struggle defense work, is raising funds for the Spartacist League/Spartacus Youth League lawsuit against the FBI's new "Domes-

tic Security/Terrorism Guidelines." These "Guidelines" are a mandate for new COINTELPRO-type operations of "disruption," set-up and outright murder against political opponents of the government, targeting particularly Marxist organizations and black groups.

The deadly new McCarthyism flows straight from the poisonous climate of anti-Soviet war preparation and rampaging racist terror. As the witchhunters' machinery is retooled, Marxists and others are branded as "terrorists" and violent criminals, as an excuse for them to be shot first and questioned

later. The PDC calls on all those concerned about civil liberties, on black activists and defenders of black people's rights, on unionists and socialists to take a stand in their own defense by supporting the Spartacist lawsuit against the FBI.

The PDC backed the SL lawsuit and public campaign which in 1981 forced the California Attorney General to retract the characterization of the SL as "terrorist" in his "Organized Crime" report. Financial support raised by the PDC helped build the Labor/Black Mobilization of 5,000 which stopped the Ku Klux Klan in Washington,

D.C. on November 27, 1982. The SL and PDC are still raising money to pay for the over \$30,000 spent in the successfully concluded campaign which forced the *Washington Times*, sinister daily newspaper of the Moonie cult, to retract its libel of the Labor/Black Mobilization and its organizers, falsely portrayed as seeking violence against the cops—a libel which fit right in with the FBI "Guidelines" defining Marxists as terrorist criminals.

The PDC is proud to have helped secure these important victories for the democratic rights of the working class and the oppressed. We urge each of you to do your part with a generous contribution now. Send your contribution to: Partisan Defense Committee, Box 99, Canal Street Station, New York, NY 10013.

Reagan Needs "Terrorism" ...

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following scenario:

"You are driving down a road one night and get pulled over by the cops. A name goes into the computer, and comes out 'terrorist'... member of a violent criminal enterprise.' What happens then? Ask some Black Panther survivors of the 1960s what it means to be tagged as a terrorist by the feds."

—"FBI Red-Hunt," *WV* No. 327, 8 April 1983

Just a horror story? It can't happen here, not to me? This is Reagan's America; this year "war is peace," first-strike MX missiles aimed at Russia are called "peacekeepers," and political opponents of the government are "terrorists." The U.S. sends a "peace" force of Marines and battalions to Lebanon and infiltrates fascist mercenaries called "freedom fighters" into Nicaragua. In 1984 the real terrorists with state power, armed with every available means of destruction, are hunkered down in the White House behind massive concrete barriers crying, "The terrorists are

coming! The terrorists are coming!"

And now the man in charge of the Cold War II witchhunt will be Reagan's new attorney general, Edwin Meese, the man who laughs at hunger and one of the ideologues of the new McCarthyism. Meese participated in the nine-volume Heritage Foundation report which calls for a new era of "Un-American" committees and for the active legal legitimization of the COINTELPRO-style operations: the breaking-and-entering, the wiretaps, the provocateurs, the whole gamut of murderous dirty business that included shooting Black Panther militants in their beds. As deputy district attorney in Alameda County, California Meese busted the Berkeley Free Speech Movement in 1964; a decade later as Governor Reagan's chief of staff he ordered the fiery immolation of the Symbionese Liberation Army in a stormtrooper assault by more than 300 L.A. cops. Perhaps Meese, for whom soup lines are just people cashing in on a free lunch, will now discover that the hungry are really terrorists in disguise.

The new anti-terrorism got into high gear after the blowing up of U.S. Marine headquarters in Beirut last October 23.

The Reagan administration countered with the Grenada invasion to divert attention from its Lebanon fiasco, and with the terrorism scare at home. We have to close the truck-bomb gap, said the Reaganites as they blocked White House entrances with sand-filled dump trucks. (When these were replaced by "anti-terrorist planters," Reagan called it "just normal security precautions.") Soon concrete highway dividers were being placed in front of the Pentagon; officials at the State Department no longer wanted offices facing the street. It was made known that the Presidential guard is equipped with "Stinger" surface-to-air missiles, to defend against air attacks.

Next to the terrorism scare, nothing was sacred. Take the case of poor Mrs. Rita Warren, who for years has set up the Christmas nativity scene complete with straw-filled manger on the Capitol Building steps. This year she didn't get away unscathed, as the anti-terrorism squad upended her large plastic figures looking for god knows what inside Mary, Joseph and the three wise men. "Not the Baby Jesus," said Mrs. Warren, noting that "It's terrible for Americans, this terrorism stuff" (*New York Times*, 20 December 1983).

Nothing is lacking in the anti-terrorism campaign except for the terrorists. What has there really been in the way of purported left-wing terrorism in the last 20 years? A few really nasty bombings—indiscriminate terror—by the Puerto Rican nationalist FALN, like the hideous Fraunces Tavern bombing; a bloody incident at La Guardia airport that no one took credit for; a New Leftist bombing of an army lab at the University of Wisconsin, killing one; the famous West 11th Street townhouse bombing when some Weathermen managed to blow themselves up. Indeed the scare campaign would benefit by a few more examples; since the U.S. government already funds and directly or indirectly operates dozens of shadowy right-wing groupings of violent émigré and domestic "ultras," it's not hard to imagine a lucrative sideline of "left"-sounding provocations for these sinister formations. What's important is the mood the rulers are trying to create in this country, to justify increased secret police spying, harassment, disruption, sabotage, prosecution and jailing of labor, left groups, black militants and other perceived political opponents.

Anti-Terrorism '84 has already produced its bizarre episodes. In Texas an army general deep in debt decided to commit suicide, attempting to pin the deed on terrorists by leaving a note: "Captured, tried, convicted of crimes by the U.S. Army against the people of the world. Sentenced and executed." An American G.I. in West Germany who went AWOL after a quarrel with his wife claimed he was kidnapped by terrorists. But while the U.S. Navy battle fleet off Lebanon is training for

defense against kamikaze attacks by Iranian-piloted Piper Cubs, in a more serious vein the city of Los Angeles is preparing to decree a virtual state of siege for the 1984 Summer Olympics (see "LAPD Martial Law Olympics" in this issue).

The Terror Times

Indeed the terrorism scare, for all its overtones of low comedy, is no laughing matter for any of its intended victims. It has a sinister and deadly purpose: to gear up America for war against the Soviet "evil empire" and for a red-hunt at home. The *New York Times*, a newspaper and so much more than a newspaper, has been leading the charge with scare headlines: "U.S. Seems to Be Target of New Strain of Terrorism" (13 December 1983), "Moynihan Sees Real Threat of Bombings in U.S. in 1984" (14 December), "Shadow of Terrorism Falls Across the U.S." (18 December). Since even the way the FBI counts, terrorist incidents in the U.S. have dropped, the *Times* has also practiced the fine art of turning the lack of credible menace into more grounds for the scare campaign: "F.B.I. Head Says Terrorism in U.S. Is Down but Fear Rises" (15 December) and "Most U.S. Cities Are Taking No Special Measures to Curb Terrorism" (27 December). To end the year came an extensive *Times* survey, "State-Sponsored Terror Called a Threat to U.S." (30 December). Another article the same day reports that, in addition to the traditional war games, U.S. generals are now to be put through "terrorism games."

The top cops explain that terrorism must be "stopped" before it starts, and only better repression ("intelligence") can do the job. And with a 43 percent budget increase since Reagan took office in 1981, the "Justice" Department is the only government agency whose expenditures have risen faster than "Defense" (war). Key to this "law enforcement" offensive are the new Domestic Security/Terrorism Guidelines and the expanded functions of the

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Terrorism and Communism



TROTSKY

What we are concerned with is not at all the defence of "terrorism" as such. Methods of compulsion and terrorisation down to the physical extirpation of its opponents have up to now advantaged, and continue to advantage in an infinitely higher degree the cause of reaction, as represented by the outworn exploiting classes, than they do the cause of historical progress, as represented by the proletariat. The jury of



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moralists who condemn "terrorism" of whatever kind have their gaze fixed really on the revolutionary deeds of the persecuted who are seeking to set themselves free. . . .

To-day the pious enemy of terrorism is keeping up by the help of organized violence a "peaceful" system of unemployment, colonial oppression, armed forces and preparation for fresh wars.

The present work, therefore, is far away from any thought of defending terrorism in general. It champions the historical justification of the proletarian revolution. The root idea of the book is this: that history down to now has not thought out any other way of carrying mankind forward than that of setting up always the revolutionary violence of the progressive class against the conservative violence of the outworn classes.

—Leon Trotsky, *Terrorism and Communism* (1920)

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How CIA and Church Smuggled Nazi War Criminals

The Vatican "Rat Line"

If it's Nazi war criminals you're after, a good rule of thumb is "look for the pope." The Catholic church's complicity with fascist war crimes has been known (and covered up) for years: how Pius XII turned a deaf ear to reports of Hitler's mass extermination of Jews during World War II; how after the war the church hierarchy helped fleeing SS officials escape to Latin America. Recently, as Nazi hunters have dug deeper into the Barbie affair, documenting how the Gestapo "Butcher of Lyons" was hired by U.S. army intelligence and later slipped into Bolivia, they have pinpointed a Catholic priest as one of the key links in the "rat line" which funneled Nazis out of Europe. Last week a top secret 1947 U.S. State Department report was leaked to the press which makes the Vatican Nazi connection official.

The 26 January *New York Times* revealed the existence of the 1947 report by a Foreign Service officer in Rome, Vincent La Vista, which "called the Vatican 'the largest single organization involved in the illegal movement of immigrants,' including Nazis." The report goes on to say that "in countries where the church is a controlling or dominating factor, the Vatican has brought pressure to bear which has resulted in the foreign missions of those Latin American countries taking an attitude almost favoring the entry into their country of former Nazi and former Fascists or other political groups, so long as they are anti-Communists."

La Vista listed the names of 22 clerics linked to the illegal emigration. But the key to the Nazi-smuggling operation was reportedly the notorious Dr. [Willi] Nix. As the *New York Times* quoted:

"After a very cautious investigation," the report went on, "this writer was able to learn that several weeks ago, the Italian Government after a secret investigation, had ordered the arrest of Dr. Nix." Yet, it went on, "only a matter of minutes before Dr. Nix's actual apprehension, he was able to learn of his imminent arrest and fled to the Vatican where he is now residing. It has always been suspected that Dr. Nix was

operating under the benevolent protection of the Vatican. His flight and present sanctuary in Vatican City is positive proof of this fact."

The *Times*, which obtained the report from Holocaust historian Charles L. Allen, confirmed its authenticity with the U.S. National Archives.

The 1947 State Department report came to light in conjunction with the current campaign by Paris-based Nazi hunters Serge and Beate Klarsfeld to extradite Nazi war criminal Walter Rauff from his lair in Pinochet's Chile. Rauff, a former SS colonel, was the inventor and overseer of the mobile death vans, the so-called "Black Ravens," in which hundreds of thousands of East European Jews were gassed. Rauff himself signed a secret report dated 5 July 1942 noting that since the previous December "97,000 have been processed." In the obscene tradition of Adolf Eichmann, Rauff told a Chilean court in 1962 that although "I helped organize the truck service" which was "used to produce death by asphyxia," he was only following "superior orders"! After the bloody 1973 Santiago coup, Rauff helped set up the infamous DINA, Pinochet's secret police responsible for the torture and murder of thousands of Chilean leftists. (Allende never touched the past and future mass murderer on the grounds that he didn't have the legal authority to do so! But Rauff and Pinochet put their class interests higher than capitalist legality.)

Rauff, together with Nazi "doctor" Josef Mengele, believed to be living in Paraguay, is one of the most wanted Nazi war criminals still at large. As a result of increasing publicity, Israel, which has excellent military/diplomatic relations with the Chilean dictatorship and has known of Rauff's whereabouts for years and done nothing about it, now has finally been induced to request his extradition. In his 1962 report to the Chilean court, SS killer Rauff testified how after his arrest by American troops he escaped and with the aid of the Vatican relocated himself and his

family. "I was helped by a Catholic priest to go to Rome where I stayed more or less 18 months, always in convents of the Holy See," Rauff said. "With the help of the Catholic Church, my family was able to escape from the Russian-occupied zone in Germany and come to Rome."

While pointing to the Vatican connection, the *Times* article went out



Santiago, Chile—Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld demands extradition of SS mass murderer Walter Rauff.

of its way to insist that "Mr. Klarsfeld said he did not think that the Pope at the time, Pius XII, was aware Mr. Rauff had been given refuge in Vatican-connected facilities." If the pope didn't know, it would only be because at the time he had even bigger Nazis to hide. It was Pius XII himself who set the church's stand on the Nazis. German playwright Rolf Hochhuth in 1963 published the play, "The Deputy," exposing the pope's complicity in the Holocaust. When the church objected, Hochhuth fired back an historical memorandum detailing Vatican knowledge of the genocidal action of the Nazi extermination machine from 1941 on. We wrote in our article, "Polish Pope

Can't Wash Hands of Auschwitz, Pilgrimage for Anti-Communism," *WV* No. 234, 22 June 1979:

"The papacy kept silent for over nine months in 1943 while the Nazis shipped over 1,000 Roman Jews to Auschwitz—many grabbed in the very shadow of the Vatican itself. Above all, because of its fear of communism, the church supported the Nazis and fervently backed the crusade against godless Bolshevism."

The State Department's 1947 report said the Vatican justified Nazi-smuggling to "infiltrate" European and Latin American countries with people whose views were "anti-communist" and "pro-Catholic Church." U.S. intelligence used the same rationale to justify the fact that it took over the Nazi anti-Soviet spy network, the Gehlen organization, virtually intact after the war, removed entire East Europe *Einsatzgruppen* of pro-Nazi killers to safety in the U.S., and staffed its Radio Free Europe with erstwhile fascists-turned-"democrats." The most recently revealed examples, Barbie and Belgian SS officer Robert Jan Verbelen, are only a couple of the *thousands* of Nazi war criminals who continued their murderous anti-Communist work after the war while easily switching their allegiances from Hitler's Third Reich to the U.S. imperialist-dominated Free World. The Soviet Union, in contrast, thoroughly rooted out the fascist killers. We demand that Walter Rauff be handed over to the USSR, which has requested his extradition for years, so that he can be brought to justice before a tribunal of his surviving victims!

Pope John Paul Wojtyla has made it his mission to galvanize the Catholic church as the spearhead of the anti-Soviet crusade. Under Pius XII it certainly played that role during Cold War I, as Catholic Action was the cutting edge of anti-Communist purges in the labor movement both in Europe and America. This was the same purpose behind the church's inspiration of the clerical-reactionary dominated Solidarnosc "union," whose counterrevolutionary bid for power in Poland was spiked at the last minute on 13 December 1981. The church's allegiance can be seen clearly in Chile today. While it helped Nazi butcher Walter Rauff to escape ultimately to provide "technical advice" to the DINA killers, last week when Chilean MIR leaders sought refuge from Pinochet's secret police at the papal nunciatura, they were told there was no room in Vatican City. ■

Another Lynch Trial Set for Worrie Taylor

Stop Racist Vendetta Against the Taylor Family!

February 27 marks a year since the Taylor family from Michigan and Ohio gathered in Alabama to mourn the death of Mrs. Annie Bell Taylor. Montgomery mayor Emory Folmar is trying to finish the job in the courtroom that his dogs of war started that night when, with guns drawn and shouting racist slurs, plainclothes cops burst into the Taylor family home on Todd Road. But for their courageous self-defense against the marauders the Taylors would not be alive to tell about the assault today. The state couldn't make its monstrous frame-up charges stick last November against the first member of this victimized black family to stand trial. So now the legal lynching of Worrie Taylor resumes with his retrial in Montgomery Circuit Court on February 6.

Once again Worrie Taylor must sit across a narrow table from the armed intruders who would have destroyed his family had not the Taylors disarmed the cops. The state means to make the Taylors pay for their "crime" of exercising their legitimate right to self-defense. Folmar and the Mont-

gomery police department are defending a way of life no less than the slave patrols of the Confederacy. Last November D.A. Evans asked in his summary, "If you break into my home, I'll kill you. Is that the message you want to send out of this community?" When 150 black people in the courtroom replied "yes," it sent shivers down the racists' spines.

Worrie Taylor, 49, was temporarily reprieved by a hung jury last November 27. But they cannot stand to let him go. They know they must get a conviction before they can move on to try four other members of the Taylor family also facing charges which could put them away for 20 years in the hellhole of Alabama state prison. Montgomery blacks are just as aware that this vicious frame-up must be defeated. Despite the presence of virtually the entire police force in the courtroom last November, hundreds of black people jammed the courtroom. In the North, hundreds of supporters have come out to black church rallies in Pontiac, Michigan and Warren, Ohio. Last fall 139



Lillie Bell Taylor and Worrie Taylor in Montgomery court.

Detroit area unionists, labor and black leaders, principally UAW workers at Ford's River Rouge, signed an urgent telegram demanding "No Extradition of Chris Taylor!" They know that the *lives* of these Northern black workers are at stake at the hands of Alabama-style lynch-law "justice." This con-

sciousness must be mobilized in massive protest actions, North and South, of support for the Taylors to keep the racist thugs at bay. Drop the charges against the Taylors! No extradition of Chris Taylor! Jail the racist cops! A million dollars compensation to the persecuted Taylors!

Scab Kills Picket in Bay Area OCAW Strike

Avenge Labor Martyr Gregory Goobic!

OAKLAND, January 25—Over 500 unionists from more than a dozen union locals marched today in poignant silence from the small OCAW (Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers) Local 1-326 union hall in Rodeo, California to the Union 76 oil refinery where 330 workers have been out on strike against company takebacks since January 17. The workers mobilized in protest and outrage against the January 20 murder of their fellow unionist and well-liked coworker, 20-year-old Gregory Goobic. Goobic was killed instantly when the scab driver of an 18-wheeler accelerated into Goobic and Paul Griffith, the 19-year-old black union member on picket duty with him that night. Griffith said the scab "went for both of us. I barely jumped out of the way" (*Contra Costa Times*, 20 January).

Two hours later, Goobic's body still lay on the ground behind a line thrown up by the police, his hat and fallen picket sign on the ground and his bicycle parked nearby. Though his union brothers and even his weeping parents (except for a brief look) were kept back from the body, a company boss was allowed in close enough to stand gloating in Goobic's blood. Union secretary John Billecci said, "When (the strikers) saw the refinery manager

Strike Update

The OCAW strike at Rodeo and Wilmington, California ended January 30. The wage terms follow the rotten Gulf Oil pattern (increases of less than 2 percent a year, which in many locals have been totally offset by large increases in employee-paid insurance costs). Although Union 76 did not get the full-blown two-tier wage structure it sought, the sellout deal included several further concessions, such as a wage freeze for lower-paid workers, a new laborer's classification exempted from union wage levels, and lesser pay for trainees.

standing in (Goobic's) blood, it was really upsetting.... They came back with tears in their eyes. They said he was just standing there, staring down the strikers with his arms crossed and his feet in the blood." The killer, 51-year-old Robert Earl Carper, was booked only on vehicular (involuntary) manslaughter charges and released on \$3,000 bail. We say: Scab Carper is guilty of murder—Lock him up for good!

The tragic death of young Gregory Goobic follows an escalating pattern of company violence against strikers at Union Oil (where another picketer suffered leg injuries when he was struck by a company security guard's car), in the Bay Area and nationally. Demonstrators took hundreds of *Workers Vanguard* supplements to read about the case of Ray Palmiero and Lauren Mozee, the two telephone strikers facing four-year prison terms for the "crime" of self-defense against a racist manager's assault on a CWA picket line in San Leandro, California last August.

One rally speaker, ILWU Local 6 president Al Lannon, cited the shooting deaths of two strikers that sparked the 1934 San Francisco general strike and also recalled the 1976 killing of a Local 6 member on the Handyman picket line.



Gregory Goobic

Another spoke of Randy Hill, the Teamster killed by a scab driver in nearby Vacaville in 1978. Mike Kirchanski of ATU Local 1225 referred to Ray Phillips, the Ohio picket captain killed by a scab driver during the recent Greyhound strike. Kirchanski also addressed the main issue in the strike, the so-called "two-tiered" wage system where a lower wage is instituted for new hires or anyone transferred into a different job classification, amounting to a 40 percent wage cut. "Greyhound gave it to us; they're going to try to give it to you. Don't take it! It's the end of your union, the end of your ability to stay unified!"

Other union officials from OCAW and the Central Labor Council spoke about how the attack on Union Oil workers began with the defeat of the PATCO air controllers union, and blamed Goobic's death on the anti-labor climate fomented by labor-hater Reagan. But aside from impotent gestures of a personal consumer boycott ("I'm throwing away my Union 76 credit card until this strike is over") and vague promises to send (a few) members from other locals to walk the picket lines, the picards who show up for such rallies to proclaim their "solidarity" have no program for winning strikes. Cowed by the threat of injunctions from the bosses' courts limiting the number of pickets, and fearing the mobilized might of their own membership, the bureaucrats do the bosses' own work in keeping the picket lines small and ineffectual. They oppose the action needed to win: mass picketing to stop all traffic in and



Black armbands placed at site of anti-labor murder.

out of the plant. The picket line is the battle line where strikes stand or fall. Labor must fight to re-establish in practice that picket lines mean you better not cross!

Contra Costa oil workers are no strangers to the picket line. There were veterans of the 1948 Union Oil strike at today's march. Many strikers recalled the 76-day strike of 1980 and said they felt the gains won then are being stolen back now. There were speakers from OCAW Local 1-5 (Chevron) who won bitter picket line battles with the support of other unions in Richmond in 1969.

But far from learning the lessons of how to win a strike, OCAW leaders have agreed to a company-dictated set of "ground rules" for picketing that guarantee scabbing! In exchange for the union's guarantee of safe passage for all scab vehicles and occupants, this is what the union got: "We were given assurances by management that traffic would stop and give pickets an opportunity to present their case in an attempt to turn people around, or let them go through if unsuccessful. Picket captains were reassured. Management said all vehicles would stop," said local recording secretary John Billecci (*Oakland Tribune*, 21 January). But the scab killer didn't stop, Gregory Goobic is now dead, and the scabbing goes on.

At the end of today's march and rally a memorial wreath was fastened to a sign in the intersection where Greg died, and unionists tied their black armbands of mourning to a nearby fence. The demonstrators were then sent home while union officials went back to the

hall to plan for another demonstration February 6. Many union members were angry and frustrated. One worker who trained on the job with Goobic bitterly remarked, "A man lost his life, and the refinery's still open and running. Nothing's changed."

Nationally, all the oil companies' union contracts expired January 7, but they were extended under the union's scheme of "pattern bargaining" on a one-company-at-a-time basis where the others supposedly follow the terms of the first settlement. In fact this has the effect of chopping up the striking strength of the workforce. Despite the fact that the profit-bloated oil companies have one of the lowest labor costs in relation to profits of all major industries, this year oil companies are refusing to go along with the Gulf Oil "pattern" because they think they can get on the "concessions" bandwagon. And, unlike the auto industry and most others, where the majority of issues are settled on the national level, in oil the reverse is true. So not only are the oil workers divided up company by company, but even local by local. Thus the Union Oil workers in Rodeo are fighting over a completely different local agreement than their striking brothers and sisters in Union Oil in Wilmington, California, near Los Angeles. For an industrywide strike of all oil workers!

Strikers in the heavily automated refineries traditionally face the fact of scab/managers maintaining high levels of production. Powerful class-struggle weapons like plant occupations and sit-down strikes are necessary to bring to heel the arrogant oil companies. This must be backed up by real labor solidarity from other unions. Workers in maritime, trucking, all unionized workers who are involved in transport, must refuse to handle struck oil!

The speaker from the Greyhound drivers union left the meeting of labor officials shaking his head in frustration, saying, "They just don't understand." But in fact the union bureaucrats do understand: they have an "understanding" that the capitalists have a "right" to own industry and exploit labor; the bosses' government has a "right" to tie labor's hands; and labor should "rightfully" subordinate itself to the bosses' politicians in the Democratic and Republican parties. Their conciliationism has been paid for in the members' blood, and the illusions they build in labor/management cooperation have been proven again to be literally fatal illusions.

The pro-capitalist labor bureaucracy must be dumped and the anti-union tide reversed with a new leadership of labor committed to class struggle. Labor must break with the twin parties of capital, Democrat and Republican, and build a workers party fighting for a workers government. Profit-bloated and price-gouging Big Oil, above all industries, is overdue for expropriation. Gregory Goobic and all of labor's martyrs will be avenged when the ruling class that killed them is replaced by a workers government running society and producing for the benefit of the whole population and not the profits of the few. ■



Rodeo, California, January 25—Over 500 Bay Area unionists march in outrage over scab murder of striking oil worker.



Donkey Work for the Democrats

CWP Caboose on the Jesse Jackson Train

"You cannot serve the age of those who sat in, you cannot serve the age of those who rode the flaming buses, you cannot serve the age of those who fought the Vietnam War....

"We need not explode through riots as we had to in '63 to be heard.... We can use the ballot to bring about change and transition through elections and not bloody revolution."

Thus speaks the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Among his converts can be counted the ex-radicals who populate the reformist American left. From the Communist Party to Workers World to the Communist Workers Party, Jackson's campaign for the Democratic Party presidential nomination has been hailed as a symbol of "resistance" and "unity" for all good progressive people. When Jackson preaches to the angry and hideously oppressed black people of this country, "There's a freedom train a comin', but you got to register to ride," these fake-lefts respond with "Amen."

That Jackson is Mr. Black Capitalism

himself—Coca-Cola's man in the ghetto—that he is a strikebreaker, a purveyor of chauvinist "protectionism" and an anti-Soviet "patriot" who is hustling black votes for the party of George Wallace presents no problem of "principle" for the reformists. The more practiced sellouts simply assume that support to the black front man for Walter "Fritz" Mondale's race against Reagan is the correct "communist" thing to do. After all, the Communist Party has been electorally supporting the class enemy for over 40 years. (And look where it's gotten them—nowhere).

The ex-Maoist Communist Workers Party (CWP) is having a rougher go in justifying their overt support to Jackson. A national tour this fall by CWP leader Phil Thompson seemed mainly pitched at lining up the CWP membership. Kicking off the tour at Laney College in Oakland, Thompson remarked, "A year ago... if you had told us that we would be sitting here discussing the Jesse Jackson presidential campaign, we would have thought you were crazy." What has changed?



Jesse Jackson is the shill in Walter Mondale's crooked game. UPI

"Tens of thousands of people are getting involved" and "if the masses of people are around Jesse Jackson that's where we have to be." In other words, if J.J. can hustle the black vote by selling them a bill of goods, these pseudo-socialists want to get rich quick by feeding the illusions. Hungry? Jobless? Illiterate? Ghettoized? The CWP's program for black America is: let them eat lies.

The CWP wants to get "in on the ground floor of what is becoming a mass movement for Black political power." Since when has the Democratic Party had anything to do with black political power? As Malcolm X put it in 1964: "When you keep the Democrats in

power, you're keeping the Dixiecrats in power." In fact, selling your political soul to the racist Democratic Party means betraying the aspirations and struggles of black people in the most crass ways. The CWP is for that reason quite touchy about Jackson's well-publicized glad-handing of George "Segregation Forever" Wallace. As Thompson writes in his article on support to Jackson (*The Eighties*, Fall 1983):

"A wholly obnoxious and useless poster was printed by the African Peoples Socialist Party showing a picture of Jesse Jackson shaking hands with

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By Cliff Carter

Cliff Carter, a black trade unionist, is a frequent guest contributor to *Workers Vanguard*.

Jesse Jackson is making all kinds of promises about what he is going to do, but his promises are impossible for him to fulfill simply because he doesn't have a program to implement any promises. Jesse Jackson is an all-star between the nose and chin.

Jesse Jackson, the politician, will talk and make all kinds of promises the same as Jesse Jackson the preacher will make promises about sending souls to heaven, for the only, only way you can go to Jesse's heaven is to die. And the only way you can get what Jesse the politician promises is to die trying, so either way Jesse's rewards are after death.

Jesse Jackson or any other Democrat (or Republican) cannot give the people one thin dime unless Big Business (the owners of the factories, mines, companies and etc.) gives him permission. The Democratic Party just doesn't have a program to do right for the workers of the United States, and Jesse "James" Jackson is certainly a part of the Democratic Party. Jesse is nothing but a

On Jesse Jackson's Campaign

Some People Are Just Waiting in Line To Be Hustled

puppet with a big mouth, and this can be said about any other capitalist nominee running for the Democratic or Republican Party to be president.

The last presidents were nothing but puppets, Nixon, Ford, Carter and so is Ronald "Wrinkles" Reagan. So Jackson and all the other nominees cannot be anything other than potential puppets. And if you want to "mess up" a puppet show (Jesse Jackson), just go after or stop the puppeteer (Big Business).

It is a crying shame that Jesse James Jackson has a large majority of college and university students believing that he is capable of changing things in the country.

Sometime in August 1983, I predicted that Jesse Jackson would not run for president, simply because the Democratic Party only needed Jackson to get people to register to vote, mainly black people. But the Democratic Party feels as though more blacks will register and vote if "Mister Goodie Two Shoes" Jesse James Jackson is in the presidential running. But now my prediction is, after the Democratic Party feels all the blacks are registered to vote and potential Democratic voters, Jackson will come up with some cock and bull story to drop out of the presidential race.

Jesse Jackson is a sophisticated house negro with a new suit of clothes, top hat and all. Jackson is letting his mouth write checks that his behind cannot cash and he knows this to be true. But, too, a puppet will only dance when his/her

strings are pulled.

What the workers need is a Workers Party which is independent of the Democratic and Republican Parties.

Jesse Jackson is a professional hustler with a crooked deck of cards sitting at a game with all the chairs filled and people waiting in line to be hustled. Jesse Jackson went to Alabama and broke bread with George (Segregation Forever) Wallace if nothing else but to show he is a good house negro from another plantation.

Jackson is a member of the Democratic Party, and if you asked him to separate from the capitalistic system and form a Workers Party independent of the Democratic and Republican Parties, poor Jesse would have a fit. Jesse would say the same words as when the house negro was asked by the field negro to run away from the plantation: "Where could I get a better job, where could I get better food to eat, where could I get better clothes to wear and a place like this to stay, man you must be crazy." Jesse is eating good, wearing good clothes and sleeping just fine and he isn't about to change parties where he would have to oppose the capitalistic system which the Democratic and Republican Parties are members of. Poor Jesse would have all kinds of people and groups against him, and too, the Ku Klux Klan would hate Jesse. Jesse must be pro-Klan, for the Klan has proposed to march in any number of cities in the last couple of years and Mr. Jackson hasn't shown up at the spot to

stop them yet. How about this Jesse?

Jesse Jackson says he is going to make some changes if he becomes president, and I say to Jesse that he is full of junk, because the only way these changes can be made is start a revolution and Sweet Jesse wouldn't last three minutes as a revolutionary. He would break out in a cold sweat and crawl on his hands and knees back to the Democratic Party. To make changes in the United States (and the whole world) you must have a program, and to make this program work, you must be willing to do some hard and difficult work, Jesse boy.

Jesse James Jackson is anti-trade unions and anti-anybody who is against the Democratic Party.

On December 4, 1983, Lieutenant Robert O. Goodman Jr., a bombardier, was captured by Syrian forces when his plane was shot down during a 28-plane United States air strike against Syrian anti-aircraft positions west of Beirut, Lebanon. Jesse Jackson formed a delegation of clergymen and campaign aides, went to Syria and had a meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad and on or about January 3, 1984, Lt. Goodman was released to return with Jackson and delegation back to the United States.

This release of Goodman by Jackson and delegation made front page in newspapers around the country, but until Jackson and his delegation of clergymen go into the prisons of the United States and give support and voice his opinion concerning all the poor working people that have been wronged (black and white, but especially black), that are victims of this racist capitalist system, then he and company haven't done anything to shout about.

The Democratic Party, and Republican too, have sold the working people down the river long enough for us to see that there isn't any good coming from these two Parties. But sweet words coming out of Jesse "All Star Lip" Jackson such as "I am going to feed everybody" are a whole lot of Bullshit and Jesse knows this to be true. What we need is a Workers Party to take control of working people's needs. ■



J.J. glad-hands George "Segregation Forever" Wallace. UPI

Reagan Needs "Terrorism"...

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FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC), hooked into virtually every cop computer in the U.S. Their data: not crimes or acts, but in FBI chief Webster's words, testifying before Congress in 1982, "What you have is a smell" (quoted in Nat Hentoff, "The Devil and William Webster," *Inquiry*, June 1983).

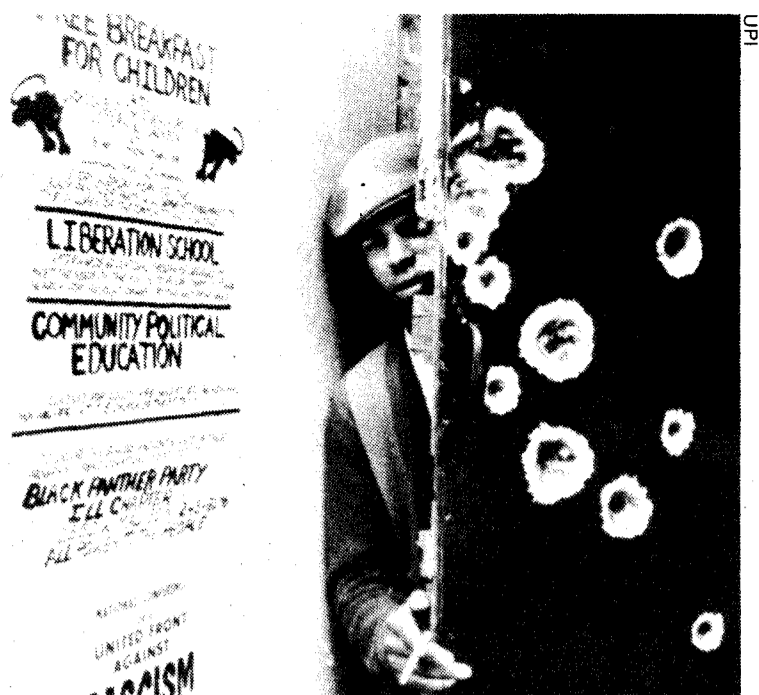
To Webster's sense of smell, there's just one big terrorist group out there, which he connects up by sniffing out "similarities of technique and rhetoric" (*New York Times*, 27 December 1983, our emphasis). Webster's special assistant John B. Hotis explained how "With the new guidelines we look at people not just directly involved in violence." So it's back to the old Big Brother McCarthy days of creating and prosecuting thought-crimes and speech-crimes ("advocacy"), with this difference: the Cold War ideological criteria of the '50s are to be combined with the direct COINTELPRO-type hit-squad methods of the '60s. The speech-crimes are equated with "terrorism" and the cop agencies are to behave accordingly; we have called this "McCarthyism with a drawn gun." The government recognizes only two categories of political opponents: either you're a priest or professor who writes a letter to the *New York Times* suggesting that the Salvadoran butchers ought to get a lower grade on their "human rights" report card, or else you're some kind of terrorist.

One of the more sinister aspects of the FBI's computer witchhunt is its use of the Secret Service list of "dangerous persons." This is the first instance of NCIC official monitoring of "political" as opposed to "criminal" subjects. The Secret Service list gets around the 1974 Privacy Act (which says surveillance must be based on bona fide crimes) by claiming the need to track people potentially dangerous to the protectee. (Of course the Nazi-cultist Hinckley who shot Reagan was not on the list.) This lays the basis for a computerized ideological hit list.

"Files," observes Frank Donner in *The Age of Surveillance*, "are the cornerstone of all domestic political intelligence systems":

"The mere fact that information appears in a file in itself becomes a warrant of its truth and accuracy, automatically raising it above the level of its source, however dubious it might otherwise be.... [Files] 'document' the intelligence thesis that dissent is a form of political original sin, permanent, incurable, and contagious, and impose on the political life of the individual a 'record' that he cannot change...."

Americans don't much like the police-state methods of the FBI. And particularly after U.S. imperialism was defeated in Vietnam, in the post-Watergate exposures tens of thousands of Americans learned they had become "subjects" in FBI files such as the "Stop Index" because of legal antiwar or civil rights activities. The "Stop Index" of 44,000 "subjects" was sent directly to the Secret



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Bullet-riddled apartment of Black Panther leader Fred Hampton, murdered by FBI/Chicago red squad in 1969.

Service. These exposures led to the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Under that climate of opinion, the secret police claimed to have dismantled files like the "Stop Index." But the FBI has maintained files on those deemed "subversive" for decades. When the old "Security Index" of the 1950s (which designated its "subjects" for concentration camps) was "dismantled," it was resurrected phoenix-like as the "ADEX File." Among the organizations targeted for "special attention" in the ADEX File is the "SPL—Spartacist League." ADEX was supposedly abolished in 1974, but like others we have documentary proof—in the ultra-expurgated FOIA files on SL national chairman James Robertson—that the ADEX was still in operation long after its "abolition," and his name was sent to the Secret Service as a "dangerous person." Indeed the FBI has made it quite clear that they do not destroy files "related to subversive, terrorist, or extremist activities" and such hit lists remain "readily retrievable." Why should anyone believe the new FBI Guidelines will not continue this practice, creating a new "Stop Index" or ADEX list for the COINTELPRO computer?

State-Supported Terrorism: Made in USA

"International terrorism will take the place of human rights as the chief concern of U.S. foreign policy," declared General Alexander Haig three years ago in his first speech as Reagan's secretary of state. In late 1981 the White House practically declared a state of emergency over a mythical Libyan "hit squad" coming to get the president. By adopting the "international terrorism" vocabulary (the Soviet Union is the "source of all evil," and everyone else the U.S. doesn't like, the Libyans for example, become "Soviet surrogates"), the Reagan gang has taken a leaf from the Israelis' book. For the Zionists all Palestinians are "terrorists" and, in Begin's words, "two-legged beasts" to be destroyed without pity. So when the U.S. government labels Soviet leaders "terrorists" it intends to deal with them like Begin/Shamir want to deal with the Palestinians: to wipe them off the face of

the earth. Fortunately for the future of mankind, the Soviets have the wherewithal to defend themselves against the madmen in Washington.

The Reaganite version of the Soviet Union is straight out of James Bond fantasy. When a right-wing Turkish Islamic fanatic shot the pope, Claire Sterling et al. claimed that Yuri Andropov was the man behind the man with the gun in Vatican Square. State Department disinformation mills ran overtime charging the Russians with dropping deadly chemical "yellow rain" on the populations of Laos, Cambodia and Afghanistan. When a top U.S. scientist—formerly a consultant to the State Department and Pentagon—reported that "yellow rain" was actually bee excrement, he became a purported Soviet "dupe."

What's really happened is that the Yanks have suddenly discovered, in their all-out drive to reassert themselves as global gendarmes (and especially

violations."

The real force for state-supported international terrorism in this world is of course the American imperialist ruling class. More than 200 innocent people died when Korean Air Lines Flight 007 was sent over sensitive Soviet military installations in a Cold War provocation engineered by U.S. spy agencies. They use anyone for their dirty jobs—Nazis, Mafia, international drug rings, mercenaries and *gusanos*. From the carpet-bombing and napalming of Indochinese women and children to arming the death squad regimes of Central America, the professional torturers and architects of mass murder have behind them the force and finances of U.S. imperialism. Contrast the firepower of the *USS New Jersey* with that of a booby-trapped Mercedes truck! As always, the strong fight the weak one way, while the weaker forces fight the strong another way—typically using the element of surprise and surreptitiousness. In the eyes of the strong, these tactics are "crazy," "immoral," "terroristic." For the bourgeoisie, "terrorism" is violence associated with causes of which they disapprove, the use of force outside their own monopoly of violence: strikers defending their picket lines, black people protecting their communities against racist nightriders, Central American peasants fighting back against the landlords' army and hired killers.

Fight the New McCarthyism!

The physical destruction and associated political implosion of the Black Panther Party demonstrated in gunfire and blood how the state comes after those tagged as terrorists. So we knew how dangerous it was when in 1981 we discovered our Marxist organization included on a list of left-wing "terrorists," "a dangerous faction with which law enforcement would have to deal."



Oakland cops' high-tech weapon has gun mount, can fire tear-gas cannisters.

after the Beirut bombing), that they are vulnerable. "Terrorism" has come to be synonymous with any reasonably effective assault, or with simple militant opposition. If Arab kids throw rocks, that's "terrorism"; if Israeli troops level a village, that's a legitimate government administering "law and order."

There are some terrorist groups operating in this country—the right-wing ultras: Croatian fascists who plant bombs in airports; anti-Castro Cuban *gusanos* who regularly attempt to assassinate Cuban diplomats and did murder former Chilean ambassador Orlando Letelier in Washington, D.C.; the Jewish Defense League which targets Russian embassies and airline offices. And America's got its native fascists, the Ku Klux Klan and home-grown Hitlerites. In 1979, Klan/Nazi terrorists opened fire on an anti-racist demonstration in Greensboro, North Carolina, killing five supporters of the Communist Workers Party. The fascist killers were acquitted of murder by the courts; now the federal government is staging a cover-up trial with another all-white jury on charges of "civil rights

The list, issued by George Deukmejian, then the attorney general of California, was a pioneering effort in slandering Marxists as terrorists. It was none other than Edwin Meese who braintrustered this "report" setting up leftists for cop terror while at the same time preparing to use against Marxist groups new legal weapons like the anti-"racketeering" RICO laws. To fight this branding of us as outlaws, we sued witchhunter Deukmejian—and we won. The SL was removed from the hit list and Deukmejian's office had to send the retraction to cop agencies across the country. "Marxists Not Mobsters" was the headline the *San Francisco Examiner* used to sum up this early victory against the government's new red-hunt.

A Spartacist supporter had earlier won another important victory against "terrorist"-baiting. Jane Margolis was an elected delegate to the 1979 national convention of the Communications Workers of America. When President Jimmy Carter came to address the convention, his Secret Service grabbed Jane right off the convention floor, handcuffed her and held her incommu-

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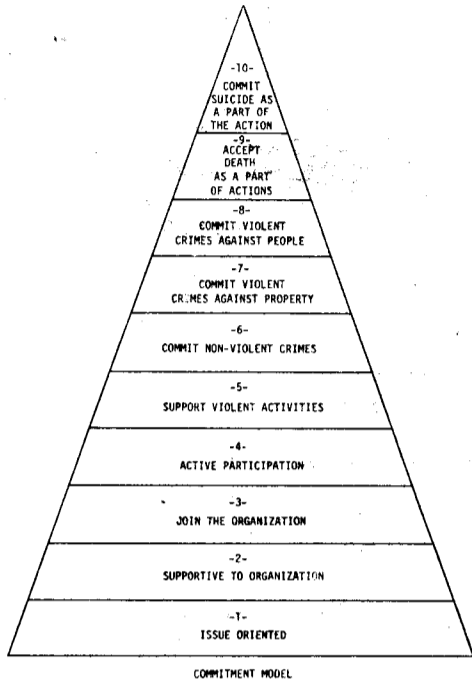
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nicado. To prevent her from taking the floor as a delegate to voice her political opposition, the Secret Service treated Margolis as if she were a physical threat to the president. But a union-centered campaign, including a lawsuit, by the Union Committee Against Secret Service Harassment, forced the Secret Service to publicly apologize and hand over \$3,000 which Margolis donated to the union defense fund. Now the Secret Service has added its own hit list to the FBI's Big Brother computer.

Last month the Spartacist League secured another very important victory against the witchhunters by forcing a



Pyramid of "terrorism"—A 1976 California "report" on "organized crime" included this diagram, "a conceptual organization model of contemporary urban terrorist groups." In this witchhunters' fantasy, left-wing groups function to link the "issue-oriented" do-gooders at the base to the more "committed" forces who practice violent crimes; the ultimate in "commitment" is portrayed as "revolutionary" suicide.

retraction of "libel that kills" from the Moonie-operated daily, *Washington Times* (see "SL/SYL Vindicated—Moonies Forced to Retract Deadly Libel," *WV* No. 345, 6 January). The Moonies had targeted the Spartacists—falsely charging us with seeking to provoke violence against the police—after we initiated and organized the massive Labor/Black Mobilization which stopped the Ku Klux Klan in Washington on 27 November 1982. The Moonies' grotesque lies portraying us as a violence-crazed paramilitary outfit fit in perfectly with the government's terror-smear tactics. The FBI can file lying newspaper stories on suspected "terrorists," give the lies the "authority" of the FBI, build up a fat file on the "subjects," zip it all around on the computer and... the cops have reason and excuse to blow the "terrorists" away.

Our successful lawsuit, forcing the *Washington Times* to publish a retraction, was a victory for the Spartacist League, for the 5,000 mainly black protesters who stopped the Klan and for all the many others who have hailed this anti-racist mobilization, the largest and most militant anti-fascist action in this country in many years. And it struck an important blow at one of the most rabid, lying anti-Communist outfits in America. The Moonies advertise their daily as "the newspaper Moscow hates," and you can be sure the *Washington Times* is a prime source of public "information" for the FBI files. Our victory has helped spike the Moonies' bid for respectability in Reagan's America.

The new McCarthyism must be fought! That's why the SL has mounted an aggressive legal challenge to the new FBI Guidelines, the government's most ambitious attempt to date to legitimize this brand of shoot-first McCarthyism. The SL legal Complaint (see *WV* No. 340, 21 October 1983) argues that the

government targets left-wing organizations, not for acts but for their ideas. Despite decades of vicious and intensive investigation—over 60 years for the Communist Party, over 40 years for the Socialist Workers Party and 20 years for the Spartacist League—there have been no prosecutions for violent crime or terrorism. This is "a rather remarkable record considering the duration and scope of such investigation," states the Complaint.

As Reagan's "state-supported" anti-Soviet global terrorism increases, the machinery of open witchhunting goes into place. New laws are drafted for the prosecution and jailing of political opponents. Congress and the courts move toward an "official secrets act" to stop the "leaks"; loyalty tests and polygraph tests for federal employees, "reclassification" of documents, and squeezing off the "Freedom of Information" loophole. During Reagan's three years in office "the number of federal wiretaps and bugs has doubled," reports the *Los Angeles Times* (16 December 1983).

Ominously a federal judge in San Francisco recently ruled that a 49-year-old engineer convicted of espionage can be sentenced to death. In a statement that is practically a word-for-word echo of the infamous Judge Kaufman at the Rosenberg trial, he wrote that "this court finds that capital punishment for espionage is not uniformly disproportionate to the severity of the offense" (*New York Times*, 13 January). And as the Cold War winds blow, so the social democrats are moved to try to kill the Rosenbergs all over again. As we wrote in "FBI Red-Hunt," (*WV* No. 327, 8 April 1983), it is in this context that the FBI Guidelines "represent the culmination of a Cold War witchhunting process."

We're locked into a battle with the forces of terror—the capitalist state. We did not ask to be in the vanguard in fighting the new McCarthyism. But the fight has come to us. As the anti-Soviet war drive heats up and the reformists retreat with ever greater speed, our organization sticks way out as defenders of the Soviet Union and in opposition to the Democratic Party's anti-Reagan popular front. We have taken up the fight first of all in our own self-defense. As we have said, we do not intend to be blown away in the dead of night, nameless, faceless victims. Thus as we defend ourselves we are in the forefront in the fight against this new "McCarthyism with a drawn gun." And this is clearly not only the fight of the Spartacist League but a fight on behalf of all perceived opponents of Reagan reaction.

Government witchhunts are nothing new. Secret police activities are a constant fact of political life in the U.S.A. But intense waves of witchhunting are part of a larger plan to mobilize the population through coercion. Sometimes it is the threat of losing a job. Sometimes it is "just" a file. Sometimes it is direct police terror. But in the modern world, the domestic witchhunt is a reflex in imperialism's war—sometimes hot, sometimes cold—against the gains of the proletariat, above all the gains of the 1917 Russian Revolution. The Palmer Raids were part of the "red scare" after the Bolshevik Revolution shook the world. The McCarthy "Un-American" committees were part of the mobilization for the Cold War after the popular front alliance with Russia in World War II. Preparing the machinery for this wave of witchhunting for Cold War II, the government's "terror scare" has not even a grain of political reality. But the guns of this murderous capitalist state are real enough. And its many intended victims are real. Your "terror file" may already be in the FBI's Big Brother computer. Fight the new McCarthyism—Support the SL suit against the FBI Guidelines! ■

We Beat Back "Terrorist" Smears Fight the New McCarthyism!

The SL has a proud record of fighting this dangerous new red-hunt. In self-defense we have battled the attempt to falsely brand us as terrorists, outlaws to be shot first and questioned later. Under the banner: "A Workers Party Has the Right to Organize!" we have been in the forefront against the Cold War witchhunt. With our suit against the sinister new FBI Guidelines, we continue to defend ourselves and all those targeted by the new McCarthyites.



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Letters

The Labor-Black Mobilization march story

Editor's note: On Nov. 30, 1982, The Washington Times ran a story on the Labor-Black Mobilization march in regard to the demonstration. We no longer charge that the Spartacist League-Spartacus Youth League provoked the violence on that day.

The Washington Times

...the march, was captured... beginning of the Klan's route of the march, was secured from the appropriate police authorities on Nov. 22. During the next four days, the SL and the SYL posted thousands of placards and distributed hundreds of thousands of leaflets announcing the Labor-Black Mobilization rally.

...and trade unionists, who listened to speeches and took part in militant demonstrations... At 12:40 it was learned that the Klan would not march and, as the police withdrew, the demonstrators spontaneously gathered at Lafayette Park.

...neither the SL, the SYL nor any other component of our mass Labor-Black Mobilization demonstration sought, participated in, or condoned any violence against police.

JAMES M. ROBERTSON
National Chairman
The Spartacist League
EMILY TURNBULL
National Secretary
Spartacus Youth League
Washington

Moonies Retract Libel That Kills

Deukmejian Retracts "Terrorist" Smear



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Subject: Correction of Department of Justice's Publication

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is to inform you that the inclusion of the Spartacist League and of the Spartacus Youth League on page 11 of the Department of Justice's publication, "Organized Crime in California... 1979, Annual Report to the California Legislature, Part 2 Terrorism," was in error.

Very truly yours,
CHARLES E. CASEY
Chief, Bureau of Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence

Secret Service Apologizes to Jane Margolis

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20223

Ms. Jane Margolis
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San Francisco, California 94114

Re: Alleged False Arrest/Jane Margolis/CWA Convention
Detroit, Michigan; July 16, 1979

Dear Ms. Margolis:

Please be advised that in response to the above referenced matter the Secret Service Office of Inspections was directed to look into this claim to determine, as accurately as possible, what did in fact occur at the time of the original incident. Based upon this inquiry it is the opinion of this Service that a misunderstanding between a Secret Service agent and a Detroit police officer resulted in your being removed from the convention floor.

The Secret Service, of course, regrets that this incident occurred. Obviously, due to the extreme complexity of supplying protection to the President and others, and the sensitive and sometimes conflicting interests that come into play, the Secret Service cannot be absolutely certain that other misunderstandings will never occur. You can be assured, however, that every effort will continue to be made to assure that errors of this nature are kept to a minimum.

Again, the Secret Service regrets that this misunderstanding has caused you distress.

Sincerely yours,
Myron I. Weinstein
Deputy Director



Jon P. Fishback

Olympics...

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ations for the Olympics were undertaken, is uncanny for the way it projects the government's "anti-terrorist" preparations for the Olympics as a screen for state terror. The movie stars a maverick helicopter cop (Roy Scheider) who uncovers a plot involving a heavily armed surveillance copter (Blue Thunder). The chopper is equipped with centralized access to the data banks of the FBI, IRS and police agencies all over—along with a super electronic detection system—that gives the cops a ready-made hit list and capacity to "search out and destroy" their victims without recourse to trial or legal proceeding.

Operation THOR (Tactical Helicopter Offensive Response) is the code name to introduce this chopper into the LAPD's arsenal. "Blue Thunder" is armed with a 20-mm cannon that fires 4,000 rounds per minute, aimed by an electronic device that automatically targets whatever the pilot, wearing his special helmet, looks at. This is every cop's dream—patrolling with a drawn gun. As Blue Thunder swoops down on a mock Olympic village filled with athletes, tourists and kids (all white statuettes), terrorist pop-up targets (painted red, of course) appear. Blue Thunder is supposed to blast the red targets while leaving the whites unharmed. It blows every red target to smithereens but also leaves a mangle of smoking and mutilated white targets in its wake. While the federal honcho is ecstatic, Scheider is horrified and this leads him to expose the plot.

It is no accident that this movie is widely discussed in the ghettos. While Scheider's role of "good cop" is Hollywood fiction, the appetite of the cops to use armed helicopters is not. A typical L.A. evening features an LAPD chopper circling in a tight arc with its powerful searchlight pinpointing a target for the cops' ground forces. These helicopters fly numerous sorties into the black areas of L.A. and are known there as "ghetto birds."

Undercover Cops and Retrieval Records

The liberal makers of *Blue Thunder* never question the legitimacy of the anti-terrorism campaign; Scheider is upset only because some innocent bystanders get it as well as the "terrorists." But the real criminal terrorists are the cops and the bourgeois authorities. Recent public revelations of the LAPD's secret police squad activities paint a vivid picture of the cops' crazed racism, brazen criminal disregard for the law, and their years-long campaign to infiltrate, disrupt and ultimately set up their victims for murder.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has combined six separate lawsuits, representing 108 individuals and 23 organizations, into a common

Hands Off Soviet Olympic Athletes!

LOS ANGELES—The bourgeoisie's anti-"terrorist" preparations here intersect an escalating campaign to ban Soviet athletes from the Olympics. In the wake of Reagan's KAL 007 provocation against the USSR last September, California state senator John Doolittle got unanimous approval in the state legislature for a resolution urging "appropriate action to oppose Soviet aggression" including banning Soviet athletes from the Olympics.

Doolittle along with assorted ultrarightist L.A. businessmen and Korean anti-Communists formed a "Ban the Soviet Coalition" which launched a nationwide petition drive to bar Soviet

athletes with a petition ominously warning of "acts of violence" against them. (One black Olympic gold medalist—Rafer Johnson, a member of the Los Angeles Organizing Committee executive board—has publicly opposed such a ban.) On September 21, Soviet authorities canceled plans to send a hockey team in December, charging that its safety was jeopardized by anti-Soviet actions being whipped up by U.S. officials.

In October Jody Powell, former presidential press secretary under Jimmy Carter, called for street demonstrations against the Soviet athletes. "Let them come, but let them know that when they get here they're going to

face the sort of expression that we allow in this country... the demonstrations and statements from a free people," said Powell (*Los Angeles Times*, 20 October 1983). This unusual call for public activism comes after mobs of Moonie cultists and other screaming ultrarightist punks have been permitted repeatedly to direct their outrageous violent stunts against Soviet embassies and their personnel from Long Island to California.

The centralizing agency of these sanctions and provocations is the White House. The State Department prevented San Francisco-based TASS correspondent Yuri Ustimenko from attending an L.A. Olympics press conference on December 7. Most of L.A. County, even including strategic Disneyland, remains off limits for Soviet diplomats, journalists and athletes. Down with the bipartisan anti-Soviet Olympic bans, provocations and travel restrictions!

civil libertarian legal suit seeking damages against the LAPD and its old "red squad," the Public Disorder Intelligence Division (PDID). The PDID was formed in 1970, after the turbulent '60s, the Black Panther Party and particularly the Watts rebellion. The PDID maintained files on 200 different organizations, including the Spartacist League. ACLU "discovery" hearings established the not very surprising fact that the PDID's main targets were black organizations and leaders, especially

Certainly among the most vicious exploits of the PDID—and one that has gotten relatively little publicity—was its role in the disruption and dismemberment of the Black Panther Party. The bloody persecution by the FBI and local cops led to the murder of at least a dozen Panther leaders nationwide with scores more imprisoned on frame-up charges. In L.A., Panther leader Geronimo Pratt has been in jail for eleven years (six spent in solitary confinement) while his wife along with other local Panther

Gates agreed to drop all charges against the May Day demonstrators.

Jay Paul and the Western Goals Connection

The incident that really blew the lid off started when an associate school superintendent told the press in November 1982 that he was approached by PDID officers offering him files on school desegregation that the Police Commission had ordered destroyed in 1975. This public exposure sent PDID agent Jay Paul into a frenzy of activity to retransfer thousands of files he had been storing at his home to circumvent the order. Nobody in the LAPD wanted this hot potato and when it was finally bounced to Internal Affairs, it was leaked to the press. After 180 cartons of documents were discovered in Paul's possession, the PDID was disbanded. Paul now claims that LAPD heads had full knowledge of his activities—and for once he's probably telling the truth!

Jay Paul was no ordinary cop. He was linked with Western Goals, a privately funded and tax-exempt intelligence data bank founded in 1979 by John Birch Society chairman Rep. Larry McDonald, whose fanatical anti-communist career was ended on KAL Flight 007. Among other functions, Western Goals enables the cops to avoid pesky civilian scrutiny by providing a safe house and access to their murderous hit lists. According to a 1981 fund pitch, Western Goals' computer capabilities make it "the first and only public foundation to enter this area and fill the critical gap caused by the crippling of the FBI, the disabling of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the destruction of crucial government files" (*Los Angeles Times*, 24 May 1983).

Jay Paul tied the video display terminal in the PDID office in Parker Center to the Western Goals data bank. Paul's activities were so extensive it took Internal Affairs 250 hours to interview

Santiago, Chile 1973 or Los Angeles 1984? LAPD's arsenal includes armored personnel carrier to terrorize black and Hispanic masses.



those who supported busing or stood against police brutality. In a confidential interview given to the *Herald Examiner*, two former PDID agents revealed that every major black organization in L.A., including the NAACP, SCLC, Jesse Jackson's PUSH, as well as black city councilmen and even ex-cop Mayor Bradley, were under surveillance. One of the officers summarized PDID activities: "They were trying to destroy the black movement in L.A." (*Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, 16 June 1980).

members were murdered. In another case, in classic agent provocateur fashion, the PDID got one of its agents into a position of security chief for the Southwest Community Justice Committee, which organized the 1979 march on city hall to protest the brutal murder of Eulia Love, a black mother of three murdered by the LAPD.

The PDID only got into hot water when it ran afoul of the bourgeois politicians themselves. In 1978 the PDID was discovered surreptitiously videotaping a city council meeting called to discuss a local nuclear power plant. Gates' response to allegations of secret police tactics was his infamous statement, "I don't know what police spying is!"

While the Police Department was trying to stonewall it, two incidents boiled so hot that the PDID was formally disbanded by city officials. The first crack in Gates' armor came from the idiotic Revolutionary Communist Party's May 1980 "Days of Rage." A chance discovery identified the RCP's bullhorn pointman, who led a charge into police lines, as a PDID agent. It was later disclosed that the same undercover cop was five feet away from RCP'er Damien Garcia when he was murdered nine days before. The RCP managed to find competent lawyers whose discovery proceedings were so effective that Gates was forced to strike a deal. In exchange for the abrupt curtailment of release of PDID documents to RCP attorneys,

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At Local 6 Convention

ILWU Ranks Beat Back Gag Rule

OAKLAND—Delegates to the annual convention of Local 6 (warehousemen) of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) held January 28 rebuffed efforts by the bureaucrats to line the union up behind the bosses' anti-Soviet war drive. By an overwhelming three-to-one margin, they voted down a proposed gag rule that would automatically refer all foreign policy questions raised in the local to International president Jimmy Herman, the State Department's messenger boy in the ILWU.

The issue came to a head after Reagan's 007 spy plane provocation last fall. Herman and ILWU officials responded by joining forces with the Moonies in preventing a Soviet ship from being unloaded in Los Angeles. Herman also issued a policy statement lining up with Reagan, which denounced the USSR for "outrageous violation of civilized behavior" (see "The Shame of the ILWU," *WV* No. 338, 23 September 1983). When Local 6 president Al Lannon attempted to ram this through at a September meeting of the local's East Bay division, the class-struggle Militant Caucus led a successful fight to vote it down. In the November issue of the Local 6 *Bulletin*, the officers then announced their intention to enforce a gag rule. For good measure, these Cold War trade-union fakers laced their article with a good dose of McCarthyite witchhunting and redbaiting, whining that "The 'People's World' and 'Workers Vanguard' newspapers attacked the ILWU (the 'Workers Vanguard' called the ILWU leadership 'pro-imperialist swine' and the 'People's World' accused the Union of supporting Reagan.)"

At the convention, Jimmy Herman interrupted the discussion on the officers' report to deliver a lengthy harangue in support of the gag rule, but it didn't work. Even retired ILWU leader Harry Bridges showed up to lecture his former protégé on the union's history of refusing to be gagged by the ILA or even

the CIO. But what the bureaucrats are afraid of is not simply paper differences over foreign policy—the pro-Stalinist Bridges regime, after all, specialized in empty and cheap proclamations of "international solidarity"—but the prospect of militant labor *action* against imperialist war. Only the Militant Caucus has fought for this perspective and squarely addressed the need for defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist reaction. That is what underlay the attempt by ILWU officials last summer to purge Stan Gow, a Militant Caucus spokesman in longshore. The attack on Gow was scotched when hundreds of angry unionists turned up at a membership meeting to overturn the railroad job. Gow, who was recently re-elected to the Local 10 exec board, helped organize picket lines against cargo headed for Reagan's bloody junta in El Salvador and later picketed a South Africa-bound ship following the murder of three anti-apartheid fighters. At stake here is whether the ILWU will be an instrument of the State Department, or use its great potential power to further the interests of the American working class and its class brothers and sisters abroad.

The resolution opposing the gag rule was put forward by the Rank and File Coalition, a hodgepodge of aspiring bureaucrats, aging New Leftists and supporters of the Communist Party. Despite their opposition on this resolution, the Coalition supports Herman and Lannon's class-collaborationist program and their subordination of the union to the Democratic Party. But the Democrats are part and parcel of the anti-Soviet war drive, from Afghanistan to Poland to KAL 007. And only recently the Democratic Party mayors went to bat once again for the union-busters, when they unleashed their cops at Greyhound strikers.

Moreover, two business agents who are supporters of the Coalition signed the officers' report, whose thrust was to scapegoat the membership for labor's

defeats, calling for a "war on apathy," i.e., condemning the ranks for not turning up in great enough numbers at the polls to vote Democrat. To make sure the point was crystal clear, the only concrete action proposal in the report was a call for a July 15 "Labor Parade for Jobs and Justice," to be scheduled one day before the Democratic Party convention opens in San Francisco! This is a repeat performance of last year's Solidarity Day II demo held two weeks before the elections, where the entire fake-left bought the line that it was something other than a rally for the Democrats.

The *People's World* wasn't exactly pushing CP leader Gus Hall's campaign for president either, demonstrating to anyone naive enough to believe otherwise that the Hall "campaign" is simply a fig leaf to cover up their support to the Democrats. Indeed, a comic sidelight to the convention was the sight of veteran CP supporters like Joe Figueiredo busily hawking "Run, Jesse, Run" buttons. Jackson's campaign is simply a cynical ploy to bring disaffected blacks back into the Democratic Party fold, only to deliver their votes to Mondale next November. And Figueiredo went to great lengths to assure Lannon that a Coalition-sponsored resolution to welcome Jackson into "the people's campaign to dump Reagan in '84" was not an endorsement of Jackson—which might offend the pro-Mondale ILWU tops—but simply a "welcome!"

The final resolution considered at the conference was a motion to endorse the demands of the Phone Strikers Defense Committee against the racist anti-labor frame-up of CWA members Lauren Mozee and Ray Palmiero. The motion was initiated by the Militant Caucus and cosigned by 28 East Bay members. In spite of a campaign of redbaiting and slander against the Defense Committee by Lannon, the motion received 27 votes in favor, including many of the younger black workers, as against 40 opposed. A

great many delegates abstained. Demonstrating its inability to take a clear stand on a basic issue of working-class defense against racist, scab violence, the Coalition split all over the map. One of its business agents voted with the officers, another abstained. The pro-CP component split between abstention and support. Lauren was well received by convention delegates earlier in the day outside the convention. And credit is due to those delegates and members for whom the ILWU slogan, "An injury to one is an injury to all!" is more than just empty phrase-mongering.

Conditions in the ILWU, as in other unions, have gone from bad to worse. In Local 6 alone, over 2,000 jobs have been lost to layoffs and union-busting run-arounds in the past five years, while union gains and contract provisions have been surrendered in many houses. Squarely posed is the question of leadership. Those like the Coalition and the Stalinists who want "détente" with the pro-imperialist bureaucracy end up swallowing the labor fakers' entire program of class betrayal. What is necessary is an uncompromising fight for the class independence of the unions. As a 23 January Militant Caucus leaflet, addressed to convention delegates, put it:

"The anti-communist American labor bureaucracy is more anti-Soviet than Reagan. Their alliance with the Democrats means preventing militant action by the labor movement. Simple self-defense of the working class requires a political struggle to break with the Democrats by ousting their agents in the labor movement. That means building an organized opposition, based on a political program which can organize a labor offensive to reverse the givebacks. Labor-hating Democratic politicians, like [San Francisco mayor] Feinstein, can't be 'pressured' into defending the interests of working people and blacks. We need our own political party which will unite the millions of oppressed with a fighting labor movement to get rid of this oppressive, racist capitalist system that threatens to blow us all up." ■

him. When ACLU attorneys got these tapes turned over to them, Gates ordered all future Internal Affairs interrogations not to be taped, so embarrassing material would not fall into the hands of the ACLU.

Freedom of Information Act Fiasco

It's instructive that despite the snowballing revelations of illegal police spying, not even the most liberal politicians in L.A. could get up the nerve to take a forthright position for the abolition of Gates' secret police squad. This cowardice underlies the farcical five-year debate over a proposed Freedom of Information Act for the city. With Gates pounding away at the theme that such a law would cripple security at the Olympics, amendment after amendment was added to the bill to render it virtually toothless. The day prior to the initial vote on the measure last May, Gates released the contents of a timely letter he received from the FBI that the act would have a "chilling effect" on exchange of information between the FBI and LAPD. The measure was not passed until two months later after a further amendment was added, allowing the LAPD to refuse to release files without giving any reason except that the law forbids it!

The gutless liberals claimed a victory but it is the cops who won here. Since

this ordinance passed, 122 out of 123 requests for PDID files have been denied! The cops' dirty work and racist brutality continue unimpeded, while the temporarily disbanded PDID has re-emerged as the Anti-Terrorist Division.

The ACLU suit will no more stop the kill-crazed LAPD than the council's impotent city ordinance. To be sure, we hardly oppose the victims of police spying suing for some modest financial relief. But the ACLU is not opposed to police spying, as long as it's "clean spying." The maximum these civil libertarians asked for in their attempted out-of-court settlement was civilian surveillance of the PDID. Having bought the Big Lie terrorism scam, the liberals end up swallowing the secret police and everything that goes with it. At bottom they can live with Gates' kill-crazed cops because they buy the capitalist system which requires the services of these murderous hit men, racists and dirty spies to preserve it. As Marxists, we call for the full publication of the entire PDID files now—lay bare the LAPD's monstrous crimes against working people and minorities, which go far beyond the cops' well-publicized spying on the capitalist politicians. Abolish the Anti-Terrorist Division! Down with the FBI, CIA and all the dirty secret police apparatus!

Smashing the secret police gangs will

be achieved not through endless courtroom proceedings and parliamentary haggling, but through revolutionary mobilization of the working class and oppressed. As long as the bourgeois state exists, its repressive forces will exist. Only successful proletarian revolution can sweep the racists in blue off

the streets for good. Then and only then will the murderous assaults on blacks and other minorities stop. Real justice will be brought to bear when Gates and his ilk are brought before a labor/black tribunal in Watts. That is the only way the past and future victims of racist cop terror will ever be avenged. ■

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CWP...

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George Wallace. The poster says that Jackson will lead Black people back to the plantation."

Thompson continues, "Such opposition would be more understandable if the various mass movements were in high gear and tearing up the streets." At Laney College, he remarked that "nobody is going to jump up and grab guns and start shooting and stuff, unless they're absolutely convinced that there is no other way." So for the CWP the alternative is ghetto riots or the Democrats. Here the CWP shows its fundamental pessimism on the possibility for mobilizing the working class and oppressed in social struggle against Reagan reaction. The criterion for their support to Jackson is that he's popular, "is doing an effective job of arousing the grassroots." Denouncing the "ultra-left" critics of Jackson and all the "quibbling over Jesse Jackson's program" the CWP adopts the famous watchword of German social democrat Eduard Bernstein: "The movement is everything, the goal is nothing." Bernstein coined this three quarters of a century ago to accommodate the workers movement in Germany to small-change parliamentarism.

For what is Jackson "arousing the grassroots"? Certainly not for even a minimal fight against the brutal racist oppression endemic to capitalism: he doesn't even support school busing to achieve integration (but then, come to

companion Ray Palmiero. The two militants were victimized for defending themselves and their union picket line during last August's national phone strike. Even though CWP leader Nelson Johnson has endorsed the Lauren and Ray defense case, a CWP spokesman sneeringly replied from the platform, "That issue was one the sister got emotional about—people were out on the line and they called her a nigger and you grab that." But not Thompson & Co.—they're into "a movement here that's a little bit more sophisticated"—too "sophisticated" to defend a former Black Panther victimized in a racist, anti-labor frame-up!

From Greensboro to Jesse Jackson

The CWP needs to hide the political reality of Jackson's gambit, i.e., locking up those black Southern votes for the Democrats in 1984. Defensively, Thompson insisted in his New York talk on November 19 that "Supporting Jackson just to get black people... to hoodwink them into supporting Mondale is racist, it's treacherous, it's a sell-out of what the movement is all about." Sure it's racist and treacherous—qualities not lacking within the Democratic Party. A Spartacist spokesman countered Thompson from the floor during the discussion period:

"Well, that comes to the crux of it. I think that is in fact the purpose of the Jesse Jackson campaign, and that has to be your purpose whether or not that is your subjective desire. The Democrats need the South to defeat Reagan. To get the South they need the black vote. And they know they're not going to vote for Mondale, they know he was the vice president of Jimmy 'Ethnic Purity' Carter. Therefore they need Jesse Jackson to go out there and make that voter registration campaign and stump for votes in order to turn them over to Mondale at the Democratic convention. That is the political reality."

This is a particularly bitter pill for the CWP. Mondale was Carter's vice president and Democrat Carter was in office when the Klan/Nazi murderers shot in cold blood and in broad daylight five CWP members protesting the Klan in Greensboro, North Carolina. Carter/Mondale were in office when these fascist scum were acquitted by an all-white jury, giving the green light to racist terror all over the country. Greensboro was racist murder, aided and abetted by the government: from the planning of the attack on the CWP demonstration right through the kangaroo court which acquitted the killers. Undoubtedly there are those among the CWP membership who gag at the sight of Jackson yucking it up with George Wallace, who find it disconcerting to cover up for the very party which worked hand-in-glove with the murderers of their comrades.

To overcome this, the CWP tries to build up Jesse Jackson's "movement" credentials. Jackson is the man who smeared his shirt with Martin Luther King's blood to claim the mantle of MLK, and now Thompson claims "King was developing into a revolutionary who was beginning to define a socialist party for the U.S." At his New York talk the SL spokesman exposed this cynical attempt to rewrite the history of the civil rights movement: "You play the same role as the Communist Party did 20 years ago when it stood with King against the left wing of the movement, against the masses of blacks in the ghettos who broke with King when he called the cops to go into Watts to smash the ghetto rebellion, against the left wing in SNCC, who in Lowndes County organized the Black Panther Party against the policies of King for support to the Democrats."

In an attempt to gain respectability, the CWP has recently been making a show of democracy. But the fist of Stalinist thuggery emerged from behind the red roses in the ushers' lapels when a second SL supporter and trade-union militant spoke:

"My name is David Brewer. I'm a member of Local 100 of the Transport



Greensboro Daily News

Greensboro massacre, 3 November 1979—Five CWP supporters were shot down with impunity by Klan/Nazi killers.

Workers Union here in New York City. We're the guys that run the subways. "First of all, we're in a time called November. And November... will be an important month in the future American workers government. One, we'll have a holiday of mourning for the martyred comrades in the CWP in the Greensboro massacre. And two, we'll have a holiday of celebration—November 27—when the Ku Klux Klan was stopped from marching in Washington.

"Now I was reading this [CWP] statement on why we should support the Jackson campaign, and I noticed a quote from Lenin, from 'Left-Wing Communism.' And I think the quote is misleading. [He says] you must not sink to the level of the masses, to the level of the most backward strata of the class, says you must tell them the bitter truth. And I believe, comrade Phil, you're not telling the masses the bitter truth about Jesse Jackson....

"We can debate [Martin Luther] King's trajectory if he had lived... forever. That's not important. What is important is at the crucial time of the 1963 march, when you had masses of black people converging on Washington, D.C., the role that Martin Luther King played. You said in your speech that King got his dream from the grassroots movement. He got his dream in the Oval Office, arm-in-arm with Robert Kennedy, Jack Kennedy.

"Listen, this is the bitter truth, like Lenin said you have to tell. He [JFK] said [to King], you better get out there and control this thing. And it's the same reason that the national Democratic Party went into Chicago and told those racist Democrats out there, let's cool it, we got to have the black vote to get elected in this country and you better shake hands with Harold Washington. And it's the same reason that Jesse Jackson... [Chair: "Sum up and sit down! You got a new point to make, a new point, it's the same one, don't repeat the same one...."]

"The point is, you claim to be the vanguard of the American working class, the only people who fight against oppression. That after Greensboro everybody ran and hid. That's not true. It was the Spartacist-initiated demonstration that stopped the Klan from 'celebrating' the massacre of your comrades. We stopped them in Detroit, we stopped them in Washington. But it's based on the labor movement. That's what you guys miss. So you go from Greensboro to Jesse Jackson...." [Pandemonium. CWPers shout, "One Trotskyite is enough!" Others in the crowd demand, "Let him speak!"]

At this point, the TWU brother was surrounded by goons, grabbed from the mike and thrown out of the hall. A walkout by several Spartacists and

other disgusted leftists followed thereafter. Political struggle was not over for the evening, however. A black unionist demanded the floor, announcing himself as "a member of the Committee for a Fighting TWU, from the island colony of Puerto Rico, and a supporter of the Spartacist League." After denouncing the CWP's cowardly exclusion, he concluded:

"I've been sitting here a long time, listening to your logic... Jesse Jackson... he went and shook hands with George 'Segregation' Wallace. The great Jesse Jackson—he's anti-abortion, he's into protectionism... We blacks are sick and tired of Republicans and Democrats and Democrats and Republicans. We need our own organization."

Whereupon he, too, stomped out of the room, fist high in the air, shouting "Viva Puerto Rico Libre!"

Back to the Outhouse

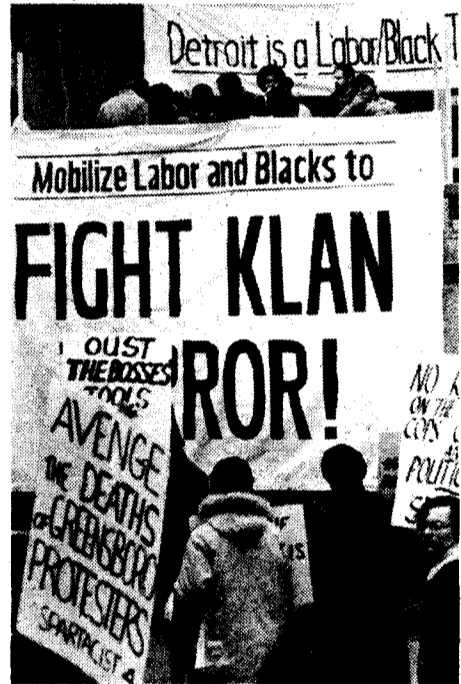
In its Maoist heyday, the CWP was verbally far to the left of today's CWP's parliamentary cretins who now write that "If the working class and oppressed people were to gain a fair share—consistent democracy, it would be possible to transform the U.S. into a socialist U.S.A. through peaceful means" (Thompson, *The Eighties*). This is worthy of the ex-Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party (SWP), notorious for their imbecilic "consistent whatever leads to socialism." Thompson himself—who could often be recognized in Cambridge by the fact that he was tossed out of as many Maoist meetings as the SL, who was instrumental in recruiting leftist black youth to a supposedly "hard" "Marxist-Leninist Mao Tse-tung Thought" group—now indeed sounds like some SWPer when he writes:

"If Black people could truly elect their representatives to positions of power in government in a fair proportion to their numbers, Black people could bring the functioning of state monopoly government to a standstill."

—*The Eighties*

This is not only anti-Marxist to the core—but the arithmetic is all wrong. Just how does comrade Thompson envision a minority of 20 percent bringing the state to a standstill, "fair proportion" or not?

Racist oppression is integral to the functioning of capitalism, and the



WV Photo

SL-initiated demonstration in Detroit stopped Klan from "celebrating" Greensboro massacre.

think of it, neither did the CWP). He can hardly be credited with the absurd, utopian "butter not guns" pipe dream of reformists who believe capitalism's "priorities" can be altered through rational argument; Jackson calls only for freezing military spending at its current astronomical level. Thompson gives Jackson credit for the "objectively revolutionary" demand for full employment. But Jackson is in fact an anti-union scabherder whose main answer to unemployment is racist, chauvinist protectionism, railing at "Honda and Toyota, Suzuki and Yamaha, Sony and Panasonic, being unloaded at the docks and replacing Buick and Chrysler in the American market" (*Washington Post*, 25 May 1983). When the majority black Chicago Teachers Union struck in 1976 and 1983, Jackson attempted to organize "alternate" scab schools and sued the union, cynically claiming the strikes were against the black community (see "Jesse Jackson: Front Man for the Racist Democrats," *WV* No. 344, 16 December 1983).

Some of J.J.'s attitudes may be rubbing off on the CWP. At the Laney College talk, Richard Bradley—black Spartacist candidate for San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1982—called on the audience to support Lauren Mozee, a black phone worker, and her

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struggle against it—the quest for black freedom—has been a motor force for social progress and social revolution in this country. Thompson writes that “At one point, Martin Luther King believed, and Jesse Jackson today believes, they are saving Blacks from communism. However, the process of struggle itself inevitably leads to communist conclusions.” Genuine struggle for black liberation does, in fact, require an attack on the fundamental social structure of capitalist society. But the tailing of those forces who seek to derail and defuse the fight for black liberation only serves to perpetuate the racist status quo.

After Greensboro, the CWP has desperately sought to end its isolation by joining—or even inventing, if necessary—a popular front with the Democrats. Seeing there was no longer any mileage in being a Maoist, “ex” or otherwise, they abruptly switched their line on the Soviet Union (see “Why CWP Flip-Flopped on Russia,” *WV* No. 283, 19 June 1981). From adventurist substitutionism, the CWP has zig-zagged to liberal electoralism. So, in San Francisco in April 1980 when some home-grown Nazi punks wanted to come out on Hitler’s birthday, the CWP sought the endorsement of San Francisco mayor Feinstein and held a “peaceful, legal” rally of a few hundred some blocks away while the Trotskyists of the Spartacist League mobilized militants from two dozen unions in a crowd of more than 1,200 that occupied the site where the fascists had intended to goose-step. (CWP leader Nelson Johnson also accepted our invitation to speak at the militant rally.)

Similarly, in Washington, D.C. on November 27, 1982, the CWP and its front group PARK appealed to D.C. mayor Barry to “ban the Klan” while the SL initiated the Labor/Black Mobilization to occupy the area of Capitol Hill where the Klan had threatened to begin its march. Five thousand overwhelmingly black workers and youth—the best of Washington’s black and labor militants—turned out to the SL-initiated call and stopped the night-riding Klan terrorists cold. But the CWP and a few dozen supporters were meanwhile reduced to wandering from our Labor/Black Mobilization to the popular-front palaver at McPherson Square, designed for the Democrats as a diversion from a massive, labor-centered confrontation with the Klan.

Eschewing the necessary communist duty of mobilizing the working class and its allies among the oppressed, the CWP has come full circle from New Left/Maoist adventures back to the Democrats. It is the Trotskyist Spartacist League that has sought to avenge the Greensboro massacre through the successful mobilization of blacks and labor to stop the fascists’ provocations in the black industrial centers. These mobilizations break the masses from their Democratic Party bosses *in action* and give them a taste of workers’ power on the streets. The black Democrats are not halfway to somewhere. They are a necessary pillar in the racist capitalist status quo—there to keep the lid on black struggle.

The CWP wants to “get in on the ground floor” of the anti-Reagan popular front, and that’s where they’ll be, all right. While Jackson makes a show of running for the White House, munching pecan rolls with Wallace at the Alabama State House, the CWP’s going to be back at the outhouse, shoveling the shit for the Democrats while chanting, “Run, Jesse, run!” Until the red-baiting begins, as happened to CWPer Nelson Johnson as soon as he raised his head as a lefty in the National Black Independent Party a few years ago. Anyone who wants to go “all the way with J.J.” will soon get rid of all the “red” trappings anyhow. So while the CWP campaigns earnestly for Mondale’s black front man, we will continue to defeat the racist terrorists—and their bosses in Washington—through the program of integrated class struggle. ■

Chicago...

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buildings, they said. In at least two buildings, the garbage compactors had to be turned off when they were flooded after pipes broke, officials said. Garbage piled up in the chutes of those buildings, and residents used the stairwells and galleries to dispose of trash. . . . “Hundreds of residents had to use their kitchen stoves around the clock to keep warm. At least a dozen tenants have been sickened by the fumes from their stoves and have had to be treated at nearby hospitals. “In addition to the lack of heat and hot water, hundreds of tenants have had to contend with water pouring into their apartments from broken pipes.”

It was a disaster. Around the Christmas holidays, garbage went uncollected for two full weeks. Faced with unbearable squalor, the tenants tried to fight back. Several hundred tenants went on a rent strike. They demanded Robinson’s head.

So Harold Washington, in a face-saving measure, found a new chief for the CHA and rehired the fired workers, giving them a total of \$400,000 in back pay and damages. Washington stated it was all a “mistake.” It was a “mistake” for Washington and Robinson because they didn’t get away with it. Although Washington has lately been quite visible visiting the projects vowing “aid” for residents in the 1,300 CHA buildings, the election of the city’s first black mayor has meant just more of the same. Chicago is the city where, according to recent findings, blacks live further below whites than in any major city in the country. Yet the new “scattered site” desegregation housing plan is a cruel joke, with only a measly 400 units to be placed in “mostly white areas” (and none at all in Daley’s Bridgeport).

CHA residents have also been “promised” increased police presence. Robinson, in fact, had plans to create a mini-police force (probably made up of his buddies) just for the projects. In the ghetto, police department Gestapo-style raids have long been the norm. And it is particularly dangerous whenever some bourgeois politician decides to “clean up”—witness when former mayor “Crazy Jane” Byrne descended upon Cabrini Green in 1981, equipped with an occupying army of Chicago police, forcing tenants behind on their rent out on the street (see “Mayor Byrne’s Racist Stunt,” *WV* No. 278, 10 April 1981). The call for more police in black communities is always an invitation to increased cop violence!

After Washington’s primary victory, in the face of the racist backlash led by the local Democratic Party Machine, we insisted that Washington had the right to take office with all the normal prerogatives. But we did not give one ounce of *political* support to this black *capitalist* politician. In contrast, the fake-lefts jumped on the Washington bandwagon and have continued to support his cutbacks and layoffs down the line. Thus the ultra-reformist Communist Party (CP) in an article by Illinois CP head Ted Pearson in the journal *Political Affairs* (November 1983) fully enlists in the anti-labor offensive. Pearson praises Robinson for his firing of the CHA repairmen and their replacement with “trainees selected from among the impoverished residents . . . at regular union wages.” Actually, these “trainees” were never hired. The whole scam was pure and simple union-busting by the city, with the active approval of the CP.

The Communist Workers Party, which called Washington’s election “a political earthquake for blacks,” was even more grotesque. CWP honcho Phil Thompson, on a national tour stumping for Jesse Jackson, said:

“Harold Washington fired the elevator repair company that wasn’t repairing the elevators in the projects. We’re still living in the projects, nothing has changed there, but the elevators are working a little bit better.”

Oh yeah? Thompson ought to try giving his “elevators run on time” speech today on the 17th floor of some tower in the Robert Taylor project!

Far from making things a “little bit better” for black people, the black mayors of America’s big cities are there to carry out Reaganomics with a vengeance on a local level. The black overseers are there to keep the lid on the ghetto and crush the heavily black city unions for the white capitalist masters. Thus in ATU Local 241, where transit workers are threatened with 1,000 layoffs if they don’t eat a rotten sellout, Washington made a personal appearance to campaign for his scheme to loot the union pension funds to bail out the city bosses. Today, Chicago remains “Segregation City” because the oppression of blacks and other minorities is built into American capitalism. What’s needed is not more Harold Washingtons to shove Reagan cutbacks down the throats of the ghetto masses, or Jesse Jacksons to con impoverished and powerless black people with the illusion of “black power” in the racist Democratic Party, but a multiracial workers party fighting on behalf of all the oppressed.

In the teachers strike last fall we insisted that this key integrated union must “mobilize all Chicago labor and the black masses to stop the austerity/cutbacks drive which affects every area of city life, leading all the oppressed in a fight for survival” (see “Victory to Chicago Teachers Strike!” *WV* No. 339, 7 October 1983). To link the workers movement to the ghetto—through demands for more and better schools, for a program of busing to the suburbs, for the formation of labor/black defense guards to protect the minority kids and stop the racists. To put an end to residential segregation requires more than a few “open housing” marches against “red-lining,” as Martin Luther King discovered in his failed attempt to take the civil rights movement north to Chicago in the mid-’60s. Revolutionary socialists call for a vast program to build high quality, low cost integrated housing throughout Chicago and its lily-white suburbs. In the unions we fight for a class-struggle leadership to put labor in the forefront of the battle against racist terror, recruiting minority youth into union-run training programs and fighting for jobs for all.

This is the kind of united class struggle which could beat back all the union-busters, from city school chief “Ruthless” Love to Harold Washington to the race-hate mongers around “Fast Eddie” Vrdolyak. You just have to look at the broken-down elevators, smashed windows and burst pipes in Cabrini Green to know Chicago has *never* been a city that worked for black people and the poor. From the ramshackle tenements bordering the stockyards where East European immigrants were packed in the earlier part of the century to the sprawling South Side and West Side ghetto firetrap apartments, the shame of American cities will only be swept away and genuine equality and freedom for blacks will only come through socialist revolution! ■

Steel...

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the result is that workers unite with their “own” bosses instead of fighting them, while the bosses rake in the profits. Ultimately this escalating trade war will lead to imperialist shooting war.

The only Steelworkers’ spokesman presented by Donahue was Alice Peurala, a former president of USWA Local 65 who was dumped by the members in her re-election bid. When U.S. Steel began to chop South Works to bits, the “progressive” Peurala opposed labor *action* to fight back. Now her proposal is to go crawling to the Reagan government to run the South Works mill. Similarly, reformists like the Communist Party’s Gus Hall have proposed such schemes as a “call on Congress to immediately enact a labor law and a program to save the steel industry,” including a call for “nationalization” (*Daily World*, 29 December 1983). These demands boil down to a Chrysler-style government bailout of the bosses at the taxpayers’ expense. At best it would lead to a European-style steel industry, such as in France, where the social-democratic-administered capitalist government is laying off thousands of steel workers in the name of austerity.

If there were ever a prime candidate for expropriation, it’s certainly the steel bosses who have run the industry into the ground. The American steel industry is a prime example of the utter decay of capitalism itself. Unlike Chrysler, U.S. Steel is not about to go under. Instead, the industry has been bled to death by the “robber barons” of steel, who repeatedly refused to invest in new plant and equipment and chose instead to squeeze out every last penny for their personal profit. As a result, the U.S. steel industry is crippled with 19th century plant in a world approaching the 21st century. The most recent example of the steel bosses’ shortsighted rapaciousness was U.S. Steel’s \$6.2 billion investment in Marathon Oil, a transaction designed to please coupon-clipping stockholders while hastening the decline of steel.

The fight for jobs in steel is a fight against capitalism itself. As one black woman noted on the Donahue show:

“I think the changing times is the general crisis that we find capitalism in at this time. It’s not just steel, but it’s every segment of this society—the hospitals, housing, the schools, and it’s not just in Chicago, but it’s all over the world of capitalism. And I think that we have to go according to what the Constitution says—any time a system gets so it can’t take care of the people, not only do we have the duty to get rid of it, but the obligation. . . . The plight of labor is a product of the nature of this system.”

The first step in this fight must be the ousting of the class-collaborationist labor leadership, who are responsible for the givebacks, the no-strike ENA, the backstabbing of PATCO, the betrayal at Greyhound. We need a class-struggle workers party, to fight for a workers government that would expropriate the parasitic steel bosses and establish a planned economy in the interests of working people! ■

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Black Mayor Fired Craft Workers

Chicago Public Housing: Frozen Hell

CHICAGO—In the mayoral elections last spring when black Democrat Harold Washington was pitted against the racist Republican Bernard Epton, we warned: "Harold Washington Will Betray Black Chicago." And this is exactly what has happened. First Washington announced some 700 jobs would be slashed in an all-out assault on city labor. Then last fall a union-busting pay-cut-or-job-cut contract "offer" provoked a strike by the 55 percent black Chicago Teachers Union, as Jesse Jackson's Operation PUSH unsuccessfully fanned the flames of racism trying to isolate the teachers from the black and Hispanic communities. Currently transit workers are on the top of the list facing the cutback ax. And in the middle of this brutal winter, black residents of Chicago slum housing projects are literally freezing to death following the firing of the maintenance workers. Conditions are so bad that last week 4,000 people mobbed State Street when HUD was handing out federal rent-subsidy applications for private apartments. The crowd, desperate for a chance to move out of the dilapidated public housing, jammed South State Street and blocked traffic for several hours until the Chicago cops on horseback moved in to break it up.

Just look at the horrors they face in the projects: Evellean Upchurch, a Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) resident, mother of two, died when she was forced to walk down ten flights of steps to a waiting ambulance. Older and disabled tenants are trapped on the upper floors because only a handful of elevators in the entire CHA are functional. Mothers are afraid to send their



Blacks in city housing projects suffer massive garbage pile-ups, flooding, broken elevators and freezing temperatures.

children to the store or to school because of possible attack by gangs. The prison-like atmosphere of the high-rise buildings is intensifying. The gangs now charge "fare" for the right of residents to use what elevator service is left. The buildings are in such poor shape that any other landlord other than the CHA would in typical Chicago fashion have them burned then condemned and

demolished by the city.

In the 1950s, under "Boss" Daley, miles of South Side slums were torn down and replaced by high-rise monoliths. (This was when the term "urban renewal means Negro removal" was coined, and segregation patterns were rigidly enforced by constructing freeways like the Dan Ryan to fence in black areas.) The projects, due to criminal

neglect by past and present mayors and other crooked, thieving politicians, have been allowed to deteriorate for years and have now become "vertical slums." In fact, the CHA has been for the Democratic Party what Las Vegas is to the Mafia—a way to skim off the bucks—and everyone gets a cut.

Recently, though, things came to a head. Ex-cop Renault Robinson, former head of the Chicago Afro-American Patrolmen's League and one of Harold Washington's most loyal supporters, was awarded the chairmanship of the Housing Authority. Robinson's first act in office was to appropriate for himself a \$14,000 limousine and a chauffeur. He told outraged CHA residents whose elevators don't work, "It's my business," then proceeded to refurbish his office at a cost of \$20,000. Robinson "got his," so to hell with the black masses.

In late September he announced the firing of 259 craftsmen (mostly white) whom he demagogically blamed for the terrible conditions in the projects. Then he went after the janitors (who are black), squealing that they were "lazy." The city incredibly claimed the fired CHA workers could be replaced with senior citizen details armed with minimal training and wrenches to "fix" the elevators and decrepit plumbing! So when the sub-freezing weather hit in late December, the buildings fell apart. Water pipes burst, elevators stopped and heating plants went out. As the *Chicago Tribune* (1 January) described the chain reaction after the pipes burst:

"The broken pipes, in turn, forced the shut-down of furnaces in about 20 CHA

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Steel Militant Says: Oust the Giveback Bureaucrats!

South Works on the Slag Heap

"The unions have lost their power. Not surprisingly, when a fellow has to eat, and feed his kids, he's going to be less militant. It's inevitable," taunted TV talk show emcee Phil Donahue. His audience consisted of steel workers and their families, many of whom have been out of work for years now. The January 20 NBC-TV program came on the heels of U.S. Steel's recent announcement of shutdowns at 23 more mills, throwing thousands of steel workers out of jobs, including those at the South Works plant in Chicago. This follows billions of dollars of union concessions supposedly to "save jobs"—and workers are hopping mad.

One laid-off South Works steel worker in the audience, Damon Lewis, called for a class-struggle response:

"That's not true at all... Labor is feeling it really hard and they're willing to fight. But the problem that they're facing is that their leadership cowers. So that the Greyhound [strike] there is sold out. In the last miners strike in 1978, they had a rotten contract shoved down their throats after refusing it time and time again. And there is no one in their

leadership that stood up and said, 'We've got to oust the present leadership and get a new one'....

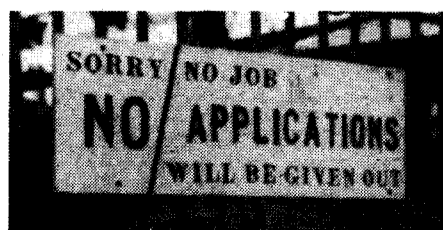
"At U.S. Steel there's no fight and they've lost 15,000 jobs with the recent decision by U.S. Steel to close those plants.... There was no fight. There was just givebacks, givebacks, givebacks."

Lewis was followed by an older worker, who interjected: "Our first mistake in labor is that situation with Reagan. Believe me, when he brought that downfall on PATCO, Lane Kirkland should have stood up the next day... and shut down the whole country and you'd see Mr. Reagan back off of that, I'd guarantee that."

Mass sit-down strikes which physically hold the bosses' sacred private property hostage, mass picket lines which nobody dares cross—these are the kind of class-struggle tactics which built the unions and which are needed today to reverse the bosses' offensive.

But that was not the talk from the union officials present on the show. United Mine Workers (UMW) president Richard Trumka could only offer

Chicago South Works, one of 23 U.S. Steel mills slated to be entirely or partially shut down.



protectionist schemes against foreign steel, playing into the bosses' plans to pit U.S. steel workers against their brothers and sisters abroad. This is in line with the official policy of the United Steelworkers (USWA), which has joined

with the corporations in protectionist suits to limit steel imports in the U.S. Needless to say, trade-union bureaucrats in Britain and elsewhere play the same game against American steel, and

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