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## Nicaragua Needs MIGs!



Nicaraguan soldiers vow to fight imperialist invasion.

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NOVEMBER 16—As U.S. SR-71 Blackbirds smash the sound barrier over Managua, Nicaraguans have good reason to believe the bombing will begin in five minutes. The imperialists' invasion plans are already worked out in detail, with units assigned, trial runs completed and estimates of casualties and costs run through the Pentagon and CIA computers. American fleets are cruising off the Pacific and Caribbean

**Smash U.S./Canadian Imperialism!  
Defend, Complete, Extend  
the Nicaraguan Revolution!**

coasts of Nicaragua, a dozen new air bases and landing fields are ready for action in Honduras, the military maneuvers are constant. As Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega said at the UN in October, "The winds now blowing over Central America foretell of a holocaust for our peoples." But Hurricane Reagan could also unleash revolutionary storms from the coasts of Central America to the heartland of North America.

While the U.S., with the fulsome support of its Canadian junior partners, prepares for a full-scale

military invasion—targeting not only Nicaragua but also Cuba—the regimes in Managua and Havana are preparing their defense. Following the rape of Grenada the Sandinistas began distributing guns to the population so that today Nicaragua has well over 100,000 people under arms. On November 12 all Nicaraguan combat units went on full alert and some 320,000 volunteers began civil defense preparations. As Commander Leticia Herrera put it, "They would be able to get into Nicaragua, yes... But would they be able to leave?" (*Globe and Mail*, 13 November).

In the U.S. and Canada there've been elections recently, but in Central America revolutions are at stake. Revolutions that have been half a century in the making, against bloody tyrannies installed and protected by their North American masters. Time and again these tiny countries have been the landing ground for U.S. troops who left behind their scavenging guard dogs, the Somozas and their ilk, to pick over the booty. Today, once again facing the military might of U.S. imperialism's murder machine, we say Nicaragua has the right to get whatever weapons it wants, wherever it wants. And the Soviet Union has

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## Victory for Labor and Minorities

# Fascist Frame-Up Stopped!

Organized labor, minorities, socialists, all decent people and enemies and union-busting and fascist terror scored an important victory in stopping the KKK/Nazi frame-up of postal workers Paul Schneider and Mike Mares. For nine months KKK "intelligence director" William Lau Richardson and the Nazi George Graham had Schneider and Mares dragged through the courts in an attempt to legally lynch and jail these two unionists. On August 29, Ontario provincial court judge J.S. Climans threw out Richardson and Graham's outrageous charges for lack of evidence.

Schneider and Mares were charged with "assault causing bodily harm" for defending themselves and others at a labor-endorsed abortion rights demonstration in Toronto against intimidation, provocation and harassment by Richardson and Graham. Key to defeating this frame-up was the work of the Committee to Defend Anti-Fascist Unionists, initiated by the Trotskyist League and militant postal unionists, which mobilized broad support for this vital case among



Toronto, August 29 - Paul Schneider, Mike Mares and defense attorney Paul Copeland (left) celebrate court victory.

labor, minorities and all the intended victims of the labor-hating, race terrorist KKK/Nazis. Hundreds of unionists from across Canada, including 12 union locals and close to 90 union officials supported the defense of Schneider and Mares. The Ontario Federation of Labour - representing 800,000 unionists - endorsed the demand to drop the charges. In February, close to 100 people attended a Toronto rally in defense of Schneider and Mares and more than 40 protesters, including members of 14 different unions, demonstrated outside the courthouse on July 5. Time and again supporters of Schneider and Mares filled the courtroom to show their solidarity.

William Lau Richardson has a 15-year history of terror, infiltration, provocation and harassment of the left and labor movement. Born in the United States, this Klan "chief of intelligence" has also worked for the CIA and U.S. Army Intelligence as well as having a "professional relationship" with the RCMP. After he moved to Canada, Richardson, an explosives expert, was hired by the notorious union-busting outfit Centurion Investigation, Ltd. Richardson ad-

mitted under oath that while employed with Centurion he made bombs that were planted in the cars of union officials, militants and foreign workers, in order to break strikes (e.g., the 1974 Douglas Aircraft strike) and disrupt union-organizing drives. He also bragged about collecting information on Chilean refugees for ITT. In mid-1983 Richardson was congratulated in the KKK Action newsletter for becoming a "Great Titan."

Richardson wanted to put Schneider and Mares behind bars. With counsel provided by well-known lawyer Paul Copeland, the defense committee sought to ensure Schneider and Mares the best possible legal defense while placing no confidence in the "justice" of the capitalist courts. Central to the campaign that defeated this frame-up was the mobilization of broad protest by the labor movement and minorities for whom Richardson's name is synonymous with union-busting and racist terror.

Outrageously, however, the president of Schneider and Mares' own union, the Letter Carriers Union of Canada (LCUC), Robert McGarry, not only attempted to sabotage the defense but expelled them and five of their supporters (see article p.10).

The poisonous climate of Cold War II feeds into the genuinely criminal activities of the right wing and the race terrorists of the KKK, emboldening them to attempt more Greensboro massacres (the 1979 KKK/Nazi murder of five anti-Klan protesters) in the name of their "patriotic duty" in the war against communism. To discipline the working class for the anti-Soviet war drive the bosses are employing union-busting, racist terror and rampant social reaction. Beating Richardson and the Nazi Graham's attempt to jail Schneider and Mares is not only an important victory but a concrete demonstration of the necessity of a class-struggle program to defeat capitalist reaction.

In thanking the many supporters of this important defense case Paul Schneider stressed that the battle against fascist terror is far from over: "Today was a victory for organized labor and minorities. But a victory in court cannot stop KKK/Nazi terror. They are out to kill. What we need are labor and minority mobilizations to sweep the fascists from the streets." What the working people need is their own government that will put an end to the system that lets the Richardsons and Grahams walk the streets with impunity.

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# Victory to the British Miners Strike!



Class war in Britain - Pickets battle Thatcher's cops. Bust the union-busters!

John Sturrock (Network)

For nine months British coal miners have fought valiantly in a hard and bitter struggle for their class. The miners have taken more than 8,000 arrests, seen two of their comrades murdered on picket lines and thousands more injured, their families deprived of daily necessities. Now their union, the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), faces massive court-ordered fines, sequestration of funds and possible jailing of its leaders. All but the government's own kept analysts acknowledge that by December coal stockpiles at the power stations will be dangerously depleted.

## CLC's McDermott: Loves Walesa, Shafts British Miners

The long-awaited confrontation over the movement of coal from the pitheads now looms on the horizon, and Thatcher will not hesitate to use the troops.

As our comrades in the Spartacist League/Britain have demanded: The miners must not stand alone! Strike with the miners now! On the picket lines, in their press *Workers Hammer* and two special supplements mass-distributed in mining communities, in public meetings held to build support and solidarity with the miners, our comrades and their supporters in the unions have fought for all unions which claim to support the NUM to strike with the miners. They have fought to organize trade-union defense guards to stop strikebreaking cop/scab terror and for joint elected strike committees of militants from other striking unions, women's support groups, unemployed and minority organizations to lay the basis for organs of power of the working class and oppressed against the strikebreaking capitalist state.

The miners have become the champions of millions who want to see this strike won and the hated Thatcher government brought to its knees. What's needed is a leadership prepared to win such a victory. But the reformist Labour/TUC leaders fear and hate the prospect of a serious class-wide confrontation with the capitalist state which necessarily poses the question: *which class shall rule?* Thus they are ready not only to let Thatcher off the hook but to isolate and sabotage the miners' struggle.

It's not just the Labour/TUC traitors. On both sides of the Atlantic the social-democratic Cold Warriors have shown themselves to be open enemies of militant class struggle. In a letter (4 October) Canadian Labour Congress president Dennis McDermott explained why he had turned down a request by the Alberta Federation of Labour to sponsor a solidarity tour in Canada by two British miners:

"Further, the CLC has considerable difficulty rationalizing a position which would provide support for a visit to Canada by representatives of the NUM given the regrettable negative attitude expressed by that union's senior leadership toward the Miners International Federation, and even of greater significance, the denunciation of the Polish Solidarity movement and approval of the Jaruzelski regime, which ironically is busy exporting strikebreaking coal to Britain."

—quoted in the *Canadian Tribune*, 29 October  
The drive to war against the Soviet Union abroad means war on the unions at home. Increasingly McDermott and the labor bureaucrats serve more openly as the labor lieutenants of world imperialism, disciplining the labor movement for war by whipping

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## Response to YCL

# Only Workers Revolution Can End Imperialist War!

We read with considerable interest the statement by the Central Executive Council of the Young Communist League (YCL), "War or revolution: are the choices so simple?" printed in the November 5 *Canadian Tribune*. It is rare that Stalinists, whose usual response to Trotskyists is slander, cop-baiting and thuggery, should even make a pretense of a serious political response to our revolutionary politics. Recently, however, the spectre of Trotskyism haunts the YCL. The Trotskyist League won Maria Louladakis, a former active member of the YCL, from the class-collaborationist anti-Soviet "peace" movement to the only program that can end imperialist war: workers revolution. Obviously there is, as the YCL leadership puts it, "a potentially fertile audience of young, impatient peace activists" who have given serious consideration to Maria's resignation from the Toronto Disarmament Network, want revolutionary answers and are asking the YCL executive hard questions.

The YCL's response is this fabrication: "The essential feature of the analysis the Trotskyist League puts forward runs to the effect that socialism and peace are incompatible." To the contrary, we base ourselves on the elementary Marxist understanding that capitalism, in particular decaying capitalism in the epoch of imperialism, breeds war and that those who genuinely want to fight for peace and disarmament must fight for socialism. "That socialism and peace are incompatible" is, however, the "essential" feature of the YCL Central Executive Council statement and its "peace strategy."

No doubt there is "a certain impatience and often

frustration with the Herculean tasks of organizing and unifying a broad peace movement." We're sure that there are a lot of young people in and around the YCL/"peace" movement who want to wage a genuine fight against the anti-Soviet war drive, and are sick and tired of petitioning the Trudeaus and Mulroneys, the Reagans and Mondales for "peace." All the "Refuse the Cruise" demonstrations, peace caravans and "die-ins" did not and will not stop one of the missiles that are aimed at the destruction of the Soviet Union. Here is exposed the bankruptcy of Stalinism and the impotence of pacifism.

To peddle the dangerous illusion that imperialist warmongers can be "pressured" into giving up their nuclear weapons, the YCL not only abandons any pretense of being a "communist" youth organization but must attack those who fight for workers revolution. The YCL statement begins: "War or Revolution? If only the choices in life were as clear cut. Apparently there are people about, small in number albeit, that believe the riddles of human existence in the 20th Century can be reduced to this absurd level." Well, it sure isn't the Trotskyist League that invented this supposedly unique position. What does the YCL executive think of Frederick Engels' statement, made over 100 years ago, that the alternatives facing mankind are either "socialism or barbarism"? And how about V.I. Lenin, leader of the Bolshevik Party? Writing in 1916 on "The Disarmament Slogan," Lenin could well have been responding to the YCL leadership:

"We cannot, unless we have become bourgeois pacifists or opportunists, forget that we are living in a class society from which there is no way out,

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Sections of the Foundation exist in every district of Grenada... The Bishop Foundation finances its work from the donations of sympathisers, although

infiltration — the danger of left subversion has not yet been removed.

Such statements might make Grenada's true friends feel optimistic rather than anything else.

## War or revolution: are the choices so simple?

(A statement by the Central Executive Council of the Young Communist League of Canada.)

"War or Revolution"? If only the choices in life were as clear cut. Apparently there are people about, small in number albeit, that believe the riddles of human existence in the 20th Century can be reduced to this absurd level. Such is the position of the Trotskyist League (4th International), et al. In Toronto, they have been busily distributing a letter of resignation of one Maria Louladakis submitted to the Toronto Disarmament Network Youth Subcommittee. It is the acceptance of this incredulous position that led Maria, a dedicated, hard working young peace activist to abandon the peace movement in favor of "workers' revolution".

For young people active in the peace movement there is naturally a certain impatience and often frustration with the Herculean tasks of organizing and unifying a broad peace movement. This is detected in their tendency to either retreat from activism or to emphasize

tactics of civil disobedience. The "war or revolution" position is skillfully the synthesis of the two — rejection of the necessity of the struggle for peace combined with ideological "civil disobedience", i.e., chanting "revolution now". Simply on this basis, and with a potentially fertile audience of young, impatient peace activists, this line must be exposed for the charade it is.

The essential feature of the analysis the Trotskyist League puts forward runs to the effect that socialism and peace are incompatible: the struggle for peace leads the workers into collaboration with the bourgeoisie and thus away from socialism; and all this buttressed with some specious quotations from V.I. Lenin and a sparse overview of history since 1917.

To argue that socialism and peace are incompatible in the present struggle of the working people and progressive forces is but an infantile retreat into pre-Hom sapiens logical thought. If the bourgeoisie is aware of its class interests, it is clearly aware that peace leads

inextricably toward socialism on the global scale. The Russian Revolution was victorious in achieving peace and survived as a result, the national liberation movement has been extremely successful in periods of détente, rather than periods of hostilities, the working class in all countries is in favor of peace.

But no, to the Trotskyist League, strategy and tactics are but one in the same — "workers' revolution". It can only be attained by "workers' revolution", by propagandizing for "workers' revolution" and any other struggle is class collaboration.

If workers want peace, a 32-hour work week, or an increase in their cost-of-living allowance, only "workers' revolution" can achieve this end.

The alternatives are hardly as stark as war or revolution. As Lenin stated in a speech to the First Congress of the All-Russia Navy, "one thing is clear: to kill war is to defeat capital, and Soviet power has started the struggle to that end".

# TDN Youth Leader Resigns Defend the Soviet Union!

Spartacist Canada reprints below a letter of resignation from the Toronto Disarmament Network (TDN) submitted by Maria Loulidakis, the temporary youth co-ordinator of the TDN. Maria, 18, has also been an active member of the Young Communist League (YCL), a co-founder of Youth Coalition for Peace and one of the chief organizers of the hundreds-strong "Youth for a Peaceful Future" demonstration held in May 1983.

Of the assortment of Canadian "peace" groups, equivalent to the U.S. Cold War nuclear freeze movement, the TDN is the favored playpen of the Moscow-loyal Stalinists of the Canadian Communist Party (CP) and its "youth group," the YCL. The CP has sacrificed every vestige of class principle in their never-ending search for the "progressive" bourgeoisie, for example, marching in "peace" demonstrations under a banner hailing the Canadian imperialists as the "brave neutral mediator." In the TDN the Stalinists were among the prime movers and shakers behind former prime minister Pierre Trudeau's anti-Soviet "peace initiative." As Maria states in her 18 September resignation letter capitulation to anti-Sovietism in search of an alliance with the "peacekeeping" imperialists, outright reactionaries and war criminals "was one of the final blows to [her] commitment."

Maria has rejected the politics of the "peace" movement in favor of the revolutionary program of the Trotskyist League of Canada. For the fake-left, who to a man seek to be one with the Cold War popular front, this is a crime against nature. Well, opportunism doesn't pay. We urge all students, youth and others who genuinely want to fight the anti-Soviet war drive to seriously consider Maria's resignation from the TDN.

I joined the peace movement and began organizing youth when I was 14. Like others I was terrified at the thought of nuclear war. I saw it as the most important issue, overriding all others. Over the years I worked, believing that somehow I was working toward socialism. It took me this long to clearly analyze my political beliefs/contradictions in a very critical way and realize that the political work I had been doing was in fact an obstacle to my goal of socialism.

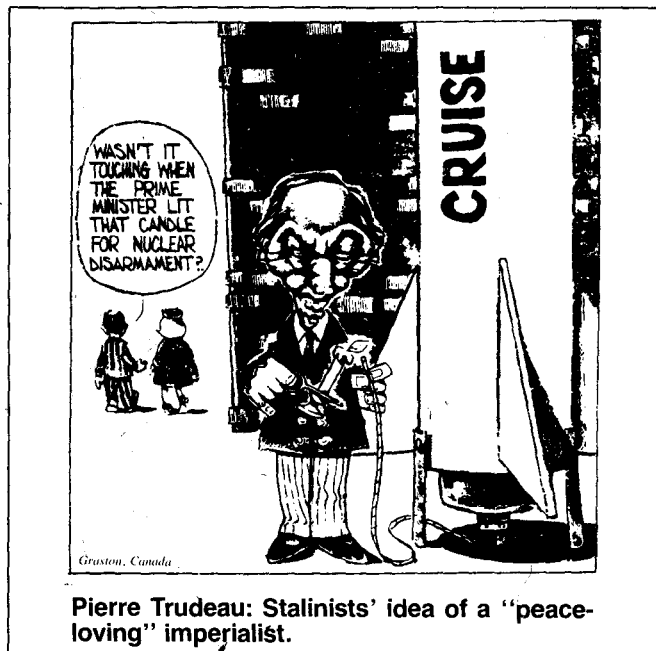
I now feel my political beliefs have changed enough and are solid enough that I can no longer support or be part of the peace movement.

Up till now I had believed that nuclear war drew closer because of "increased international tensions," that what we needed was peaceful co-existence and if we could just unite enough people we could pressure our government into negotiations that would bring about disarmament. I of course being a "socialist" also felt we needed complete disarmament linked with justice. While these are commendable aims, what I and others in the peace movement sharing my views lacked was a coherent political analysis and program.

Throughout history the military has been directly linked to protecting and expanding capitalist and imperialist interests. Since the victorious Russian Revolution and up to the present day, the imperialist

powers have consistently attempted to militarily defeat the Soviet Union and roll back the many gains that have been won. The onset of nuclear weapons has changed only the technological character but has in no way changed the political strategy.

From the beginnings of the A-bomb to the present



day, the U.S. has been planning a first strike against the Soviet Union. I quote below from an interview with Daniel Ellsberg, former specialist to the Pentagon:

"Q: What are most of these [nuclear] weapons for?  
"D.E.: To threaten or carry out counterforce attacks, that is, attacks on Soviet military capabilities... primarily in the context of a U.S. first strike. By that I don't mean U.S. 'preventive war' ... but a U.S.-initiated attack on the Soviet homeland...."

—Inquiry, 13 April 1981

The latest talk of a technological first strike contrary to popular belief did not begin with the nut Ronald Reagan. Jimmy Carter, with his Presidential Directive 59, paved the way for "limited strategic war." The U.S. capitalist class has a bipartisan consensus on the fight to "roll back communism" only differing slightly on the best way to go about it.

The only thing which has stopped them from succeeding thus far is the Soviet Union's military capability to retaliate. This military strength is preventing capitalist restoration within Soviet borders and abroad. This is the heart of the anti-Soviet war drive, for capitalism needs to reconquer these markets in order to expand. Therefore there is a direct confrontation between imperialism and the workers states and we must take a stand defending these states from imperialist attack.

Thus we see that this is an anti-Soviet war drive  
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## YCL...

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nor can there be, save through the class struggle and the overthrow of the power of the ruling class....

"Our slogan must be: arming of the proletariat to defeat, expropriate and disarm the bourgeoisie. These are the only tactics possible for a revolutionary class, tactics that follow logically from, and are dictated by, the whole *objective development* of capitalist militarism. Only *after* the proletariat has disarmed the bourgeoisie will it be able, without betraying its world-historic mission, to consign all armaments to the scrap-heap. And the proletariat will undoubtedly do this, but only when this condition has been fulfilled, certainly not before."

— *Collected Works*, Vol. 23

Another "specious" quotation? Hardly. This is the program of the Bolshevik Party, under Lenin and Trotsky, which led the Russian working class to power and out of the carnage of World War I. The 1917 Russian Revolution was the greatest victory for the international working class and the greatest defeat for world imperialism. And since 1917 the dominant goal of world imperialism has been to reconquer that one-sixth of the globe that was ripped from the hands of capitalist exploitation and plunder. For the YCL this is a "sparse overview of history since 1917." That's because it is precisely the Russian question, the defense of the gains of the October Revolution, that the YCL and its parent organization the Communist Party (CP) must avoid at all costs in their bid to cement an alliance for "peace" with the mythical "progressive bourgeoisie."

The CP/YCL's championing of Canadian imperialism as the "brave, neutral mediator" stems from its ties to the Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union. For decades Stalin and his heirs in the Kremlin have preached the illusion that there are "peace-loving" and "progressive" imperialists with whom you are supposed to unite. Tied to their myth of building "socialism in one country," the Stalinists preach "peaceful coexistence" with imperialism, which is directly counterposed to the only effective defense of the gains of the Bolshevik Revolution—international proletarian revolution. As Leon Trotsky wrote at the start of World War II:

"The defense of the USSR coincides in principle with the preparation of the world proletarian revolution. We flatly reject the theory of socialism in one country, that brain child of ignorant and reactionary Stalinism. Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy."

— "Manifesto of the Fourth International on the Imperialist War and the World Proletarian Revolution" (May 1940)

We Trotskyists unconditionally defended the Soviet Union in World War II. At the same time, just as Lenin demanded "Turn the imperialist war into a civil war," we fought for revolutionary defeatism toward both the "democratic" imperialists and Nazi German imperialism. For the Stalinists it was all-out for the war effort. And in the name of "anti-fascist unity" with the imperialist "democracies" the Stalinists signed no-strike pledges, sold war bonds, supported the internment of Japanese Canadians and Americans in concentration camps and *cheered the A-bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki!*

The bombing of the defenseless populations in Hiroshima and Nagasaki was intended primarily to intimidate the USSR. From Japan 1945 to the A-bomb threats against Korea to Kennedy's nuclear bullying of Cuba, the aim of the American ruling class backed by its Canadian junior partners has been to destroy the Soviet degenerated workers state through an effective *nuclear first strike*. The only thing that has restrained them from pushing the button are the Soviets' SS18s and SS20s. It sure wasn't "detente," the illusion pushed by the Kremlin and parroted in the YCL Central Executive statement: "the national liberation movement has been extremely successful in periods of detente." Detente was paid for in the blood of heroic Vietnamese workers and peasants. At the height of the U.S. carpet bombing of Hanoi and the mining of Haiphong harbor, war criminal Richard Nixon was being wined and dined in the Kremlin. U.S. imperialism was beaten in Vietnam, no thanks to detente which only served to buy the imperialists time, to rearm and to build their nuclear arsenal of death.

The CP/YCL take the fact that war hurts everyone as the moral imperative for "detente" and building a classless political movement in a class-divided world. The argument goes that nuclear war is different: it means Armageddon, the end of the world, the ultimate moral terror which should make all people unite—as people—in their hostility to nuclear war. The end is nigh so let's forget our class differences and unite in the biggest popular front ever—people against bombs—rather than class against class. But there is no special struggle against war somehow lifted from its social base and concrete historical causes. War is a symptom and result of capitalism.

What does the YCL think imperialism is? Anyone with the most elementary grasp of reality cannot help but see that the U.S. imperialists and their Canadian junior partners are hardly a peace-loving folk. The imperialists that brought the carnage of two world wars, the mass murderers of Vietnam, are quite prepared to blow up the entire planet in their crusade for global counterrevolution. Hardly a sane and rational bunch who can somehow be convinced by moral suasion, the imperialists aren't just talking about nuclear war, they're preparing for it!

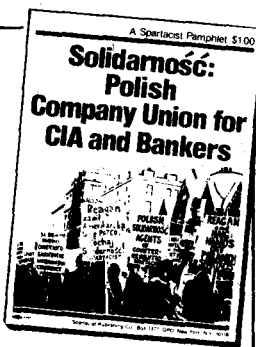
Yes, the alternatives are "as stark as war or revolution." The fight for workers revolution is hardly "simple," it's just desperately necessary. From El Salvador to Detroit to Sudbury: the alternatives are militant class struggle or bitter defeat. That's why we fight for "Military Victory to Salvadoran Leftists!" and "Labor/Minority Mobilizations to Stop KKK/Nazi Terror!" Against the imperialist war cries over Afghanistan and Poland it was only we Trotskyists who

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proclaimed "Hail Red Army in Afghanistan!" and "Stop Solidarność Counterrevolution!" while pointing out the responsibility of the corrupt Polish Stalinist bureaucracy for driving much of the historically socialist working class of Poland into the arms of Walesa & Co.

The YCL executive complains: "...to the Trotskyist League, strategy and tactics are but one in the same....If the workers want peace, a 32-hour work week, or an increase in their cost-of-living allowance, only 'workers revolution' can achieve this end." There wouldn't even be any unions if it weren't for militant class struggle. We fight for reforms, for the defense of working-class gains, for the rights of all the oppressed on the basis of the Marxist understanding that genuine reforms are wrenched from the bourgeoisie through revolutionary class struggle and that short of the dictatorship of the proletariat all reforms are reversible.

The YCL retreats in the face of the real fight to mobilize the working class in struggle against this system of poverty, oppression and war. Incapable of mounting any effective opposition to the anti-Soviet war drive they are reduced to bleating over the horror of thermonuclear war. As comrade Lenin said:

"If the present war arouses among the reactionary Christian socialists, among the whimpering petty bourgeoisie, only horror and fright, only aver-

sion to all use of arms, to bloodshed, death, etc., then we must say: Capitalist society is and has always been *horror without end*. And if this most reactionary of all wars is now preparing for that society an *end in horror*, we have no reason to fall into despair. But the disarmament 'demand,' or more correctly, the dream of disarmament, is, objectively, nothing but an expression of despair at a time when, as everyone can see, the bourgeoisie itself is paving the way for the only legitimate and revolutionary war—civil war against the imperialist bourgeoisie.

"A lifeless theory, some might say...."

The crisis-ridden rule of the imperialist bourgeoisie has once again plunged mankind into depression and economic devastation and threatens the destruction of humanity through thermonuclear world war. Only the rule of the working class offers mankind a future. As Lenin made clear in speaking to the First Congress of the All-Russian Navy of the victorious Russian Revolution: "One thing is clear: to kill war is to defeat capital, and Soviet power has started the struggle to that end." The lesson of the Russian Revolution is the need for the working class to have its own party determined to establish its own, revolutionary class rule. If you want to build that party here, if you want to be a communist, you have to be a Trotskyist—join the Trotskyist League!■

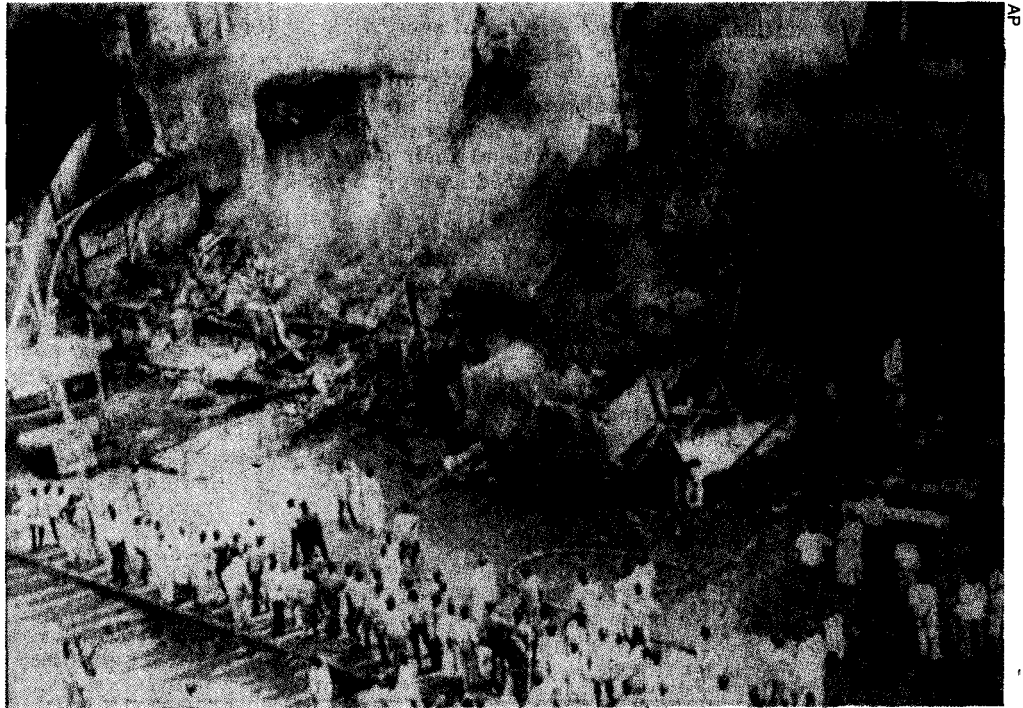
# Gandhi Thugs Unleash Terror Against Sikhs

## Gandhi Gets Hers

When Sikh members of her personal bodyguard pumped 22 bullets into her, Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi became yet another victim of the communalist whirlwind she herself had whipped up. From the left-ist militants of the Mukti Bahini targetted by Gandhi in 1971 to the survivors and relatives of the Sikhs slaughtered in the Golden Temple massacre last June, the oppressed masses of India have no reason to mourn the departed tyrant. The Sikhs are not a people to be messed with. When Indira Gandhi ordered the Golden Temple massacre where more than 2,000 Sikhs were killed in Amritsar last June, she virtually committed suicide. But it is not just the self-styled "Mother of India" whose body was consumed by the flames of a funeral pyre. As the death toll mounted to the thousands in the days after her assassination, a large part of India erupted in the billowing flames of communalist terror, directed first and foremost against the besieged Sikh minority themselves. What we wrote in the wake of the Golden Temple massacre is being tragically confirmed today.

"But the vicious crackdown by the Hindu-chauvinist Gandhi regime was an attack on the entire Sikh community and a bloody lesson to all opponents of the regime. And the repercussions are likely to be immense, and even bloodier, as the reactionary legacy of British imperialist rule continues to wreak havoc upon the Indian masses... "The storming of the Golden Temple has fuelled religious fervour and dramatically increased the base of support for the undisguisedly Zionist-style call for Khalistan [a theocratic Sikh state]. ... Such is the reactionary logic of nationalism. The demands for Khalistan and 'blood for blood' are an invitation for the 1947 Partition over again."  
— *Spartacist Britain* No. 60, August 1984

Jubilant Sikhs in Toronto celebrated the death of their hated enemy, singing, dancing, setting off fireworks and distributing sweets. In similar celebrations by Sikhs in London's Southhall area the words "blood for blood" were everywhere to be found scrawled on



Delhi: Gandhi's thugs unleashed communalist terror against Sikhs in Chandni Chowk commercial district.

walls. But "blood for blood" was also the cry of the pogromist mobs, frequently led by thugs called "goondas" of Gandhi's Congress (I) Party and other even more right-wing Hindu chauvinist parties, who took to the streets of northern India in search of Sikhs to butcher. Even before the newly installed heir of the dwindling Hindu Gandhi dynasty could issue his feeble appeal for calm, enormous mobs of Hindu chauvinists—armed with clubs, chains, iron bars and swords—had already embarked on their bloodcurdling reign of terror.

Sikhs were grabbed from the streets or dragged off buses and trains, their turbans and clothes torn off, their beards set on fire. They were beaten up, chased, chained, hacked to pieces, burnt alive. The police, who often overlap with the Hindu chauvinist goondas, aided the anti-Sikh pogromists or at best stood by and watched; sometimes they fired indiscriminately into the crowds, killing and injuring scores. Hundreds of Sikh homes and shops were looted and torched. Sikh temples were besieged by mobs of thousands. Black smoke billowed across the sky. The corpse-laden trains of death rolling into New Delhi evoked the memory of the 1947 Partition slaughter.

But the Sikhs are not about to take it lying down. In one suburb of New Delhi, a retired Sikh army cap-



tain opened fire with a submachine gun against the invading Hindu mob, killing 20. Meanwhile Sikh fundamentalists talk of getting their own back in the Punjab, where Sikhs are a slight majority. Today many Sikhs identify with and continue to adulate Sant (Saint) Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the extreme fundamentalist who once threatened to kill 5,000 Hindus, and who was among those killed in the Golden Temple massacre. In the country as a whole Sikhs form only 2 per cent of the total population of over 700 million; they will pay a high price for the vengeance taken against the butcher Gandhi. Still, the Sikhs have a substantial measure of social power, considerable military expertise and a border with India's arch-enemy Pakistan, with its already established CIA network for supplying the reactionary Islamic insurgents in Afghanistan.

Gandhi's funeral attracted an imposing assemblage of world leaders. Under her, India became acknowledged leader of the so-called "nonaligned movement" of neocolonial countries and is a major sub-imperialist power in the region and now a diplomatic ally of the Soviet Union. (Of course, as Sadat's Egypt demonstrated, capitalist allies of the Soviet Union are never reliable.) It is one of the few capitalist countries not to fall into step with the vicious embargo against the Indochinese workers states. It recognised the Heng Samrin government in Cambodia and, in September, was visited by Vietnamese leader Le Duan on his first visit to a capitalist country. Pakistan's General Zia and Sri Lanka's bonapartist anti-Tamil butcher J.R. Jayewardene immediately declared official mourning periods, despite their enmity for Gandhi and India. But J.R. in particular doubtless hopes that in the short term India's instability will free his hand in savagely dealing with the largely Hindu oppressed Tamil minority struggling for self-determination.

Arch-terrorists Reagan and Thatcher predictably responded to the assassination with a denunciation of terrorism. But the crowd that gathered outside Gandhi's hospital chanted, "Down with the CIA!" And the Soviet leadership issued a strongly worded statement implicating the CIA in the assassination. One need not accept the Stalinist/nationalist CIA-mongering at face value to recognise that the Sikh fundamentalists' anti-communist agitation leaves them open to being pawns of the CIA and imperialists in their designs to break India from its diplomatic and military relations with the Soviet Union. Gurdeep Singh Nagra, vice president of Sikh Societies of Canada, said of Indira Gandhi "She was a terrorist. She was a Russian stooge, a KGB agent" (*Toronto Star*, 31 October). The oppressed Sikh masses have nothing to gain from being pawns of the imperialists' anti-Soviet designs. But the Soviet bureaucracy's political support to the "progressive" despot Gandhi is a treacherous obstacle to the revolutionary mobi-



Camera Press  
"Mother of India" butchered Sikhs, other minorities.

lization of the Indian proletariat which can truly act in defense of the deformed/degenerated workers states.

Gandhi has ruled India single-handedly and with an iron fist for nearly half of its post-independence years. Though she liked to posture as the embodiment of secularist, national integrity, this "Mother of India" was a conscious and calculating Hindu chauvinist. We noted in August: "The thin veneer of Indian nationalism (which in fact reflects the overwhelming preponderance, 80 per cent, of the Hindu majority, despite its occasional secular pretensions) could easily shatter into a myriad of competing national, ethnic and language groups."

The Sikhs are not just a religious grouping but form a distinct community inhabiting a particular territory with a common language (Punjabi) and customs. And while the Sikhs may not yet be a nation, the present dynamic points to their further national consolidation. Nations are not born fully fledged but are consolidated in struggle (generally by expelling or destroying other peoples). Undoubtedly, and more emphatically since the bloodbath at Amritsar, many Sikhs see themselves as a nation. But within a capitalist framework, the Sikh fundamentalist dream of Khalistan ("state of the pure") or some other form of self-determination would entail a reactionary reversal of the terms of oppression for the Punjab's large and interpenetrated Hindu minority. Only within a socialist federation of the Indian subcontinent can the oppressed peoples and nations find their emancipation.

In the epoch of imperialist decay capitalism brings to the neocolonial world only the chains of imperialist exploitation, the stench of communalist slaughter and the jackboot of dictatorship. The murderous "divide and rule" of the British Raj, whose victims numbered in the millions, is today well practised by the Indian ruling class. Gandhi's vacuous son Rajiv, who succeeded her instantaneously in the manner of a traditional monarch, is best known for the recent failed, autocratic manoeuvre to overthrow the elected government of Andhra Pradesh. He was well trained in his mother's school to cynically use national and religious divisions to further political goals and baldly suppress all political opposition.

And in the wings waits the million-strong Indian army, which prides itself on maintaining all the trapings imposed by its former colonial masters. Omnisciently, for the first time since independence the army has been brought into the capital to "restore order." Troops have been deployed in most major cities with orders to "shoot to kill." A significant section of the army, particularly of the officer caste, remains Sikh. No doubt the army is feeling the temptation to slam a preventive lid on the situation, not least to preserve its own unity. Down with the martial law measures!

Notwithstanding the myth of this "most populous democracy," for the multimillioned masses "democracy" and "independence" have meant the continuation of mass starvation, forced sterilization, grinding exploitation and pervasive state terror, particularly against the small but strategic Indian proletariat. The only progressive answer lies in this class, which has historically demonstrated militancy and organisation. In the face of bitter state repression, the solid 300,000-strong port workers strike last March/April united workers across national, ethnic, religious and caste lines. Only the proletariat in power can carry out the belated tasks of the bourgeois revolution, as

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## Smash KKK/Nazi Terror! Defend the Labor Movement!

# Anti-Fascist Unionists Expelled from LCUC

The 40th triennial convention of the Letter Carriers Union of Canada (LCUC) held in St. John New Brunswick will go down in labor history. It will be known for a purge of union militants—unprecedented since the dirty 1950s Cold War scare—which opened the door to fascist infiltration and terror against the entire labor movement. On September 11, the convention upheld the expulsion of seven members of LCUC Local 1, Toronto. LCUC national president Robert McGarry and the national executive had these unionists tried, convicted and expelled because they fought to mobilize the union in its own self-defense against the most dangerous fascist union-buster and agent provocateur in Canada, William Lau Richardson.

Richardson, the self-declared "intelligence director" of the KKK, and his Nazi sidekick George Graham tried to have two of the expelled unionists, Paul Schneider and Mike Mares, thrown behind bars for defending a labor-endorsed abortion rights demonstration against these two fascists. It was the widespread support from the organized labor movement that stopped this outrageous frame-up (see article p. 2). In opposition Robert McGarry actively sabotaged LCUC support for this vital case and kicked Schneider, Mares and five of their supporters out of LCUC.

A leaflet by the seven expelled militants to the convention delegates explained:

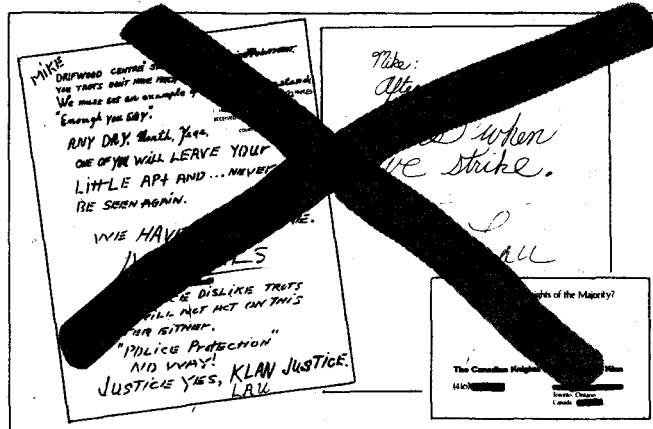
"[McGarry] wrote Local 12 (12 December 1983) saying that the defense of Schneider and Mares was 'in opposition of the objects of the Union.' We asked why? We raised the question in a leaflet: could there be any relation between McGarry's opposition and the fact that his two brothers, Daniel and John McGarry, owned Centurion Investigation Ltd., the company that hired Richardson to terrorize and smash unions? McGarry and the national executive responded by charging us with weakening and undermining the union!

"These expulsions weaken and undermine the union. These expulsions bring our union into disrepute, setting the LCUC in opposition to the hundreds of unionists who fought to stop Richardson and Graham's frame-up. McGarry even testified before the national trial board that he would take William Lau Richardson as a member of LCUC! And there are already fascists in this union. If the trial board's decision is upheld it will only embolden these most deadly enemies of labor and decent people. VOTE NO to the frame-up conviction and expulsion!"

The decision to uphold these outrageous expulsions is not just a matter for labor history. The danger posed to the LCUC and the entire labor movement is immediate and ominous. This sinister purge gives the green light for fascist attack against the unions.

Before the convention, Richardson's fascist supporters and scabs who have wormed their way into the Toronto LCUC escalated their campaign of intimidation and worse: Mares received death threats at work signed "Lau," and two of the fascist scum sent a death threat to the vice president of Toronto CUPW, Andre Kolompar, for his activities in defense of the seven LCUC militants.

The night of appeal, Calgary LCUC president D. Kenney and one of his flunkies strutted onto the convention floor wearing Confederate flag T-shirts! Together with this symbol of KKK terror, the T-shirts also bore the slogan of the fascist Lebanese Phalange, "Kill 'em all. Let god sort 'em out"—the battle cry of the genocidal butchers who massacred Palestinians at Shatila and Sabra refugee camps. Reportedly, this was a "toned-down" version of the racist provocation these fascist-lovers had intended to stage. Kenney wears a



KKK death threats, "calling card" found in postal unionist's locker. Union tops' witchhunt emboldens fascist killers.

swastika ring! No doubt this Hitlerite would have liked to goosestep in full Nazi regalia.

This is an outrage! Kenney's provocation was aimed at terrorizing not only the seven expelled LCUC militants, but every decent unionist, every minority, every opponent and intended victim of KKK/Nazi terror. This is the kind of union Robert McGarry is hell-bent on creating, where militant defenders of labor are chucked out and the only "good" members are fascists and scabs like Nazi-lover Kenney who led 800 scabs across the Calgary CUPW picket lines in 1978!

While the racist provocateurs paraded around, the LCUC bureaucrats mobilized their thugs to railroad through the expulsion of the LCUC 7. New Brunswick business agent Gerry Lowe, known as the LCUC "millionaire" for monies collected from his non-union taxi company and other cockroach "business" invest-

ments, called convention center security to stop delegates from getting a leaflet and to throw out the four unionists who were there to appeal the expulsions. These unionists were threatened with physical violence by lower-level bureaucrats and constantly followed by security guards who reported on their whereabouts via walkie-talkies. Delegates who were known to have backed the defense of Schneider and Mares were sinisterly baited as "Trotskyite spies."

The chairman of the national trial board told the convention to uphold the expulsions in the interests of preserving a "democratic union." It's "democracy" for fascists and scabs; intimidation, thuggery, expulsion and terror against unionists who fight to defend the labor movement and themselves against union-busting and racist attack.

In the weeks after the convention, a black postal truck driver in Toronto found a picture of a black "SUNshine girl" in his truck, ripped in half and defaced. Meanwhile the LCUC national executive is backing up Gary Templeton, a Toronto LCUC "member" known for bragging to union members of KKK affiliations and who wears a Confederate flag belt buckle, in a bid to get Local 1 to readmit an unrepentant scab! At the September 20 local meeting a letter written on behalf of Robert McGarry was read out, pleading for the strikebreaker, who was expelled for trying to run over a shop steward on a picket line.

A month later, on October 21, McGarry bought a stinking sellout contract: a first-year 2.4% wage increase (less than half that guaranteed under recently phased-out government wage controls!) and a license for postal management harassment, firing and job slashing, a program that has already been implemented

through massive job restructuring. Enraged union members rejected this giveaway deal by 92% in Montreal, 74% in Toronto, 78% in Hamilton. McGarry claims it was accepted by 55% nationally, which even the bosses' press finds "surprising," and the LCUC tops aren't releasing any more figures.

The Judas McGarry was given his payoff months in advance for this contract: a seat on the Canada Post Corporation board of directors. And it is no coincidence that McGarry announced his service as an open cop for the postal bosses the same day the witchhunting conviction expelling the seven Local 1 members came down. As the leaflet McGarry had these unionists thrown out for concluded: "Victimizing union militants before the big sellout is McGarry's *modus operandi*. . . . The bosses need labor lieutenants like McGarry. But when that and their cops, courts and anti-labor legislation aren't sufficient they turn to the fascists like Richardson with their bombs and guns loaded and aimed directly at trade unions, minorities and the left."

These expulsions pose a mortal danger to the labor movement. That's why other unions and union officials like the Toronto CUPW, United Auto Workers Local 303 executive and locals of the Canadian Union of Public Employees stuck their necks out to defend the LCUC 7 and demand their immediate reinstatement. The Nazis' infamous final solution did not stop with the brutal genocide of six million Jews. The stench of burning flesh came from the bodies of trade unionists whose organizations were destroyed and workplaces turned into hellholes of slave labor by the fascists. Fighting these expulsions is vital to the defense of the union movement against its most deadly enemies. Smash the fascists! Reinstatement the LCUC 7! ■

## TDN Youth Leader...

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and that the interests of all capitalist powers rely on the military up to and including nuclear weapons. We therefore cannot pressure U.S. imperialism or its Canadian junior partner into changing something which is inherent in its system and which they have no interest in changing.

The social-democratic nationalists of the NDP are also not capable of achieving real peace. They are just as committed to capitalism (only with bandages), anti-Sovietism and a "strong West."

This "pressure" however is the entire basis of the peace movement which tries to unite people across class lines to "protest and survive." This "classless" strategy has led to coalitions with reactionaries such as anti-abortionists who think all life is sacred (except women's), Western defenders who think conventional weapons should be beefed up instead and out-and-out war criminals such as Robert McNamara & Co.

In order for all these groups to work together revolutionary politics must be suppressed in order not to alienate the "progressive bourgeoisie." Therefore talk about socialism, revolution, defense of the USSR—all these are tactfully avoided even by the "socialist" groups. This was one of the final blows to my commitment, when I realized that what this was was an alliance that tied the working class with the bourgeoisie, i.e., a popular front on a bourgeois program.

I then had to ask myself what strategy would achieve peace. I knew that World War III would be insanity but it could not be prevented and the threat

removed forever until capitalism had been overthrown and world socialism established. Only this would end the need for war.

Thus to build socialism I must work for workers revolution, and the vehicle for this is a vanguard party of the working class with a revolutionary program. The only organization I have yet to find that offers such a program is the Trotskyist League.

I encourage you all to critically evaluate your role in the peace movement and decide for yourselves. The alternatives seem quite clear: war or revolution.

"Only after we have overthrown, finally vanquished and expropriated the bourgeoisie of the whole world, and not only one country, will wars become impossible."

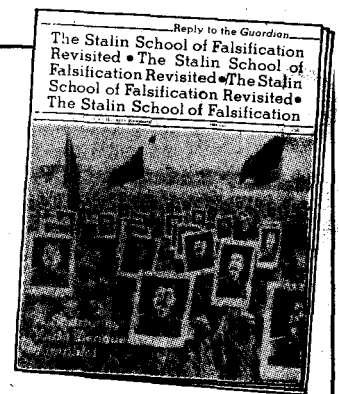
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## Morgentaler...

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and threatened that an acquittal "will not be acceptable to a number of people in this country." This was more than an implicit threat of violence. And in the wake of Morgentaler's acquittal the reactionary anti-abortion fanatics—the "people" to whom Cooper was referring—are openly inciting violence.

CTV reported on November 8 that the dangerous lunatic Joe Borowski, a former Manitoba NDP cabinet minister, declared "the time has come to stop preaching non-violence" and vowed that "pro-lifers" will not "sit idly by" while Morgentaler opens abortion clinics, "no matter what the price or consequences." Laura McArthur, president of the Metro Toronto Right to Life Association, notorious for citing Nazi "medical evidence" that women rarely get pregnant as a result of rape, is now wondering if she can "go out tonight and break the law to save our little babies" (*Globe and Mail*, 9 November).

The so-called "pro-lifers" have about as much respect for life and "the law" as the KKK terrorist nightriders. Across North America anti-abortionists have been torching and machine-gunning abortion clinics, kidnapping doctors, and harassing and victimizing patients. Last summer Morgentaler's life was threatened by a demented anti-abortionist wielding a pair of shears, and arsonists who attempted to destroy the Toronto clinic made their murderous intentions very clear in death threats scrawled on the clinic door.

### Smash Moral Majority Terror!

When the Morgentaler clinic reopens in Toronto it had better be well defended. Already clinic organizers are calling for volunteers for five-woman escorts to patients, to provide the anonymity necessary to stop cop threats of prosecution against patients who refuse to give evidence. But these escorts won't prevent the terrorism that Borowski, McArthur and their friends have in mind. The only thing that's going to stop these supposedly "god-fearing" reactionaries from their murderous attacks is to put some real "fear of god" into them: they ought to be met by strong, round-the-clock workers defense guards protecting the Morgentaler Clinic and women's rights!

The Moral Majority fanatics are shock troops in the bourgeoisie's war on women—part and parcel of the escalating war on "godless communism" which aims to roll back every working-class gain from the Russian Revolution to unions. Reflecting the bourgeoisie's hatred for the working class, Laura McArthur denounced the jury as "transients" and "unionists," who are "dictated to by their unions" (*Globe and Mail*, 9 November). While the bourgeois press howled that the jury "thumbed its collective nose at the law," others branded their decision "not the Canadian way." The *Globe and Mail* snidely commented that the six jurors in the back row "would not have looked out of place on a university campus." But when young people are sent out as cannon fodder in imperialist war that is the "Canadian way."

In the reactionary social climate of Cold War II there is an all-sided offensive to force women back into childbearing "good housewife" roles frighteningly reminiscent of Hitler's "*Kinder, Küche, Kirche*" (children, kitchen, church). For poor and working-class women the alternatives are becoming "barefoot, pregnant and in the kitchen" ... or jail. Over the past year women have been thrown behind bars for refusing to testify against husbands or boyfriends

who beat them up! A woman, raped by two members of a bike gang, was jailed for refusing to give evidence out of fear for the safety of herself and her family, but her attackers went free! Women are cut off welfare and threatened with prosecution for the "crime" of having a boyfriend. Most recently, pregnant women who have a narcotics or alcohol addiction are being charged with "fetal abuse." But they can't get adequate birth control and they can't get abortions. And if the Moral Majority has its way, they won't be able to get sex education either.

### Not feminism, but Leninism

In court Morgentaler exposed the hypocrisy of the politicians, judges and cops who brand him a criminal to be prosecuted while their wives, daughters and mistresses regularly come to his clinics. These capitalist politicians are the real criminals, who as Morgentaler testified, "would like to see abortion outlawed and women once again going on butchers' tables to be cut up and crowded into hospital wards with complications" (*Globe and Mail*, 1 November). The people most hurt by this reactionary offensive against abortion are the poor, young teenagers who "get in trouble," and working-class women who simply can't afford to have any more children, who desperately need the right to free, safe abortions if something goes wrong. We say: free abortion on demand is a fundamental right.

After the acquittal Morgentaler commented that "the women's movement hasn't, to my mind, become militant enough to do what it can to terminate this monumental injustice" (*Globe and Mail*, 8 November). Indeed the feminists of the Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics (OCAC) do not even address the needs of poor and working-class women. For these women, who cannot afford to have any more children and cannot afford to have an abortion, the OCAC's slogan "women have the right to choose" is a cruel joke. Their "choice" is either mandatory motherhood or a back alley butcher. Meanwhile in Manitoba where Morgentaler faces persecution by the governing Cold War social democrats of the NDP, the feminists are concerned that the NDP could lose votes if it does not continue with the prosecution of Morgentaler! According to Ellen Kruger, chairman of the Coalition for Reproductive Choice, "The safest thing for the Government to do would be let the courts proceed" (*Globe and Mail*, 12 November)! Kruger added that her group would campaign to demand that the charges be dropped, not by appealing to defend Dr. Morgentaler, but by informing the public of the cost of this prosecution!

Among the earliest legislation of the Bolsheviks, led by Lenin and Trotsky, after the victorious Russian Revolution, were acts to legalize abortion and divorce, and give women equal access to education and jobs. Our defense of Dr. Morgentaler and our call for free abortion on demand demonstrates our commitment to combatting every form of special oppression, to building a Leninist vanguard party that can act as a "tribune of the people," and can lead all the oppressed in the struggle for a socialist society where there will truly be choice for all. We salute Dr. Morgentaler's courage and determination in his decade-long struggle against Canada's reactionary abortion laws. Free abortion on demand! Women's liberation through socialist revolution!

Contributions to the legal defense of Drs. Morgentaler, Scott and Smoling can be sent to: Pro-Choice Defense Fund, Box 935, Station Q, Toronto M4T 2P1.

## British Miners...

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up an anti-Communist frenzy. Thus its "solidarity" with Solidarność—the only "union" Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher and the rest of the strikebreaking, warmongering imperialist rulers ever loved. And the heroic British miners are stabbed in the back.

A year ago NUM leader Arthur Scargill was pilloried at the TUC conference for his forthright denunciation of Solidarność as "anti-socialist." Today Scargill is the most popular figure in the British labor movement. Not surprisingly, among the most hated are the biggest supporters of Solidarność, like Frank Chapple of the Electricians and Bill Sirs of the Steelworkers, who have been the most vociferous in urging their members to cross miners' picket lines. And Lech Walesa, who praised Margaret Thatcher as "a wise and brave woman," is doing his own scabherding. In a "solidarity" message to a delegation of scabs from the "National Working Miners Committee," which came to Poland seeking his support, Walesa said: "I am very sympathetic to your movement. My greetings to the British miners who are fighting for democracy in their union" ([London] *Daily Mail*, 9 October).

Meanwhile the pro-Moscow Canadian CP tried to cover for Jaruzelski's scab coal shipments by attacking Scargill as a Walesa-lover. In an article entitled "The bitter logic of anti-communism," the *Canadian Tribune* (20 August) comments, "Take Lech Walesa for example. One of his greatest admirers and a bitter critic of Poland was Arthur Scargill..." It is the bitter logic of Stalinism, its narrow national reformism and appeals for "detente" with imperialism, that the British CP (including the pro-Soviet "tankie" wing) did *nothing* to defend Scargill when he was being hounded by the labor-hating media and the Labourite Cold Warriors for his outspoken opposition to anti-Soviet warmongers Thatcher and Reagan and their creature, counterrevolutionary Solidarność. Meanwhile, the British Stalinists have done nothing to stop Polish scab coal, a move which would be a real shot in the arm for the strike and help win the miners to see their direct interest in defending the Soviet-bloc deformed workers states. The Soviet miners' generous food and financial contributions, as well as the recent ban on coal and oil shipments, has done much to this end. A revolutionary opposition to the Polish Stalinist bureaucracy would organize to support the NUM's rightful demand that the scab shipments stop now!

As stark as the social crisis in Britain is the absolute bankruptcy of the labor misleaders. The Labour/TUC rights with their well-documented CIA connections

have repeatedly stabbed the miners in the back. In the interests of maintaining "unity" with these open strikebreakers, finks and CIA-lovers, the Labour/TUC "lefts," are prepared to betray millions of workers and oppressed who want to fight alongside the miners now! They do not want a full-scale confrontation with Thatcher any more than the "Judas" Neil Kinnock, Labour Party head.

Even Scargill, who has emerged head and shoulders above the rest of the trade union and Labour "lefts," is incapable of providing a program to unite the working class in struggle against Thatcher. Limiting the fight to the confines of a narrow industrial dispute, all he can offer is a reformist scheme to bolster British industry through protectionist import controls and a rerun version of Wilson/Callaghan's "Plan for Coal" to be implemented by a future Labour government.

The depth of self-sacrifice and the breadth of support for this strike is a recognition that on its outcome hinges the fate of trade unions, entire communities and the livelihoods and security of every working-class and minority family. Britain is a tinderbox of social contradictions. There is only one solution for the working class and oppressed: the struggle for a workers government to expropriate the profiteers and warmongers and establish a planned economy capable of making that country a decent place to live in. Key to this is the fight for a revolutionary leadership of the labor movement uncompromisingly committed to class struggle against capitalism. Only then can the myriad crimes of this long-outlived imperialist ruling class be finally avenged. That is why we say: The miners must not stand alone! Strike now with the miners! Bring the Iron Lady to her knees!

## Gandhi...

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part of a program of socialist revolution. As we wrote last August:

"Under the rule of the Indian bourgeoisie the acute problems of land, poverty, caste and national oppression are incessantly recreated. And every new outburst of communalist violence retards the only class on the Indian subcontinent which can lead the oppressed masses on a consistently progressive course. Communalism not only destroys working-class unity in general, but in India it is often particularly the working class that is the main target of communal terror, since it is frequently drawn from from local and migrant minorities....

"If India is not to be wracked by another convulsion of communalist slaughter in the interests of imperialism, what is needed is a mass proletarian party rallying behind the banner of Permanent Revolution the myriad minorities, the agrarian masses and the multitudinous victims of caste and sex oppression....

"The problems of South Asia are interrelated and will not be solved separately. Only the working class can guarantee the right of self-determination to the oppressed nations from the Baluchis in Pakistan to the Tamils in Lanka, the liberation of women from bondage and backwardness, and land to the tiller."

Not communalist terror but class struggle! For workers revolution to overthrow the Indian bourgeoisie! For a socialist federation of the Indian subcontinent!

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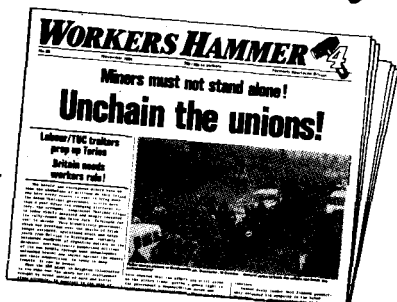
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## Cops Rampage for the Noose

# Down with Capital Punishment!

Over 1,000 uniformed police and prison guards marched in military formation on Parliament Hill on November 5 demanding the restoration of the death penalty. In the chilling words of Monsignor Gerald Donegan, Roman Catholic padre for the Ottawa Police Force, the purpose of this ominous mobilization of the bosses' armed thugs and sadistics screws was to call for the "tools to finish the job" (*Globe and Mail*, 6 November)! The job of the racist, strikebreaking "boys in blue" is to maintain the power of the criminal ruling class through repression and open terror.

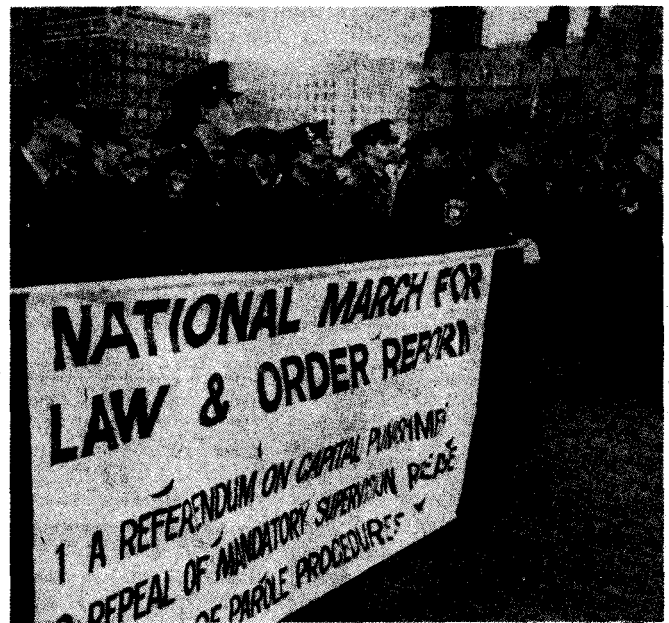
Trying to mobilize public opinion behind the campaign to "bring back the noose" the police hold up the corpses of seven cops killed in unrelated incidents over the past year. But when the cops gun down innocent civilians it's all considered to be "in the line of duty." In December 1983, two members of the Sherbrooke, Quebec police force kicked in a motel room door on two sleeping and completely innocent carpet-layers and opened fire with a barrage of Uzi sub-machine gun fire, murdering Serge Beaudoin, wounding his partner and missing a couple in the adjoining room by only three inches! In a verdict their lawyer called a "victory for democracy," these two cold-blooded murderers got off scot-free and had their murder weapons handed back to them in a special ceremony.

The last "legal" state execution was in 1962. But between 1970 and 1981 the trigger-happy cops appointed themselves judge, jury and executioner of at least 119 people. No one really knows the number of victims of the killer cops because the government doesn't even bother to keep statistics! For that matter, no cop in Canada has ever been convicted of killing or wounding a civilian (*Toronto Star*, 28 October).

As Serge Beaudoin's anguished 60-year-old mother cried, "They will continue to use their machine guns on people like us." From the 1979 murder of Jamaican immigrant Albert Johnson, who was killed in front of his seven-year-old daughter by a Toronto cop, to fully-equipped riot police assaulting women picketers at Fleck Manufacturing Co., to Gestapo-style raids on gay bathhouses and the Morgentaler abortion clinic—the cops have a legal license for terror and murder. The rampage for state-institutionalized murder is designed to protect and embolden the cops in their violence against the population.

From the daily hangings of 17th century England (the days the cops harken back to), to the gas chamber, electric chair and the recently-introduced "humane" lethal injections, the death penalty has never deterred crime. The whole purpose of capital punishment is not to mete out justice but to terrorize the population by demonstrating the state's *monopoly of violence*. In the present context, the imperialists' insane drive to war against the Soviet Union abroad

means increasing regimentation at home. Thus the increase in police violence and the campaign for the death penalty, thus the unleashing of home-grown fascist groups against blacks and minorities, thus



Hugh Wesley, Sun

Ottawa, November 5 – Killer cops march for death.

the increase in strikebreaking and union-busting; and thus the new "security" guidelines for a new spy agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, which officially equate political opposition to the government with "criminal terrorism." And now in parliament a Conservative MP is demanding the death penalty for "treason" (remember Julius and Ethel Rosenberg—murdered in the electric chair in the service of Cold War I anti-Communism).

Canada has the second highest incarceration rate in the "free world" and the brutality of its prison system is notorious internationally. The screws who demonstrated side-by-side with the cops on Parliament Hill have made headlines around the world for their sadism and torture of prisoners at Archambault maximum-security penitentiary. As communists, champions of democratic rights and opponents of all forms of social barbarism, we stand against capital punishment. The real threat to mankind is the murderous power of the imperialist state. We stand with the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, which banned both torture and the death penalty in the USSR. Only victorious working-class revolution will abolish the death penalty for good and smash the prisons, in the course of rooting out the whole vicious cycle of crime, punishment and repression caused by capitalism. ■

# Nicaragua...

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the internationalist duty to provide them. Smash Reagan's Bay of Pigs! Nicaragua needs MIGS!

Within hours of Reagan's re-election the U.S. imperialists were thundering World War III. As the USSR's freighter Bakuriani made its way to the Nicaraguan port of Corinto, American "senior officials" threatened to blow the Soviet ship out of the water, frothing that it *might* hold some MIG fighters. It is unfortunately an imperialist myth that the Soviet Union is backing to the hilt the Salvadoran leftist insurgents and the Sandinistas.

The industrial/military powerhouse of the non-capitalist world, the Soviet degenerated workers state is the ultimate target of the imperialists' war drive. They are hellbent on smashing the gains of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution when the Russian working class seized power. Republicans and Democrats, Tories and Grits are all *contras* precisely because they share the framework of the anti-Soviet war drive, committed to preventing the "creation of Marxist states" in North America's "backyard." Where they have differed is over tactics. The Reaganites dream of another Grenada, the Democrats and the NDP social democrats have nightmares of another Vietnam. The Trotskyists of the international Spartacist tendency say, "Defense of Cuba/USSR begins in Central America!" And recalling a once-famous slogan of Che Guevara we add, "Vietnam was a victory—Two, three, many defeats for imperialism!"

Despite constant attempts at a negotiated sellout by the Salvadoran FDR/FMLN guerrilla leadership, despite endless overtures by the Sandinistas—including their unconditional acceptance of the Contadora group's draft treaty—the U.S. invasion buildup continues. The Contadora treaty would require Nicaragua to: grant amnesty to the *contras*; hold elections under international supervision; cut off any aid to Salvadoran rebels; send home Cuban and Soviet advisors; and let an "independent commission" decide how much military power it could have for defense! But no matter how much the Sandinistas are willing to sell, Reagan's not buying.

Nicaragua is facing economic devastation as shortages spread and crucial manpower has to be diverted from harvest and other activity to military necessities. Yet more than half of industry, commerce and agriculture is still in the hands of private capital. The land reform is still limited to lands taken over from Somoza, and workers are suffering under a wage freeze in place since 1979. The Sandinistas' commitment to a "mixed economy" and political "pluralism" increasingly becomes a weapon in the hands of counterrevolution. To defend the revolution it is urgently necessary to complete it, by expropriating the capitalists as a class. What's required is a Leninist-Trotskyist party, not the vacillating petty-bourgeois nationalist Sandinistas whose program of conciliating the class enemy has repeatedly ended in failure.

Meanwhile the "peace" talks between the murderous Salvadoran junta and leftist insurgents held at La Palma in October are a trap of the rebels' own making. The fact is there's nothing to negotiate and never was. Two days after the "negotiations" the Salvadoran army used its new U.S.-supplied Huey helicopters to launch an offensive against the rebels in Morazán. The civil war goes on—and while government troops have not won a single notable victory in four years, the FMLN has scored several heavy blows. Recently, a helicopter carrying the Salvadoran army's top combat commander

and the commander of the elite U.S.-trained Atlacatl Battalion was shot down by rebel forces. Military victory to Salvadoran leftists!

The Canadian imperialists are up to their necks in the U.S. war plans for Central America. As we go to press the Canadian destroyer *Ottawa* is steaming through the Caribbean, part of the U.S.'s most recent naval "maneuvers." Recovering from hurt feelings over not being informed in advance of the U.S. invasion of Grenada, the government forked out \$800,000 for the RCMP to train and equip the Grenadian police force installed by the U.S. butchers. And now they're getting in on the ground floor of invasion preparations against Nicaragua. The "nice-guy" imperialists are funneling economic aid to the Salvadoran junta, have sent transport planes to Honduras and have regularly participated in U.S./NATO naval operations. And of course no Canadian involvement would be complete without the mandatory offer of "peace-keeping" forces, this time to strangle the Nicaraguan revolution. Canada: Hands off Central America and the Caribbean!

True to form the NDP social democrats are more than fulfilling their role as ideological frontment for Cold War reaction. Mulroney's new UN ambassador is none other than NDP honcho Stephen Lewis, who cut his political teeth witchhunting reds and militants. From the 1919 murder of German revolutionaries Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht down to the present the social democrats have pledged their services as bloodhounds for the imperialists. They do have their (minor) tactical differences, preferring the carrot to the stick, so Ed Broadbent has personally pushed the "Contadora process" and a negotiated sellout. But now when the Sandinistas vow to stand up and fight to defend their revolution, refusing the yellow-dog Socialist International's proposal that they surrender to the demands of the CIA's *contras* and their agents inside the country, Broadbent is rethinking his support ([*Ottawa Citizen*, 6 October]).

Broadbent has proclaimed his "general agreement" with "the overall foreign policy thrust...of the Democratic Party and Mr. Mondale" (*Toronto Star*, 21 August). From endorsing Reagan's rape of black Grenada to threatening to "quarantine" Nicaragua to supporting the butcher Duarte, the "thrust" of Democratic Party foreign policy is war. The NDP's convergence with the Democrats, party of the Bay of Pigs and Vietnam, reflects their shared hostility to social revolution anywhere in the world. They are just as committed to "stopping communism" as Reagan. And tailing right along behind has been the reformist left and the so-called "solidarity" movement, liquidating into the Mondale campaign, preaching "register your anti-Tory vote" and pushing the NDP.

The U.S. is poised to strike at almost any moment. Desperately needed is militant labor action against imperialist intervention: "hot-cargo" of military goods to Central American rightist regimes and political strike action against an American invasion. The North American working class and oppressed minorities have a direct and immediate stake in the victory of the revolutionary upheavals sweeping Central America. The number one enemy of revolution there and everywhere is the same North American ruling class which is destroying the unions, starving the poor and the aged and driving for nuclear Armageddon against the Soviet Union. The whole capitalist system must be swept away through revolutionary class struggle internationally, *in particular* here in the belly of the beast. Smash U.S./Canadian imperialism! ■

## All Honor to Dr. Morgentaler!

After only six hours of deliberation, on November 8 a six-man, six-woman jury acquitted Dr. Henry Morgentaler and Drs. Leslie Smoling and Robert Scott of charges of "conspiring to procure a miscarriage"—charges which carry a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. This is an important victory for all those who fight for decency, justice and women's rights, especially the thousands of desperate women victimized by Canada's reactionary abortion laws.

### Defend the Clinics! Free Abortion on Demand!

Dr. Morgentaler is a courageous and compassionate man who has repeatedly risked his freedom, his security and even his life to fight for abortion rights. In the 1970s he spent 10 months in prison (suffering a heart attack when thrown into solitary confinement) and underwent six years of trials, despite three jury acquittals, on charges of performing illegal abortions. In 1983 Morgentaler opened clinics in Winnipeg and Toronto which were the targets of vicious police raids, with cops charging into the middle of abortions, manhandling nurses and taking everything from medical records to valuable surgical equipment as "evidence." Acquitted of the charges laid against him and his colleagues by the Ontario government, Morgentaler still faces state persecution at the hands of the Manitoba NDP government.

During the recently concluded Ontario Supreme Court trial Morgentaler gave powerful testimony to his motivation:

"It is crazy to me that I and my colleagues should be prosecuted for trying to help people. Since when is it a crime for doctors to use their skills and compassion on people who need help?"  
"I decided to technically break the law to protect necessary services for women, to protect their life and health and dignity. I felt justified in doing so to stop suffering. I know what suffering is. I was in a concentration camp once. If I could do something to stop the suffering of people, I felt justified in doing so.

"I felt I had to do this for the women of Ontario. I had seen too many women from Ontario and the rest of the country browbeaten and subjected to cruel and unusual punishment."

—*Globe and Mail*, 1 November

Even by standards of bourgeois "justice" the trial was stacked against the doctors, and aimed at whip-



Toronto, November 8 – Jubilant Dr. Henry Morgentaler and defense lawyer Morris Manning leaving court after jury acquits.

Globe and Mail, Jeff Masserman

ping up an anti-abortion frenzy. Before the trial had even begun deputy crown attorney Jerome Wiley asked Morgentaler's lawyer Morris Manning, "How does it feel to be defending someone who murders babies?" (*Globe and Mail*, 25 August)! In his summation to the jury Wiley's underling, crown attorney Alan Cooper, obscenely equated Morgentaler, an Auschwitz survivor, with Hitler, arguing that an acquittal would place Morgentaler "above the law" like the Nazis had placed themselves "above the law" in murdering six million Jews! Cooper and Ontario Supreme Court judge William Parker couldn't force the jury to convict but they sure did try.

In defense attorney Manning's words, Parker's charge to the jury was "implicitly directing the jury to convict." Parker's remarks were so biased that after Manning entered more than one hundred objections, the judge was forced to "recharge" the jury. In his inflammatory summation crown attorney Cooper asked "why should anti-abortionists obey the law?"

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