

South Africa: Apartheid Stormtroopers Mobilize

MAY 31—Following the April 10 assassination of Communist Party (SACP) leader Chris Hani, South African society is rapidly polarizing. The black townships exploded in anger, “moderate” African National Congress leaders Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki were booed, and apartheid police opened fire on the crowds. Now there are ominous signals that right-wing whites are con-

solidating their forces.

The day after the massive funeral for Hani, SACP general secretary and former head of the ANC’s military wing, Afrikaner reactionaries, including five hardline generals, met to form a new umbrella group. On May 6, the “Afrikaner Volksfront” (AVF) announced its existence at a “white power” rally, openly threatening civil war. Last

weekend in Pretoria, the “respectable” generals who head the AVF joined a march of 3,000 armed neo-Nazis of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB). Wearing black masks, the fascists paraded with swastika banners, chanting “Kill the blacks!”

Meanwhile, F.W. De Klerk’s apartheid regime, after making only three token arrests in the obviously govern-

ment-linked conspiracy to assassinate Hani, last week launched a mass roundup of the black nationalists of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC).

Following the arrest of anti-Communist Polish immigrant Janusz Walus for Hani’s assassination, the disclosure that the murder weapon was stolen in a 1990 fascist raid on an air

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Fascist Firebomb Kills Turkish Women and Girls

Germany: Ban on Refugees, Green Light for Nazi Terror

BERLIN—On May 26, the Christian Democrats (CDU), Free Democrats (FDP) and Social Democrats (SPD) voted in the Bundestag (parliament) in Bonn to gut the right of asylum, and thus in effect to drive all refugees out of Germany. Three nights later, fascists “celebrated” their victory by burning down a home of Turkish families in the Ruhr industrial city of Solingen. Two young women and three girls died a grisly death in the inferno, while three more Turkish children are in grave condition, covered with burns they suffered as they desperately sought to escape the flames. Neighbors reported seeing a group of skinheads leaving the scene after scrawling swastikas at a nearby playground.

In Solingen on May 29 thousands of outraged demonstrators greeted federal interior minister Seiters with cries of “Murderer!” Our comrades of the Spartakist Workers Party of Germany (SpAD) issued an emergency statement with a call for worker/immigrant mobilization to stop the Fourth Reich’s murder gangs (see page 8).

Also on the night of May 28-29 there were Nazi arson attacks against a house in Munich containing Turks, Afghans and Angolans, as well as in Hannover, Chemnitz, Cuxhaven and Wolfsburg. These were not the acts of “rowdies” run amok, but a calculated military operation. “Foreigners Out!” has long been a war cry of the fascists, particularly with the upsurge of nationalist chauvinism since the capitalist reunification of Germany which destroyed the DDR (East German) deformed workers state.

And as the “respectable” bourgeois and social-democratic politicians whip up fears of the country being “inundated” by immigrants, the Nazi terrorists are emboldened in carrying out their murderous deeds. After the murder of three Turks

Anti-Racist Protesters Surround Parliament



Fourth Reich’s riot cops face off against demonstrators who converged on the Bundestag May 26 to denounce elimination of the right of asylum.

by young Nazi firebombers in Mölln six months ago, the state announced it was “cracking down” and outlawed several fascist groups. But the killing goes on.

All the hypocritical expressions of sympathy and commiseration from CDU federal chancellor Helmut Kohl and Nordrhein-Westfalen’s SPD prime minister Johannes Rau the day after the mas-

sacre can’t hide that *the racist all-party coalition in Bonn instigated this deadly terror*. The bourgeois and social-democratic politicians no less than the fascists have made “foreigners” scapegoats for the mass unemployment and other hardships that have transformed reunified Germany from a mythical “economic miracle land” into a seeth-

ing hotbed of racist hatred. Already last August, the pogrom in Rostock came on the same weekend the SPD agreed behind closed doors to “amend” (eliminate) the right to asylum.

On Sunday, Turkish demonstrators chanted “Nazis, we will find you!” and a group of protesters blockaded the

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Sit-In Breaks Racist Color Bar at Sydney Pub

Australia

SYDNEY—On May 26, an integrated group of forty forcefully broke a racist ban against the right of Aborigines to enter and drink at an inner-city night-club in the Student Prince Hotel here. Aborigines, trade-union members, communists, Maoris, Asians, and students from Sydney University and Tranby Aboriginal College entered the club as a disciplined and determined group. Three members of the Redfern All-Blacks (a local all-Aborigine rugby club) bellied up to the bar and demanded to be served. The other protesters made it clear that the bar would do no more business until they were, whereupon management opted to serve them.

As the victory party commenced, the protesters spoke to the roughly 100 other patrons on hand (unplugging the jukebox over management protest in order to be heard) and asserted:

"We are here tonight to ensure that everyone—regardless of the colour of their skin—gets served and that the racist exclusion imposed by the Student Prince Hotel management is not repeated."

Among the speakers were All-Blacks captain Shane Phillips (brother of Tanya Phillips, a victim of the hotel's ban on May 8), two spokesmen of the Spartacist League, and Barbara Davis, another Aboriginal victim of the hotel's ban.

An hour later, after cheers and toasts from hotel patrons, many of whom were Sydney Uni students, the group left in good order. One Aboriginal former

building union militant noted with satisfaction: "I've always been on the other side...outside the pub. This time I was on the inside, on the winning side."

This action, modeled on the sit-ins by black students in the American South in the early 1960s to integrate lunch count-



Townsville Bulletin

Townsville, Australia—Integrated strikers of the meat workers union fought back against the racist firing of Aboriginal stockman Eddie Alley in February.

ers and other facilities long segregated under Jim Crow, was initiated by the Spartacist League of Australia. The club at the Student Prince, a few blocks from the Aboriginal ghetto in the Sydney community of Redfern, was becoming a popular drinking spot for Aboriginal youth when club management established a racist, anti-black quota, enforced by bouncers at the door who began turning away young men and women with filthy racist epithets.

The issue became public on May 11 when ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) television aired footage of two young Aboriginal women being excluded by the white bouncers at the door three nights earlier. The ABC reporter told *Australasian Spartacist* that she had

there are the effects of social and economic oppression. The death rate for black children is now two and a half times that for white children; for adult blacks the rate is three times that for white Australians. Preventable disease ravages Aboriginal communities, where tuberculosis has reached epidemic proportions.

The successful action at the Student Prince points to the centrality of working-class power in the fight against White Australia racism, and against the hideous oppression of Aborigines in particular. The action was joined by unionists from over half a dozen industries—including construction, maritime, hospital and postal—who have also experienced vicious Labor government attacks over the last ten years.

On a larger scale, the power of the working class in struggle against racial oppression was shown by the hard-fought, integrated meat workers strike in Townsville, Queensland in February. The strikers were defending Aboriginal stockman Eddie Alley, who was sacked for standing firm on the union principle of seniority and upholding union safety conditions. The strike spiked this racist anti-union attack and resulted in Alley's full reinstatement.

The Spartacist League was the only left organization to respond to the racist atrocity at the Student Prince Hotel. The two Laborite left organizations prominent on nearby Sydney University campus, the Cliffite International Socialist Organisation and the Democratic Socialist Party (formerly the Socialist Workers Party), ignored the issue altogether. As SL spokesman Chris McCarthy told protesters on May 26, we fight to forge a revolutionary workers party to lead the workers and all the oppressed, a Leninist party which is the tribune of the people, exposing and combatting capitalist attacks on the rights of all sections of society.

For workers revolution to smash the racist Australian capitalist order! For a racially integrated workers republic of Australia, part of a socialist Asia! ■

personally witnessed six other Aboriginal youths being denied entrance that night; one of the victims told us she and some 20 other blacks were excluded within a one-hour period in an earlier incident on April 24. Breaking this disgusting and dangerous racist ban was a small but significant victory for Aborigines and all working people in Australia.

The ban at the Student Prince Hotel comes in the context of a decade of Labor Party rule which has brought on a sharp rise in racist hysteria and murderous oppression of Aborigines. In 1987 the rate of black deaths in police custody was already 13 times higher than in South Africa. Since that time the jailing of Aborigines in Australia has increased by 25 percent and in New South Wales, whose capital city is Sydney, it has increased by 80 percent. Incidents of police torture and killing of Aboriginal prisoners have increased accordingly.

Along with direct state repression,



TROTSKY

Remember the Rosenbergs!

Forty years ago, on 19 June 1953, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were executed as alleged Soviet spies. The legal lynching of these two heroic Jewish Communists marked the climax of the McCarthyite witchhunt. While self-styled "civil libertarian" groups like the ACLU, the Anti-Defamation League and Cold War liberals like Max Lerner supported the witchhunt and joined the government's murderous chorus against the Rosenbergs, the then-Trotskyist Socialist

Workers Party issued a sharp denunciation of this anti-Communist murder.

No one breathed bigger sighs of relief when Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were finally electrocuted than many of the so-called liberals. The Rosenberg case was a distinct embarrassment to them. They were fully aware of the brutal and relentless determination of the government to make an "example" of the Rosenbergs, regardless of their innocence or degree of guilt. They also knew that world opinion by and large considered the execution of the Rosenbergs a monstrous crime. Yet they feared to take a forthright stand in defense of the Rosenbergs lest they be accused of "protecting Communist spies."

This feeling of relief that the Rosenberg case would not plague the liberals anymore finds veiled expression in the June 28 column of Max Lerner in the *N.Y. Post*. He calls it "my balance sheet of the Rosenberg case and my farewell to the whole topic"....

Lerner may think he is rid of the Rosenberg case and now that he has said his "farewell to the whole topic," the rest of us will do likewise. But there are tens of millions here and abroad who recognize this case for what it was—a bestial act of capitalist class terrorism intended to help intimidate into silence all who would criticize or oppose Wall Street's policies abroad or at home. These millions will yet say the last word on the Rosenbergs and the evil class system that committed their murder.

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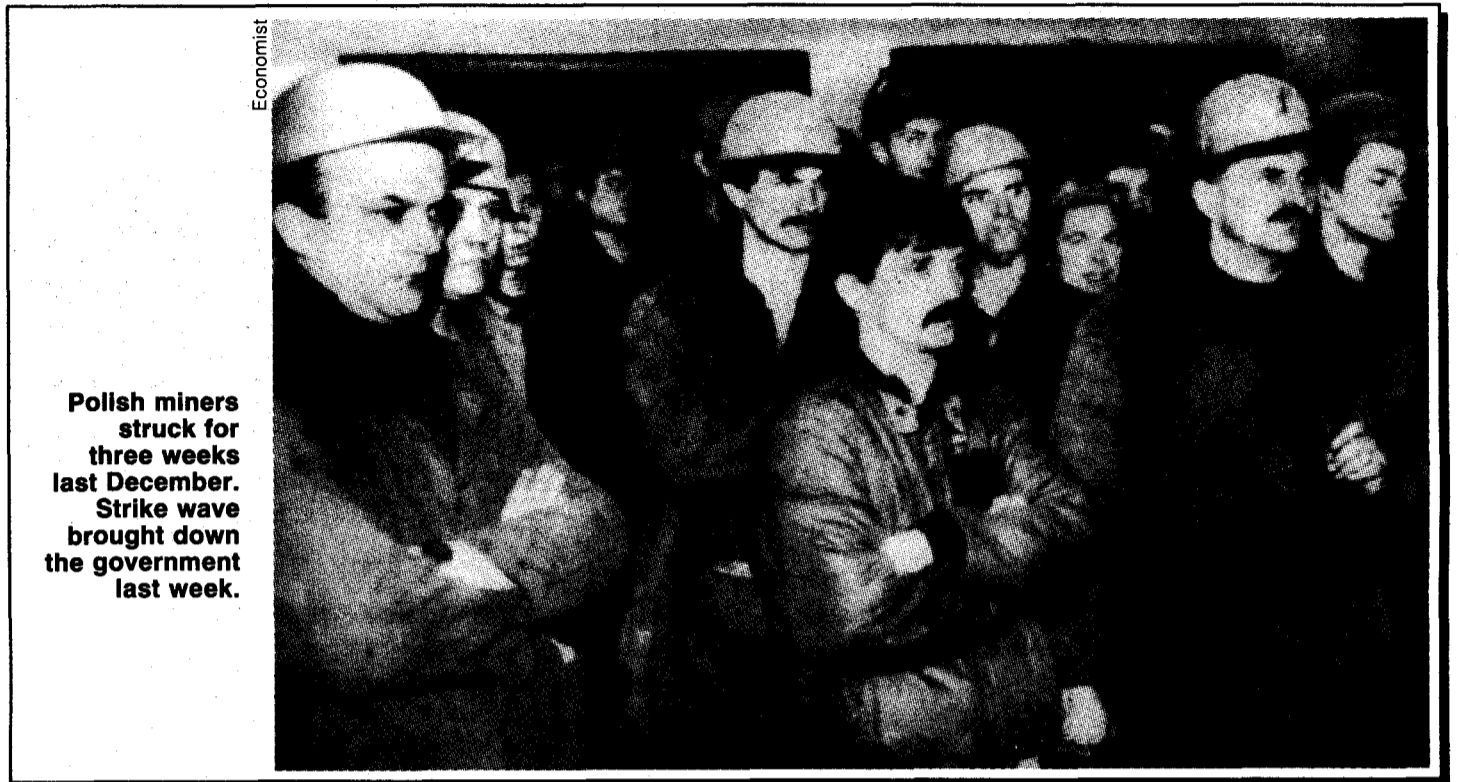
Strikes Sweep Poland

WARSAW, May 29—Less than a year after it took office, the government of Prime Minister Hanna Suchocka, known as the “Iron Lady” of Poland for her Thatcherite austerity policies, was brought down by a vote of no confidence in the Sejm (parliament) yesterday. This is the fourth government in as many years since Lech Walesa’s Solidarność was handed the reins of power by the discredited Stalinist bureaucracy in 1989 and launched its “shock therapy” drive to restore capitalism. In response, President Walesa announced today he was dissolving the Sejm and the Suchocka government would rule by decree until new elections in the fall.

Ironically, the latest anti-government motion was initiated by the Solidarność union representatives in the Sejm, miffed at Suchocka for refusing to allow wage increases for teachers and other state employees. In desperation, the anti-Communist Suchocka even appealed for support from the Democratic Left Alliance, the largest parliamentary bloc, dominated by the ex-Stalinist Social Democrats (SdRP) and OPZZ trade-union leaders. The born-again Social Democrats were more than willing to play ball with Suchocka, but balked when she refused to cut a deal over a handful of face-saving demands.

The infighting and disarray among the numerous factions which issued out of Solidarność counterrevolution reflects the new bourgeoisie’s incapacity to deal with a virtually uninterrupted wave of workers’ struggles. The Suchocka government was almost brought down twice earlier as a result of strike action, by copper miners and metal workers last summer and coal miners in December. Scarcely a day goes by without a strike in some part of the country. A week before the parliamentary vote, a solid transport strike in Warsaw paralyzed the capital for a day. In late April, the ex-Stalinist ZNP teachers union staged a widely supported one-day walkout over wage demands. To maintain some credibility, the Solidarność teachers union, one-third as big as the ZNP, then called its own “indefinite” strike two weeks later, which folded after several days despite appeals to health workers to join in a “general strike” of all workers paid by the state budget.

Three years after Walesa assumed the presidency, sealing the victory of capitalist counterrevolution, the working class of Poland is experiencing attacks on its living conditions as never before



Polish miners struck for three weeks last December. Strike wave brought down the government last week.

in postwar history. Unemployment now officially averages 14 percent and has risen in some areas to half of the workforce. Abortion, which used to be easily obtainable and affordable, has now been criminalized by a draconian new law. Salaries lag far behind price rises, with inflation running at 40 percent, while many unemployed and pensioners have to pick through garbage cans for food. The government’s plan for wholesale privatization of the state sector, which was finally passed by the Sejm in late April with the SdRP’s support, will mean still sharper attacks on living conditions and workers organizations.

Meanwhile there is an increasing clamor for a “strong hand” at the helm. The start of criminal proceedings recently against former Stalinist president Jaruzelski and several generals involved in the December 1981 crackdown which spiked Solidarność’ power bid has signaled a renewed anti-Communist furor. The fascist Confederation for an Independent Poland (KPN) of Leczek Muczulski, which has placed its members on “internal alert” and is preparing blacklists for future purges, put forward its own candidate for prime minister immediately after the no-confidence vote. On May 18 an ultrarightist, anti-Walesa faction of the Mazowsze Region (Warsaw area) Solidarność leadership marched on the Belweder presidential

palace calling for “God, Honor, Fatherland” and a purge to “cut the state from its Communist roots.” The demonstration was permeated with anti-Semitism and included a contingent of skinheads from the fascist NOP.

The same week, pro-Walesa Mazowsze Solidarność head Maciej Jankowski called for a “general strike” around a series of economic demands capped by the bonapartist call for a “crisis government above parties.” The Warsaw area WPZZ supported the strike call with a cover of “common economic demands,” but the central OPZZ leadership distanced themselves from what they called a “family” conflict. In the upshot, the strike call was widely ignored, even by the bulk of workers in Jankowski’s own base at the Lucchini steelworks. The strike was called off after Walesa warned against “playing with fire” in a private meeting with Jankowski, while insisting afterward that he would not allow the parliament to “meddle with the operation of the government.” Walesa, this would-be Pilsudski, has barely disguised his bonapartist ambitions, repeatedly threatening to dissolve parliament and form a “government of experts.” Now he is carrying out step one of his plans.

Walesa is justifiably cautious about wanting to mobilize the working class behind a bonapartist power bid. The new capitalist regime is brittle, and Walesa enjoys even less popularity than Suchocka. An upsurge of proletarian struggle could easily sweep away the entire ramshackle capitalist state apparatus. In Poland, as nowhere else in East Europe and the ex-USSR, a revolutionary struggle for proletarian power on the basis of authentic soviet democracy is a palpable possibility. Yet the SdRP and OPZZ misleaders, having taken their bankrupt politics to their logical conclusion by handing the bureaucratically deformed workers state to Walesa & Co., today strive for nothing more than to be loyal labor lieutenants of capitalism. The SdRP conference in March enthusiastically welcomed Walesa’s greetings, while today they wish him “to be successful” in not letting “Poland burn” (*Trybuna*, 22-23 May).

The treachery of the SdRP and OPZZ bureaucrats provides an opening for sinister outfits like the KPN, Fighting Sol-

idarity and Solidarność 80—led by anti-Semitic nationalist Marian Jurczyk—who employ economic militancy to promote a vicious chauvinist program. Meanwhile, various self-styled “revolutionary” and “Trotskyist” groups who backed Solidarność’ initial counter-revolutionary power bid to the hilt tail behind reactionary outfits like Solidarność 80. The Cliffite Socialist Solidarność, the *Dalej!* group (followers of Ernest Mandel) and the Morenoite-connected “Initiative Group for a Workers Party” all mingled shamelessly with the ultrarightist protesters on May 18. The Mandelites even had a leaflet for this anti-Communist demonstration.

The Polish proletariat is well-placed to play a leading role in reversing the counterrevolutionary tide which has immiserated the East European workers. To do so, it must reclaim its history of revolutionary, internationalist struggle—from the days of the tsarist empire to the anti-bureaucratic uprisings of 1956, 1970 and 1976. We Spartacists uniquely called in 1981 to “Stop Solidarność Counterrevolution!” Today the Spartakusowska Grupa Polski is fighting to build a party like the Bolshevik party of Lenin and Trotsky: a “tribune of the people” which recognizes the intrinsic link between the workers’ economic conditions and the defense of women, Jews, Roma, gays, and all the oppressed. For socialist revolution to sweep away Walesa and all the new exploiters! ■



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Spartacist Group of Poland in May Day demonstration last year called for “Worker/Minority Mobilizations to Smash Fascist Attacks.”

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Zionist Fingermen for Apartheid, Salvador Death Squads

ADL's Massive Spy Operation

SAN FRANCISCO—The unfolding revelations of its secret ties to various political police agencies have exposed the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) as spies for some of the deadliest regimes on the planet. Last October, an SF cop and former CIA agent Tom Gerard abruptly fled the country after the FBI questioned him. According to his buddy, local "art dealer" Roy Bullock, the two had been selling information on anti-apartheid activists to South African agents to the tune of some \$18,000. But when the story hit the newspapers in January, it came out that for decades, Bullock has been a paid spy for the ADL, an organization allegedly devoted to fighting anti-Semitism (see "ADL Connection to CIA/FBI Exposed," WV No. 570, 26 February).

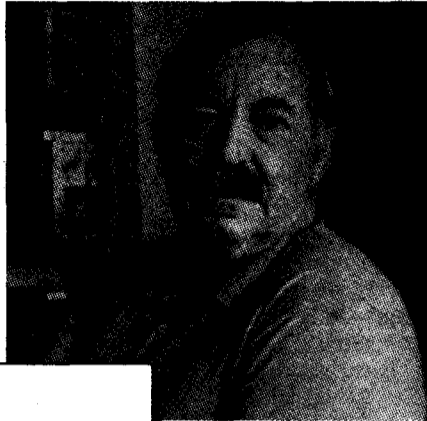
In April, after months of delay, the San Francisco district attorney finally released a 700-page mass of documents seized in December raids of Gerard and Bullock's premises and ADL offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Even the D.A.'s carefully selected revelations have blown the cover off the ADL's extensive network of agents (paid and unpaid) working closely with local police, the FBI and the BATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) of Waco infamy. The documents reveal a surveillance operation worthy of a medium-size imperialist intelligence service. Bullock and the ADL had accumulated some 12,000 dossiers, targeting more than 950 organizations. The files were broken down into five categories: "Skins," "Right," "Pinkos," "Arabs," "ANC."

Despite the ADL's carefully groomed public image of fighting right-wing extremists and anti-Semites, fascists like the KKK and Nazis are minor players in the ADL spy files. Fully a quarter of the list consists of Arab Americans. Others among the 12,000 include *Los Angeles Times* Johannesburg correspondent Scott Kraft, former Republican Congressman Pete McCloskey and political scientist Yigal Arens, the liberal Zionist son of the former Israeli war minister.

Organizations on the ADL's hit list range from the San Francisco Labor Council and International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union Locals 6 and 10 to the ACLU, the NAACP, the National Lawyers Guild and even the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Numerous gay rights groups and practically every left-wing organization in town is in the files. We're listed three times: under the FBI's preferred misspelling "Spartacist," the Partisan Defense Committee (PDC) and the Spartacus Youth League. McCloskey and other targets have launched a class-action law-



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565	SPARTICIST LEAGUE	INITIALS: PDC
566	STEVENS, HINDS AND WHITE ATTORNEYS	INITIALS: N29
567	STOP THE US WAR MACHINE ACTION NET.	INITIALS: PAX
568	STUDENT COAL. AGAINST APART. AND RAC.	INITIALS: SCAR
569	STUDENT PUGWASH	INITIALS: NICA

Ex-SF cop and Salvador CIA operative Tom Gerard (left) and Roy Bullock: ADL spies targeted thousands of Arab Americans, leftists, blacks and anti-apartheid fighters.

suit against the ADL charging violation of privacy.

"Fact Finders" and Fingermen

That the ADL's "fact finders" would go after leftists, Palestinian rights activists, and anyone else they perceive to be an enemy of the Israeli Zionist state, is not news. But as the "ANC" category makes clear, the Zionists' spooks also placed a heavy emphasis on tracking the anti-apartheid movement, as well as groups opposed to U.S.-backed military dictatorships in Central America. Bullock spied on South African Communist Party leader Chris Hani—recently gunned down by a fascist fanatic—when Hani visited the Bay Area in 1991. He also habitually searched the trash of the Christic Institute, a liberal group with a record of exposing U.S. support to Central American death squads and the Iran/Contra scandal.

The ADL and its allies are seeking to control the damage by getting official investigations squelched. Unaccustomed to being under the spotlight itself, the

ADL has deluged op-ed pages and letters columns with a wave of defensive non-denial denials. Typical is a *New York Times* (28 May) piece by ADL national director Abraham Foxman headlined "It's a Big Lie, Hailed by Anti-Semites." The pro-Israel *Times* so blatantly blacked out the story for months that even the *Washington Post* tweaked them for it. Another reply by Foxman in the *Village Voice* (18 May) pleaded that the ADL's "fact finders" are "directly analogous to investigative journalists" and swore that "ADL's primary concern is still the far right." Let's see.

The vast scope of this spy network is detailed in an extensive article by Robert Friedman in the *Village Voice* (11 May). Bullock is a fanatical anti-Communist whose career choice was inspired by reading *I Led Three Lives*, the epitome of Cold War trash propaganda. In 1957, three years before going on the ADL's payroll, he decided to go off to Moscow to do a report for the FBI on the World Youth and Student Festival.

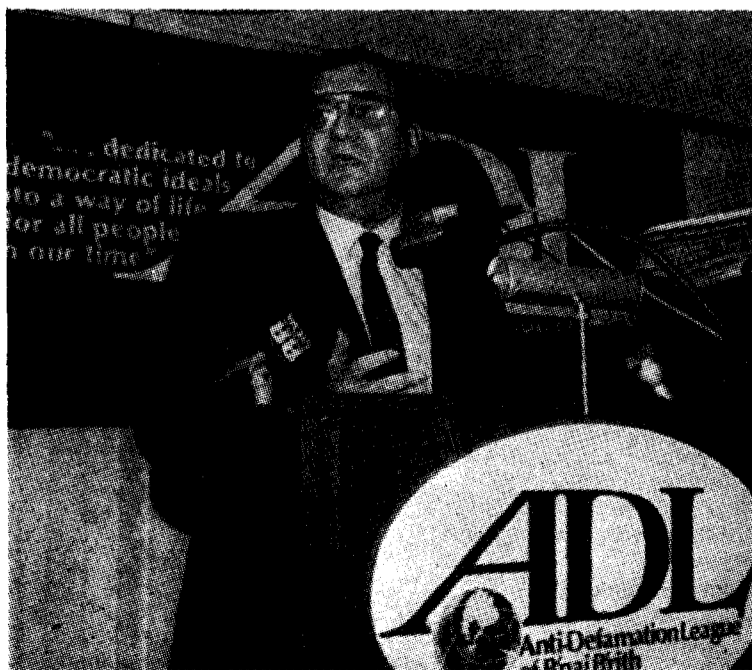
His sidekick Gerard left the SFPD for

three years to work for the CIA as a "demolitions expert" in El Salvador. The FBI, another of Gerard's former employers, is investigating him for possession of a secret CIA document found in a briefcase he had left behind before escaping to a remote Philippine hideout last October. The briefcase also included passports made out to Gerard under ten different names, a CIA "Interrogation Training" manual and grisly mementos of the death squads, like a black cloth hood and photos of chained and blindfolded men. Gerard was arrested at the SF airport as soon as he returned to the country on May 6. He now threatens to "blow the whistle" on "illegal CIA support of Central American death squads if he is indicted and tried for his suspected role" in the ADL spy scandal (*Los Angeles Times*, 27 April).

Bullock has his counterparts in a number of other American cities, including New York, Atlanta and St. Louis. The Chicago ADL office runs at least three undercover informants who, Friedman reports, not only monitor the large Arab community in the Midwest, but even videotape Palestinian funerals to identify those who attend. In Washington they have one Mira Boland, who graduated to the ADL after a 14-month stint in the CIA. L.A. "fact finder" David Gurvitz told the FBI that ADL files were filled with info on anti-apartheid groups—going back to the late '70s—when he signed on in 1989.

At the pinnacle of this massive spy operation is ADL chief "fact finder" Irwin Suall, whose department, writes Friedman, has become the "heart and soul" of the ADL. Friedman's description of him as a "repentant Trotskyite" to the contrary, Suall, today a diehard "neocon," got his start as national secretary of the State Department Socialist Party in the Cold War '50s. Liberal muckrakers Dennis King and Chip Berlet recall conversations with Suall some years ago where he ranted "that the chief domestic danger to American Jews was the American left—especially black leftists—backed by the Soviet Union. He argued that right-wing extremists, even those with high-level connections, were insignificant by comparison" (*New York Times*, 28 May). What the ADL means by "black leftists" can be gauged from the fact that Martin Luther King was also one of their targets.

In a transparent apology for the ADL in the *Wall Street Journal* (7 May), professional anti-Communist Stephen Schwartz claims that the ADL was simply "keeping files." But these files do not merely gather dust in musty archives. The ADL admits to sharing information with the FBI and other police agencies. Take the case of the L.A. Eight—seven



ADL director Abe Foxman (center), overseer of massive spy operation on behalf of apartheid butchers (left) and Israeli state terror against Palestinians.



WV Photo

San Francisco, May 6: Spartacists join demonstration outside ADL office to denounce spy operation.

Palestinians and a Kenyan studying in California, who face deportation as "subversives" for the thought crime of distributing political literature sympathetic to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The ADL first investigated them in 1987 and turned their names over to the FBI, who in turn got the INS to initiate deportation proceedings. Or how about Chicago grocer Mohammad Jarad, who was arrested on bogus charges while visiting his family in the West Bank and is still in an Israeli dungeon? His name was in the ADL files, too.

As the tens of thousands of Palestinians who have passed through concentration camps like Ansar III or the families of those who "mysteriously" died while in Shin Beth (political police) custody can testify, "due process" is not high on the list of Israeli legal practices. And it takes little imagination to figure out what happens to anti-racist activists and leftists returned to the tender mercies of the apartheid butchers or Central American death squad regimes.

The Tel Aviv-Pretoria Axis

To understand why a self-proclaimed "Jewish defense" organization would spy on South African and Central American activists, you have to look at what the big Zionist spymasters in Israel are up to. ADL Bay Area honcho Richard Hirschhaut claims "that the ADL is not affiliated with any governmental organization (domestic or foreign)" (*San Francisco Examiner*, 3 February). We don't know what Hirschhaut means by "affiliated," but as far back as 1961 ADL head Benjamin Epstein bragged that "Our information...has been of great value and service to both the United States State Department and the Israeli Government."

Former B'nai B'rith official Saul Jofes admitted in 1970 that "more often than not" the ADL does "the bidding of the government of Israel," while ex-CIA spy Victor Marchetti says bluntly that the ADL-Mossad connection was "common knowledge" in the Company. We ourselves have written about the extensive connections between the Israeli state and the ADL and other Zionist organizations in our articles, "ADL Red-baiters Defame Anti-Klan Protest" (WV No. 465, 18 November 1988) and "Alan Dershowitz: Lawyer for Zionist Lies and Spies" (WV No. 481, 7 July 1989).

And what is the bidding of the Zionist state? In his pamphlet *Israel's Global Role—Weapons for Repression* (1982), valiant Israeli anti-Zionist Israel Shahak, a survivor of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, pointed to "the most important ties which exist between the State of Israel and any other country, with the exception of the U.S.: South Africa." These ties go back well before the right-wing Begin government in 1977, contrary to most accounts of the

ADL scandal. "Labor" Zionist and first Israeli president Chaim Weizmann had a "deep friendship" with racist South African leaders like Jan Smuts. Begin's Irgun terror gang also had links with the South African regime in the 1930s, and Begin was later head of the Israel-South Africa Friendship League.

In 1976, South African prime minister Vorster visited Israel, after a trip to Pretoria by Israeli "Labor Party" leader Shimon Peres, to sign an extensive array of military and economic agreements. By 1980, the tiny Zionist garrison state was the world's seventh largest arms exporter, and the apartheid garrison state was a prime customer. Estimates of annual arms sales to Pretoria in the mid-'80s range as high as a billion dollars. Bank Leumi, owned by the World Zionist Organization, had extensive investments in South Africa, and the Zionist state was instrumental in developing South Africa's Armscor weapons industry.

During the sham international boycott of the apartheid regime, Israel was a major transshipment center for goods to and from South Africa. In turn, Israel imported South African raw materials, including uncut diamonds, about half of Israel's coal needs and...enriched uranium. After Israel conducted an A-bomb test off the South African coast in 1979, the *Washington Post* (13 September 1980) reported the existence of an "informal" nuclear alliance of South Africa, Israel and Taiwan.

Which brings us to Central America. Israel, of course, achieved notoriety as "Country 1" in the Contragate scandal.

League, headed by key Contragate operative Gen. Singlaub, who oversaw Israeli arms shipments to the Nicaraguan contras. A driving force in WACL is the sinister Moonie organization, which is connected to South Korean intelligence. Moon owns the *Washington Times*, which appears to have a curiously intimate relationship with the ADL. It was ADL "fact finder" Mira Boland's use of a stolen FBI dossier on the Nation of Islam for a *Washington Times* op-ed article which, according to Friedman, finally pushed the feds to move against the Zionist organization.

The Moonie paper has been even more tight-lipped about the ADL scandal than the *New York Times*. And when the ADL launched a massive smear campaign against a 1988 PDC-initiated labor/black mobilization against the Nazis in Philadelphia, it repeated violence-baiting slanders leveled by the *Washington Times* against a similar SL-initiated action in Washington in 1982 (which they were forced to retract by a PDC libel suit).

In addition to its profitable military-economic relationships with anti-Communist dictatorships, there was also an ideological affinity, particularly in the case of South Africa. As General Van De Berg, head of the South African State Security Office, put it: "You are surrounded by millions of enemies and so are we. The Arabs want to throw you into the sea. The blacks want to drive us out of Africa" (*Davar*, 20 February 1987; translated by Israel Shahak). This is the murderous logic that leads an organization which does the bidding of

the blatant anti-Semitism of the witch-hunt and denounced the legal murder of the Rosenbergs, the ADL sneered that "the cry of anti-Semitism may be the last refuge of insincere Communists."

As we noted earlier: "These defamation experts seek to be the 'authoritative' intelligence source against the left." In a February 1985 letter to San Francisco State University police, an ADL official wrote: "I hope we will be able to continue working on the Sparticus [sic] Youth League's activities" to "enhance the information we have already collected." A dozen SF State student groups were found in the ADL computer files, apparently spied upon by members of the campus Hillel Foundation, the B'nai B'rith youth group. Three years later the ADL went all-out to spike our Philadelphia action *against Nazis*. ADL New England Regional Executive member Alan Dershowitz took to the airwaves with a deliberate smear that the Spartacists "are as fascist and as racist and as non-civil-libertarian as the Ku Klux Klan." Philadelphia regional director Barry Morrison echoed Dershowitz's slander and urged the city to let the Klan "go ahead with what they plan to do."

We got the same treatment following a similar anti-fascist mobilization in Atlanta two months later. Professional redbaiter Harvey Klehr, who had prepared a 1988 "report" for the ADL on *The American Radical Left Today*, wrote an insidious piece in the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* (29 January 1989) to insinuate that rather than stopping the Klan, the SL and PDC were pursuing "another agenda." An internal memorandum to Suall dated the following day talked of "shared information" and "close contact with our friends in law enforcement," ominously noting: "The Spartacists are known to ADL for their participation in the recent demonstrations against the Klan in Philadelphia and Washington."

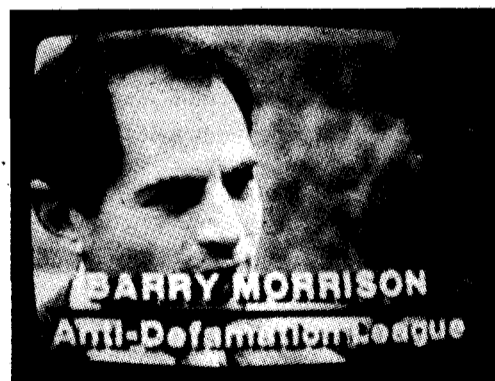
Replying to the ADL's smears in 1988, we commented: "The reason they choose to target the Spartacist League with their vile defamation is because, unlike practically all the left, with their impressionistic tailing after nationalism, we are the living refutation of their self-serving lie that anti-Zionism equals anti-Semitism. We defend the Palestinian people against the terror of the Israeli state, which is in the process of working up to trying genocide, and we oppose the Arab nationalist calls to 'drive the Jews into the sea.' The Trotskyist program of international socialist revolution offers a future to the Jewish people; Zionism has never offered anything but a deathtrap."

In the early 1950s, even some ADL members cautioned that it was becoming "an adjunct of the Israeli embassy, an agency of a foreign power." The ADL replied that American and Israeli interests could never conflict. But as Jonathan Jay Pollard, sentenced to life for spying for Israel, learned, the American ruling class only allows "dual loyalty" to go so far. (Interestingly, Pollard, whose sympathies lie with the fascistic Gush Emunim anti-Arab terrorists, was also connected to South African intelligence.) Now the ultra-respectable, "mainstream" ADL is finding its offices raided by the FBI, with whom it has collaborated for decades against their common "enemies" on the left.

This "Anti" Defamation League aids and abets some of the most racist, murderous forces on the face of the earth—from the Zionist stormtroopers in the Occupied Territories to the apartheid butchers and sadistic Central American death squads. But liberals and leftists who are now calling for the FBI to investigate the ADL are appealing to an even more murderous ruling class, whose butchery extends from the killing fields of Vietnam to the prairies around Waco, Texas. Accounts will be settled with all these mass murderers when the working class takes power and puts an end to the system of capitalist exploitation they defend. ■



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ADL spokesman launched vicious smear campaign aimed at sabotaging PDC-initiated Philadelphia mobilization against KKK and Nazis, November 1988.

In 1976, three Israeli generals were fêted by the Argentine death squad regime—and one by Pinochet as well—in the space of a month and a half, even as liberal Argentine Jews like Jacobo Timmerman were being tortured in dungeons bedecked with swastikas. By the late '70s, Latin American dictatorships had become a major market for Israeli arms and "anti-terrorist" training. In 1980, Israel accounted for fully 83 percent of El Salvador's arms purchases and, in its waning year, for 98 percent of the Nicaraguan Somoza dictatorship's weapons. Salvador's Colonel Sigfrido Ochoa, right-hand man of death squad leader D'Aubuisson, attended counter-insurgency courses given by Israeli trainers—as well as political warfare studies in Taiwan.

Taiwan and South Korea are the main sponsors of the World Anti-Communist

the Zionist state to spy not only on Palestinian and black organizations in the U.S., but on opponents of apartheid and of the Central American death squads.

ADL's War on the Left

Former ADL leader Arnold Forster says ADL spying goes back at least 50 years. With the onset of the Cold War, the ADL worked hand in hand with the FBI and the McCarthyite witchhunters of the House Un-American Activities Committee, inviting McCarthy himself to a secret "gin rummy" confab in 1951. The ADL's role in this division of labor was to especially target *Jewish* leftists, notifying HUAC in a secret memorandum that "The files of the ADL and AJC [American Jewish Committee] should be consulted about such witnesses" (*Jewish Life*, September 1953). Even as other Jewish groups distanced themselves from

Stop Attacks on Foreign Workers in Japan!

Tokyo May Day Leaflet

TOKYO—Foreign laborers, especially Iranians, are in the Japanese government's cross hairs as the current recession has rendered the more than 250,000 estimated undocumented workers expendable targets for harassment and deportation. On April 28, the Tokyo police quarantined the section of Yoyogi Park used by Iranians as a social center for more than three years. The cops expanded their Sunday patrols and carted off 102 foreign workers for arrest on May 9.

The government crackdown and media scapegoating of "illegal" immigrants (the *Japan Times*, for example, described Yoyogi Park as a gathering place for Iranians, "many of whom are suspected of being illegal laborers in Japan or of dealing in marijuana, opium and counterfeit telephone cards") have encouraged fascists to spew their racist poison. In the Nakano area, home to many foreigners living in Japan, a xenophobic right-wing flyer was posted calling for the expulsion of "bad foreigners" while demanding (in English), "Destroy Redneck Jewish America."

The number of immigrant workers in Japan, while fewer than in Europe, has grown sharply in recent years. Foreign laborers in Japan, the overwhelming majority of whom are undocumented, have come from more than 75 countries. Large numbers come from poorer Asian countries—the Philippines, Thailand, South Korea, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma)—as well as from Nigeria and Ghana. The newest groups are Peruvians and Brazilians of Japanese descent, and Iranians. One Iranian laborer expressed the growing fear among the immigrant community here: "I'm terrified to think that what is happening in Europe may also happen in this country."

The attack on these workers is part of a growing conservative climate, fueled by the economic downturn, in which the organized working class is taking a beating. The government has dispatched the military twice to Cambodia and now to Mozambique. The death penalty is being carried out again and, after a 20-year legal battle, the Education Ministry has won its fight to eliminate critical references to Japan's militaristic imperialist history from school textbooks. Now all media eyes are focused on the upcoming royal wedding, featuring an educated woman (a former student of Harvard boy Jeffrey Sachs, architect of "shock treatment" starvation policies from Bolivia

Demonstration against cop roundup of Iranian immigrants in Tokyo's Yoyogi Park. Spartacists demand "Full Citizenship Rights for Foreign Workers!"



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to Poland and Russia) giving up her high-level career to become a devoted imperial wife.

Most Japanese leftists and the labor movement have criminally ignored the responsibility to defend immigrant labor, some for shameful chauvinist reasons. A small section of the Zenrokyo labor federation, led by the left-wing social democrats of Kyokai-ha, recently held a meeting to publicize the issue, but their policy is to organize foreign workers into tokenistic separate unions, which will be incapable of defending their members while mirroring their segregation from the big battalions of labor in basic industry.

The parochialism and outright chauvinism of most of the left (which in the interests of tailing the sellout labor bureaucrats also ignores the desperate needs of other specially oppressed strata of the working people, like women workers and minorities born in Japan) renders them incapable of fighting for integrated industrial unions, full citizenship rights for foreign laborers, and labor/minority mobilizations to defend the oppressed. Even some liberal groups, like the young activists of Inoken, have taken a more forthright public stand against racism than most purported leftists. But a "go it alone" strategy, divorced from the social power of the proletariat, cannot successfully defend foreign workers.

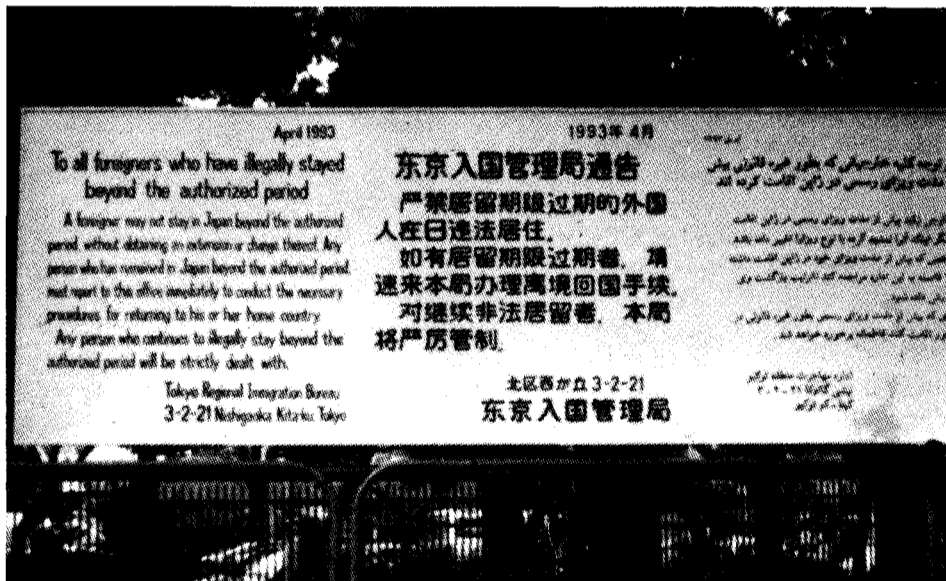
The Spartacist Group of Japan leaflet translated below was issued on May Day. Nearly 5,000 copies were distributed at two labor rallies held on May Day, despite attempts by Stalinist goons to prevent the expression of our communist views.

Stop the Harassment of Foreign Workers! No Deportations! For Labor/Minority Mobilizations to Defend Foreign Workers

On April 28th the government stepped up their attacks on foreign workers by

closing down "Little Teheran" in Yoyogi Park. This provocative and racist action was ostensibly done to "protect" newly planted azalea trees, but everybody knows its real purpose is to drive Iranians out of the park in preparation to drive them out of the country. As the economy continues to deteriorate, foreign workers are being scapegoated. The quarter of a million immigrant laborers here are denied basic civil rights, work the lowest paying 3-K ["hard, dirty, dangerous"]

industrial unions could break the racist exclusion of minorities from basic industry and reverse the past two takeaways *shuntos* [spring labor negotiations]. But standing in the way are the pro-company union bureaucrats and their fake-left tails. Their strategy is to beg for crumbs from the corrupt Liberal Democratic Party government and only mobilize their base to pressure the reformist parliamentary opposition, who think they can administer the capitalist state better than the



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Sign erected by police in Yoyogi Park warns that "illegal" immigrants "will be strictly dealt with."

jobs and are easy targets for the government, which sees them as expendable. If labor doesn't stop the government from driving Iranians out of the public parks to set them up for deportation, then who's next? Fascist posters, with a swastika prominently displayed, have been put up in many of Tokyo's parks calling for the expulsion of foreigners. That the fascists felt emboldened enough to venture outside of their sound trucks, and spew their filth unmolested in public parks, is indicative of the escalating attacks on the entire working class. The Japanese labor movement must make a strong and decisive stand because defense of immigrant labor is defense of all workers in this country.

This issue has been virtually ignored by all three labor federations and by most of the left. This insularity and chauvinist indifference to the plight of immigrant laborers plays right into the hands of the government's strategy to divide and weaken the working class. Minority workers like burakumin [Japan's "untouchables"] and Koreans, *arbeiter* [temporary] women workers, and foreign laborers must be organized into common industrial unions with other Japanese workers. Japanese labor must champion the fight for full citizenship rights for all non-Japanese workers. Integrated

capitalists. We need a genuine Leninist party that as a tribune of the people fights for a workers republic that would welcome the contributions made by foreign workers to this society.

May Day is our holiday and a militant, united rally should have been organized in Yoyogi Park, where the fences could have been easily removed and all working people could enjoy the parks under the protection of the labor movement. The Spartacist Group Japan (SGJ) sees mobilizations of labor, minority groups and foreign workers as the key weapon to spike these escalating government attacks, and prevent the rightists from organizing the kind of neo-Nazi terror that has reared its ugly and murderous head in Europe. These growing attacks on foreign workers are an example of what the New World "Disorder" means for working people. With the collapse of the Soviet workers state, which held imperialism's nuclear hand at bay for decades, interimperialist rivalries are intensifying and Japanese imperialism seeks to rearm and police its economic interests in Asia and elsewhere. But standing in its way is the industrial proletariat, which wields a tremendous amount of social power. Now is the time to use it—an injury to one is an injury to all! ■

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Protest Mass Murderers Reno and Powell!

Harvard Commencement

bury Community College; Spartacist League; Young Communist League (Rhode Island). [*Organizational affiliation for identification purposes only.]*

For Harvard's upcoming commencement of law students and the Class of '93, the administration is showcasing two of the bloodiest recipients of official crimson acclaim in recent memory. On June 9th, Clinton's new attorney general Janet Reno will be the Harvard Law School's commencement speaker, exactly 50 days since she ordered the assault on the Waco religious sect causing the fiery massacre of 86 innocent people, including 25 children. This grotesque FBI assault against the Branch Davidians was carried out, as the government put it, for "espousing doctrines hostile to law enforcement." The next day, Harvard will be giving an honorary degree to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell, who directed the slaughter of over 100,000 Iraqis during the Gulf War and was the architect of the U.S. invasion of Panama that left thousands of Panamanians in mass graves. Reno and Powell on campus should be met with protest from students and all decent people on June 9th and 10th!

By bringing two fresh-from-the-kill government officials to America's premier finishing school for the ruling class, Harvard faithfully pushes for public approval of Clinton's new "Politically Correct" administration. Janet Reno has "proved her bones" to the powers that be that she is just as capable as any man in carrying out cold-blooded murder of children in Waco. And Colin Powell has earned his medals for "Operation Desert Slaughter," as he carries out the Pentagon's racist subjugation of people across the globe, especially Africans, Asians and Latin Americans.

Widespread anger has erupted on campus over Colin Powell's opposition to overturning the military's long-standing ban on gays. As Marxists, we oppose anti-gay bigotry in all spheres of life, including the military. However, many supporters of gay rights are eagerly enlisting in the cause of imperialist militarism, which is a threat to all of the oppressed, especially now with the U.S. racist "white man's burden" intervention in Somalia and as Clinton gears up for terror-bombing in the Balkans.

The Spartacus Youth Club urgently calls on all organizations and individu-



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als to join together in a united-front picket line protest against Janet Reno on June 9th, 2:00 p.m. at Austin Hall, and Colin Powell on June 10th, 1:00 p.m. at Holyoke Center, under the following slogans:

- Protest Janet Reno—U.S. Government's Top Cop, Guilty of Mass Murder in Waco!

- Protest War Criminal Colin Powell! Down with the Racist U.S. War Machine! End the Ban on Gays!

All organizations and individuals that endorse these slogans are encouraged to bring their own signs, banners, literature and have their own speaker. If you want to join and help build this protest, contact the Spartacus Youth Club (SYC) at (617) 492-3928. ■



Walker/Time

We reprint here a call issued by the Harvard Spartacus Youth Club for united-front protests against Attorney General Janet Reno and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell, at Harvard University. As we go to press the demonstrations have been endorsed by: Bill Andriette, editor, NAMBLA Bulletin; Linda C. Bowman, member, Joint Exec. Board, SEIU Local 509*; Communist Party (Rhode Island, Central Massachusetts chapters); The Lucy Parsons Center; James H. Neil, Assistant Chief Shop Steward for Harvard Dining Services workers, Local 26, HERE*; Partisan Defense Committee; People in Solidarity with the Caribbean and Central America (Worcester, MA); Rafael Pereira, Associate Professor, Rox-

Defend Abortion Clinics Against "Operation Rescue" Terrorists!

SAN FRANCISCO—The "right to life" terrorists of the sinister "Operation Rescue" promise a long, hot summer of harassment and violence against women seeking abortions and the doctors and clinic staffs that provide them. O.R.'s "abortion buster" manual reportedly instructs their hit squads: "think of yourself as a guerrilla warrior who strikes in the back and retreats." It was in just such a cowardly attack that Dr. David Gunn was gunned down in Pensacola, Florida. Emboldened by that cold-blooded murder, Operation Rescue now threatens to blockade abortion clinics around the

country from July 9 through July 19.

In a warm-up for their summer siege, Operation Rescue converged on San Jose on May 22, hosted by right-to-life bigot Rev. Keith Tucci, who says, "Do you know the way to San Jose?" should be the message of pro-lifers in California this summer." But "Hit the road, Jack and don't you come back" was the message delivered by a youthful crowd of some 100 abortion clinic defenders who traveled to San Jose to counter O.R.

Hundreds of women and men need to be mobilized—from the campuses to the communities to powerful contingents

from the union movement—to defend abortion clinics from the god squad hit squads. But bourgeois feminist organizations like the National Organization for Women (NOW) are satisfied that their agenda has been achieved with the election of Bill and Hillary Clinton, and they're not about to endanger their entrée in the White House by coming out in defense of the clinics this summer. What "abortion rights" means for the Democrats and their feminist toadies is limited to them that's rich enough to afford it and old enough not to be oppressed by parental consent "squeal rules."

Addressing the clinic defenders in San Jose, Spartacus Youth Club member Skye White said:

"Does feminism mean 'women's liberation'? No way! Bourgeois feminists only want the right to abortion for their class because they want an equal right to run capitalism. This does not include liberation for women at the bottom—they intend to exploit these women. Women's oppression is deeply rooted in class-divided society. Only a multiracial Leninist vanguard party can overthrow this deeply racist and sexist system."

Defend the clinics! Take a stand! Free abortion on demand! ■



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Rally against "Operation Rescue" terrorists in San Jose, California. Spartacists say "Labor: Defend the Clinics!"

Miami: Killer Cop Lozano Walks

MAY 28—The cop who blew away two black men on a motorcycle in the Miami ghetto of Overtown, on Martin Luther King Day in January 1989, has been found innocent even of the charge of manslaughter. While killer cop William Lozano celebrated, the outrage of black Miami was met with swift, massive intimidation by cops from every police agency in the state. Riot squads in fleets of police cars descended with lights flashing wherever people gathered. A 100-block area of Overtown, Liberty City and Coconut Grove was cordoned off. The National Guard was lined up along 15th Street four-deep behind the barricades and checkpoints. So far at least 60 have been arrested.

The verdict is an insult to all of black America. As in the brutal cop assault of Rodney King in Los Angeles, the police say the motorcycle driven by Clement Anthony Lloyd, 23, was speeding. Cop Lozano claims he shot to save his life as the cycle barreled down at him. But at Lozano's first trial, five black eyewitnesses from Overtown all said that Lozano stepped into the street, tracked the motorcycle as it traveled on the *opposite* side, aimed and fired from a two-handed stance. For this deliberate slaying of Lloyd and the death of his passenger Allan Blanchard, 24, a multi-ethnic Miami jury convicted Lozano of manslaughter in 1990.

The verdict was tossed out because the government said the jury was influenced by the fear of a "riot" if Lozano was let off, which jurors categorically denied. After being shifted around the state several times, the appeals trial was

finally held in Orlando, home of Disney World and a notorious bastion of "law and order" conservatism. Earlier, an Orlando jury acquitted Lozano's cop partner of perjury for her testimony in the first trial. In this Mickey Mouse trial, every juror seated had stated his or her role models were police. Lozano's attorney pleaded with the jury not to convict "one of our police officers."

In this setting, the acquittal of Lozano was foreordained. Referring to the white-flight enclave outside L.A. where a jury last year acquitted the racist cops who mercilessly beat Rodney King to within an inch of his life, many blacks called Orlando the Simi Valley of Florida. A black attorney bitterly pointed out that even a videotape of the racist cop brutality gives only a 50-50 chance of conviction. Here the testimony of live witnesses was dismissed.

Four times in the last decade Miami has exploded after cops killed blacks and got off. Miami's blacks are penned up in compacted ghettos, living hemmed in on all sides by freeways or, in the case of many of the homeless, under them. Overtown and Liberty City are not unlike the notorious Krome Avenue Detention Center (where caged Haitians wait to be deported).

Miami today, largely Hispanic, is politically dominated by the Cuban gusanos, along with the Colombian drug mafia, Nicaraguan contras and right-wing ex-dictators and their hangers-on from all over Latin America. Miami's gusano mayor Xavier Suarez runs the city in the interests of Little Havana

Ghettos Under Police Siege



Miami cops beat black man after acquittal of killer cop William Lozano. AP

and the money-laundering banks, fostering racial divisions and using a heavily Hispanic police force as a jackboot on the neck of blacks. But by the same token, integrated labor-centered mobilization against cop brutality in

the home of "Miami Vice" would send shock waves through the continent. The multiracial working class has the power to sweep away the armed thugs of this capitalist state and its gusano henchmen.

Germany...

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Bonn-Cologne airport, leading to the cancellation of several flights. The two million Turks in Germany, although barred from becoming citizens, have deep roots in their adopted country. The murdered Turkish family had lived in Solingen for 24 years, and the children were born there. The father, Durmus Genc, was working night shift in a nearby plant, returning home to find his family members incinerated. The hundreds of thousands of Turkish workers like him occupy strategic positions in the heart of heavy industry, and can bring coal pits and metal plants throughout the Ruhr grinding to a halt.

Viewing the infernal scene at Solingen, some Turkish workers said: "If they

won't defend us, we will do it ourselves. We will defend our children from the assassins." Fearing such an utterly just reaction, German TV repeatedly played a tape of Turkish prime minister Inonu appealing for calm. Now the media are escalating warnings "against violence," particularly a joint statement by Rau and Kohl which "warned against vigilante justice and threatened to deport rebellious Turks." As in Rostock, the police, far from "protecting" Turkish victims, will be used to go after those who would stop the fascist terror bands.

We say Turks and other immigrants must not fight alone. The SpAD intervened in demonstrations that brought out tens of thousands from Solingen to Berlin, calling for mobilizing the social power of the organized working class, including its strategic component of immigrant workers, to sweep the Nazi scum off the streets and break

up the murderers' hideouts. Organized squads of workers, made up of combative unionists together with anti-fascist youth and others, must *now* take up defense of immigrant centers and hostels, and undertake well-aimed actions against the Nazi thugs. This must be combined with workers action to stop the deportations.

A forceful call for workers mobilization would find a tremendous response. In recent weeks, the Kohl government and the social-democratic "opposition" have declared war on virtually the entire working population. In addition to getting rid of the right to asylum, under the guise of a "solidarity pact" between the government and the social democrats a whole range of cutbacks have been undertaken, from unemployment insurance to social programs. The CDU/FDP coalition is planning to take back provisions for sick pay that were

won by the IG Metall union in 1957 in a hard-fought 16-week strike. IG Metall has threatened to strike over the issue.

Meanwhile, the day after the Bundestag's racist asylum decision, the Federal Constitutional Court took away the abortion rights that east German women still had under the old DDR regulations. West German women are also hit by this decision, as the "compromise decision" on abortion rights worked out by the Bundestag parties last year was sharply cut back. While abortion in the first trimester will not be "punishable," it is now officially illegal. In addition to state-controlled obligatory "consultations" (brainwashing) "for the protection of unborn life," medical insurance will no longer pay for the procedure. So women who can afford to pay will be able to terminate an unwanted pregnancy, but not working and unemployed women (60 percent of all women in the east). The Spartakists fight for free abortion on demand.

Throughout East Europe, from the DDR to Warsaw and Moscow, women and immigrants have been the first victims of counterrevolution, which has brought mass impoverishment, racist pogroms and Nazi terror. But throughout Europe, the capitalist attacks have also provoked workers' resistance. It's not accidental that Bonn's full-scale offensive against the working people was unleashed immediately after the end of the solid strike by almost 40,000 east German metal and steel workers. With unemployment in the east over 50 percent, the bosses saw the opportunity to rip up the contracts calling for wages in the east to be raised to 80 percent of the west German level by April 1. But hundreds of thousands of workers, east and west, answered this provocation and the planned mass layoffs in steel with protest demonstrations and warning strikes from February on.

Just as the two-week strike was to be extended to all the states of the former DDR, and after wildcat strikes at

Worker/Immigrant Mobilization to Smash Fourth Reich Terror!

The following leaflet was issued by our comrades of the Spartakist Workers Party of Germany on May 29 for an emergency protest in Berlin on the day that Nazis murdered five Turkish women and girls by firebombing a house in Solingen in the Ruhr district.

Drive the Nazis Out of Their Rat Holes!

After Mölln there were discussions in the factories about self-defense. Now we must mobilize the power that can stop the terror gangs, above all the organized working class with its powerful component of immigrants.

Like the mass unemployment which breeds these murder bands, Nazi terror comes out of capitalist reunification, which was spearheaded by the SPD. Counterrevolution throughout East Europe and the former Soviet Union unleashed racist terror and attacks on workers, minorities, and on women and the right to abortion. In Italy the fascists have started up again with their "strategy

of tension." But throughout Europe the workers are resisting. The public workers strike in May of last year and the recent east German steel and metal workers strike have shown that the workers can and will fight. It is necessary for the working class to take power in order to end Nazi terror once and for all.

As we did on January 30, the 60th anniversary of Hitler's takeover, in calling on the trade unions and anti-fascist youth in organizing the successful defense of an immigrant hostel in Berlin, it is now necessary to drive the fascists out of their rat holes in an organized and powerful way and mobilize the workers to beat back Bonn's decision on asylum. Outbreaks of impotence and despair lead to nothing. **The hour has struck for organizing well-directed workers action against the fascist murderer gangs.** ■

Targets of Hitler's Holocaust and the Fourth Reich

Stop Deportations of Gypsies from Germany!

When the Bonn parliament gutted the right of asylum last week, one of its main targets were the Roma and Sinti (Gypsies), one of the largest groups of refugees arriving in Germany fleeing persecution in East European countries where the re-establishment of capitalist rule has brought an explosion of nationalism. Almost daily there are charter flights from Berlin and Frankfurt transporting Roma deportees back to Romania. Meanwhile, a treaty has been signed with Warsaw setting up German-financed "collection" camps for refugees expelled to Poland. And the Federal Border Police has stepped up patrols on the eastern borders, including establishing a corps of racist vigilante deputies.

On May 16, Roma and Sinti organizations occupied a former Nazi concentration camp near Hamburg, where they faced hundreds of police. Later in the week the symbolic occupation was threatened with violent fascist attack. Supporters of the Spartakist Workers Party of Germany (SpAD) participated in the protest and in the defense of the encampment. In addition, the SpAD and the Spartakusowska Grupa Polski (SGP), German and Polish sections of the International Communist League (Fourth Internationalist), issued the following joint declaration on May 14:

Defend Roma and Sinti Through Worker/Immigrant Mobilization!

500,000 Roma and Sinti were murdered in the Nazi Holocaust. And now in the Fourth Reich of reunified German imperialism, from the Ruhr to Rostock the Roma and Sinti are always among the first targets of the Christian Democratic (CDU) and Social Democratic (SPD) deporters, as well as of the Nazi murder bands in the streets, in Bonn, Düsseldorf, Hamburg and Saarbrücken. On May 16 the Roma National Congress is launching a series of actions to protest against the deportation policy of the bourgeoisie of Auschwitz. They will occupy the area of the former Neuengamme concentration camp near Hamburg and have announced they will be blockading the border between Germany and Poland. Neuengamme was a collection center for slave laborers holding Roma as well as Western Communists, including Belgian Trotskyists, and Red Army prisoners of war.

The SPD government of Hamburg has declared Neuengamme a "forest pre-

serve" and surrounded it with police patrols. It threatens to stop the protest with cop terror and clear out the occupied areas, just as it brutally did with a similar protest in 1989. We have also not forgotten—and protested at the time—that Mayor Voscheraus (SPD) sent hundreds of police to drag away and arrest orthodox Jews who sought to stop the desecration of a Jewish cemetery in Hamburg-Ottensen which was once destroyed by Nazis. Today, we Trotskyists solidarize with the just protest of the Roma and Sinti, whose aim is to attract international recognition of the plight of this people who were the victims of Nazi mass murder. We Spartakists appeal centrally to the organized working class to defend the Roma and Sinti. Join in the May 16 protest! Stop the deportations!

May 16 is the 53rd anniversary of the beginning of deportations of Sinti and Roma to Nazi-occupied Poland, which ended with their murder in the gas chambers of Auschwitz. The planned actions take place only days after ratification of the racist treaty with Poland, whereby the Roma will be deported to a hell of misery and pogroms, and Walesa's counterrevolutionary regime will be rewarded for its efforts with blood money from the "Federal Bank Republic." "German money will be used to arm the Polish 'border guards' in order to 'defend' the German border against Roma refugees, overwhelmingly women and children" (*Press-Info* of the Roma National Congress, 5 May). The SpAD and the SGP demand: Down with the racist German-Polish treaty! Full citizenship rights for all immigrants!

In Poland itself, clerical-nationalist Solidarność in power has encouraged a sharp rise in anti-Semitism and racist mob attacks on Roma. On the eve of the 50th anniversary of the heroic Warsaw Ghetto uprising, the Walesa regime grotesquely "rehabilitated" the World War II pogromist gangs of the NSZ, after pushing through a draconian ban on abortion. Hand in hand with this clericalist crusade goes the immiseration of the working class. But the Polish proletariat has awakened from its intoxication with Solidarność, and in the past two years there has been a virtually continuous series of strikes against the capitalist regime, including massive strikes by copper miners and metal workers last summer and by coal miners in December. Down with Solidarność capitalist reaction, anti-Roma racism and anti-



German Spartakists participate in occupation of a former concentration camp near Hamburg to protest deportations of Gypsies.

Semitism! Workers to power!

The bourgeoisie of Auschwitz wants to once again make Germany "free of Roma." In the late '80s, Johannes Rau, SPD prime minister of the state of Nordrhein-Westfalen, initiated a "pilot project" to build camps in Macedonia to which Roma and Sinti could be deported. The counterrevolution in the DDR (East Germany) and the destruction of the deformed workers states of East Europe gave frightful encouragement to racist and anti-Semitic terror. Now that German imperialism has pushed through the counterrevolution, Greens like Cohn-Bendit want to send the Bundeswehr to the former Yugoslavia to demonstrate the power of reunified Germany. And now they want to set up immigration quotas to keep the victims of misery and racist terror at a distance. In the face of growing racist terror, the PDS (Party of Democratic Socialism) demands more cops, who either stand aside or, as in the case of Rostock, openly support the Nazi murderers. It was there that anti-fascists like the Nazi-hunters Beate, Serge and Arno Klarsfeld were arrested because they tried to place a plaque on the Rostock city hall commemorating the Nazi genocide of the Roma and Sinti, and because they protested against the German-Romanian deportation treaty. We Spar-

takists warned that capitalist reunification would sharply escalate mass unemployment and nationalism, and today as then we fight for a red Germany of workers councils as part of a United Socialist States of Europe.

Today the east German metal and foundry workers, from Eisenhüttenstadt to Zwickau, are on strike against the consequences of reunification. They can win only if this spreads to a full strike east and west. It is necessary and possible to link the economic struggles of the workers with the political demands of all immigrants and minorities. For that we need a Leninist party that acts as tribune of all the oppressed. In this struggle immigrant workers will play a key role. The strike pickets must not only defend themselves against strikebreakers, but also defend the immigrant hostels against fascist attacks and police raids. Pilots, crews and air controllers have the power to stop the deportation flights. As we wrote in 1989, when Voscherau made the concentration camp area of Neuengamme "free of Roma": "The organized workers movement, together with immigrant organizations, has the power to defend the democratic rights and the right to live for all the oppressed. This power can and must be mobilized to stop the deportations of Roma and Sinti!" ■

Mercedes-Benz in Stuttgart raised the possibility of extending the strike to the economic powerhouse of west German industry, IG Metall's SPD leadership under Franz Steinkühler suddenly called it off. The "compromise" deal touched off a revolt by metal workers in East Berlin and Brandenburg, and only two weeks later were the union tops and the bosses able to push through a slightly "sweetened" pact—over the opposition of the majority of union members (only 46 percent voted for). Under German law, it takes a 75 percent vote to call a strike, but only 25 percent "yes" votes are necessary to call it off!

Many militant workers, already irate over breaking off the strike, have now been sickened by the spectacle of Steinkühler, with his cushy positions as a member of the board at Daimler-Benz, VW and Thyssen, using his insider information (plus a million D-marks) to celebrate the sellout of the strike by making a killing on the stock market. The IG Metall leader has since resigned, but the case of this leading union

chief is symptomatic of the whole social-democratic "German model" of class collaboration. Today the "German model" of "co-participation" is a thing of the past, as the German capitalists go on the offensive in the post-Cold War world. No longer constrained to offer the attractions of a welfare state to compete with the Stalinist regimes of the East, they have laid off half a million workers since early 1992 and are taking an ax to social programs down the line.

The grisly pictures from Solingen which have shocked the world are part of the all-sided reactionary onslaught by the Fourth Reich. But the fascist terror, attacks on women, mass unemployment, wage slashing and takebacks, as well as the drive to deploy the Bundeswehr from Africa to Yugoslavia, can be defeated by a concerted mobilization of working-class power, against the capitalists and the reformist labor lieutenants. It is to building a class-struggle, internationalist leadership, a Leninist-Trotskyist party to lead the fight for socialist revolution, that the SpAD is dedicated. ■

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capitalist parties. Today, fully one in seven people in the U.S. grow up speaking a language other than English, and 22 percent of California's population in 1990 was foreign-born. In the Bay Area, there is a long-established large Asian community: the 1990 census revealed over a quarter of San Francisco's population is from Asia and the Pacific Islands.

As the U.S. recession deepened in California last year and the state faced a budget "crisis," Republican governor Pete Wilson launched a vicious campaign to blame it on "welfare bums," and the Democrats led by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown made a deal for murderous cuts in social services. Now the new fiscal year is coming on July 1 and the "recession" has turned into a bottomless pit, as the official unemployment rate hovers near 10 percent. So Wilson is gearing up for Round Two: this time the target is "illegal immigrants," who are portrayed as a "burden" on the state's shrinking treasury.

This is a call for official and unofficial racist terror against immigrant minorities. The big media guns have taken the cue. "Racists or Realists?" queried the *San Francisco Examiner* (21 March), picturing demonstrators in Los Angeles holding signs saying "Stop Illegal Immigration." In Los Angeles, following the upheaval last year over the racist acquittal of the cops who beat Rodney King, right-wing candidate Richard Riordan is appealing for a backlash vote, whipping up fear of minorities, while his "progressive" Democratic opponent Michael Woo calls for the deportation of "illegals" who are "charged with felonies or serious misdemeanors" (*Los Angeles Times*, 5 May).

More than two dozen bills aimed at immigrants have been introduced into the California legislature this year, many of them introduced by right-wing Republican Richard Mountjoy, who rode into the Assembly in 1978 on the crest of the Proposition 13 "movement" to slash social services. On April 12 the state cut off funds for an array of non-emergency and post-emergency health care services for undocumented residents formerly covered by Medi-Cal. A Marin County emergency room physician said, "It's not going to save money and it's scapegoating these people.... The attitude is, 'They can wash our toilets, take care of our babies, and rake our leaves, but by God, don't let them get sick or we'll send them back'" (*San Francisco Sunday Examiner*, 11 April). And now, under Hillary Clinton's proposed "universal" health coverage program, undocumented immigrants are to be excluded!

Many of the legislature's proposed bills would try in one way or another to bar "illegal aliens" from attending public schools—one would require schools to act as cops by checking on the legal status of their students. Another bill calls for the National Guard to patrol the U.S.-

Hated *migra* border cops round up "illegal" immigrants on California's Imperial Beach.

Der Spiegel



Mexican border and authorizes them to arrest suspected "illegals." Other bills would make it a felony to be an undocumented immigrant, order a study to build a prison in Baja California (Mexico) for undocumented immigrants, deny worker's compensation benefits to undocumented workers, require proof of citizenship or legal residence in order to apply for public housing or obtain a driver's license. The DMV recently started requiring that applicants for a driver's license produce a valid Social Security card, a measure obviously directed at immigrants and an illegal abuse of the Social Security system.

Post Cold War Immigration Politics

Particularly in the post-World War II era, the American ruling class promoted the image of immigrants seeking "refuge" in the "land of the free" as a propaganda weapon in the anti-Soviet Cold War. This anti-Communist policy is also deeply racist: a Cuban pilot who hijacked his own planeload of passengers from Castro's Cuba was welcomed and immediately resettled in Miami, but black Haitians fleeing a U.S.-backed dictatorship are jailed and deported by the boatload.

But with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the U.S. no longer needed to promote the "refuge" propaganda anymore. (Of course, if you're a Russian nuclear scientist, you're still welcome.) Thus the INS policies on immigration are coming under fire because, as one former Department of Labor official put it, "the fall of communism took away the political glue" (*New York Times*, 25 April).

Increasingly, immigrants are portrayed as "the enemy within." More than half of those arrested in the multiracial protests that shook Los Angeles last year were Latinos. Beginning at the height of those upheavals, from the Bay Area to the Mexican border, the INS went on a binge of deportations. Thousands of immigrants were arrested and

over 900 were deported from L.A. last spring, with no outcry from the integrated labor movement—thus signaling open season on foreign-born workers and their families.

In doling out the few jobs in the motley "rebuild L.A." program, authorities played off blacks against Latinos. To intensify mass resentment against the "foreigners," Governor Wilson has in-



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Chinese organizers for the Industrial Workers of the World. IWW fought for international class solidarity.

vented a fictitious "imbalance" between "taxpayers" and "tax receivers." But refugee rights organizations point to the fact that undocumented workers and their families vastly underutilize public services to which they are entitled for fear of coming to the attention of the hated *migra* and being deported. And of course, as the *San Francisco Examiner* (12 January) reported on its four-month investigation:

"In the worst cases, they are beaten, raped, treated as indentured servants. More commonly they are made to work under conditions forbidden by law, for illegally low wages. Some people hire them, then refuse to pay them, knowing the workers cannot complain to authorities."

The same *Examiner* series quoted studies showing that "the 11 million immigrants who work in America earn \$240 billion a year, pay \$90 billion in taxes, while taking only \$5 billion in welfare."

The official backlash campaign is spawning dangerous rightist organizations, such as the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which has over half its 60,000 national membership in California. Their national director Dan Stein threatens that unless the immigration system changes, "we're going to have a bloody battle." Barbara

Coe of the California Coalition for Immigration Reform, one of a network of 20 such groups of anti-immigrant bigots statewide, said, "You get illegal alien children, Third World children, out of our schools, and you will reduce the violence" (*San Francisco Examiner*, 2 April).

"Immigration control" means death for Haitians, Mexicans, Central Americans and Asians. One brutal example is the case of Dario Miranda Valenzuela, a 26-year-old Mexican father of two, who was murdered by INS Border Patrol agent Michael Elmer. Valenzuela was shot 12 times with an unauthorized semi-automatic weapon, hit twice in the back trying to run back to Mexico after attempting to cross into Nogales, Arizona. For the first time in the history of the U.S. Border Patrol, charges of first-degree murder were brought against one of their agents. In a scene reminiscent of the Rodney King verdict, Elmer was declared not guilty by a jury of eleven Anglos and one Mexican American.

Labor Bureaucrats Back Capitalism and Bigotry

The American labor movement has a particularly sordid history on immigration questions. The few unions which existed in the late 19th century usually excluded Chinese and were involved in anti-Chinese pogroms. Jack London, who was a big "name" in the Socialist Party, was notorious for spewing "yellow peril" filth and pushing jingoist pro-imperialist propaganda on war—he supported U.S. imperialist aggression in Mexico and ended up supporting entry into World War I. In contrast, the revolutionary syndicalists of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) organized Mexican miners and farm workers north and south of the border, and tried to start the Mexican Revolution in Baja California. They were jailed by the thousands for their opposition to the imperialist war. "Wobbly" leader Big Bill Haywood fought against U.S. intervention into Mexico, and denounced the phony "partnership" between labor and capital promoted by reactionary craft unionists like AFL leader Samuel Gompers, who refused to charter an Oxnard, California agricultural union if it included Asians. On the whole the labor movement has been dominated by hoary chauvinists like George Meany and his student Lane Kirkland.

Today the U.S. is the fifth-largest Spanish-speaking country in the world, and in Los Angeles Latinos are now 40 percent of the population (but only 17 percent of the voters), officially surpassing whites as the largest racial/ethnic group. California's population is 25 percent Hispanic. Once again these immigrant workers are a force for labor militancy. While the number of unionized workers nationally has dwindled to an all-time low, the unionization of immigrant workers in service industry jobs in L.A. has shot up.

A workforce of mainly Latino janitors

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working class against the capitalists. The millionaire-club Regents serve the same ruling class that is stopping black immigration from Haiti at gunpoint, and the same ruling class that is trying to starve the Cuban population into submission. We say *Defend Cuba!* and *Down with the racist blockade of Haiti!*

LBL spokesman Joë Sol noted that "Anti-immigrant racism has a long and ugly history in California. Hard-working Chinese and Mexican workers were brutally exploited in the building of the transcontinental railroad.... We must fight to build a revolutionary leadership of labor, a revolutionary workers party to overthrow the bloody rule of capitalist exploiters through socialist revolution

here in America and worldwide."

The demonstration was covered not only by two local TV stations but also by two Chinese newspapers, the *World Journal* and *Sing Tao Daily*. Speaking on KPIX-TV Channel 5 for the Partisan Defense Committee, Peter Atkins explained that behind the recent wave of migration from China, "what was known as the 'iron rice bowl,' that people had at least the basic necessities of life, is being shattered by their so-called market 'reforms,' and the inequalities of unemployment and corruption are being introduced into society by these pro-capitalist policies."

The fate of the American working class is intertwined with that of the Chinese and the entire world. As the demonstrators chanted, "Asian, Latin, black and white—Workers of the world unite!" ■

South Africa...

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force arsenal in Pretoria (clearly an inside job), and the subsequent arrests of senior Conservative Party Member of Parliament Clive Derby-Lewis and his wife Gaye, the police claimed there was no evidence to support a widespread right-wing conspiracy behind the assassination!

In fact, Derby-Lewis' links with worldwide fascist networks are legion: he is the president of "Western Goals," an outfit which hails dictators such as Franco, Salazar, Pinochet, Stroessner, Somoza, Chiang Kai-shek and the Shah of Iran. Derby-Lewis was also a delegate to conventions of the World Anti-Communist League, a leading arms supplier to anti-Communist mercenaries in southern Africa, Afghanistan and Central America. Yet, in a society where the racist government and organized fascist groups have nearly all the firepower, the ANC's chief response to Hani's killing has been...a campaign for gun-control laws!

ANC Peacekeepers for Neo-Apartheid

In the days following Hani's murder, South African capitalism held its breath. The Chamber of Mines even donated \$200,000 for the funeral! Shell, BP and Caltex ran sanctimonious memorials in the liberal *Weekly Mail*, admonishing the ANC to "Let today's sorrow speed the path to peace." At this critical juncture, the main "peacekeepers" for the krugerrand and the Johannesburg stock exchange are the would-be joint rulers of a "post-apartheid" capitalist South Africa, the ANC. Insisting that Hani's death must not jeopardize "power sharing" negotiations, the ANC is providing invaluable service to the apartheid state even as the police and their Inkatha cohorts shoot down demonstrators in the streets, and the Johannesburg *Star* reveals a fascist *Wit Wolwe* ("white wolves") plot targeting Winnie Mandela, SACP chairman Joe Slovo and ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba for assassination.

As negotiators were close to accord on a date for the first universal elections in a "new South Africa," on May 25 police rounded up scores of members of the Pan Africanist Congress, including its central leadership. Personal property was confiscated as well as files, computers, membership lists, financial documents, checkbooks and accounts at all PAC offices throughout South Africa. ANC chief negotiator Cyril Ramaphosa said the crackdown "reminds one of the old apartheid days of Gestapo tactics, jackboot activity and wholesale detentions."

But despite this ritual criticism, the ANC made clear the arrests would not halt the talks, particularly as Nelson Mandela heads for the U.S. later this month to drum up aid and investment. In Philadelphia, Mandela will receive a joint "Liberty Medal" together with De Klerk, and they will both be received at the Clinton White House.

The ANC's evident willingness to turn a blind eye makes it complicit in the mass arrest of militant black nationalist opponents by the apartheid police, and speaks volumes about life for workers

and the oppressed in a supposedly "democratic" South Africa. One of the ANC's main demands is for the integration of its guerrilla force, Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation, or MK for short), into the "post-apartheid" state. The next time the soldiers kick down the doors of township militants, will they be carrying "MK" cards in their pockets? And what will happen when black unionists strike against the so-called "enlightened" white capitalists?

Currently, the ANC is doing its level best to "defuse the confrontation" in South Africa's schools and to quash a national teachers strike. During the last semester, students (supported by teachers) have demanded abolition of the racist "matric fees," which deny poor students the right to take exams. Militant students of COSAS (Congress of South African Students) have initiated "Operation Barcelona"—torching Department of Education buildings and vehicles—as well as occupying empty schools reserved for whites and marching through downtown Durban.

Meanwhile, the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (SADTU) has been waging "chalks down" protests and wildcat strikes over wages and layoffs in Durban, Cape Town and other regions. As teachers were voting on a strike ballot, at a rally in Kimberley, Nelson Mandela warned teachers and students that their grievances must go through "correct channels." And he threatened: "If you don't improve yourselves, bet-

machine-gun and grenade attacks against cafés and golf courses frequented by whites serve no purpose but to rally the racist terrorists. We protest the apartheid government's outrageous arrests of PAC members—De Klerk's murderous cops have no right to accuse anyone of terrorism! But the PAC is just as eager as the ANC to "share power" with De Klerk. PAC had to boycott one session of the talks for the simple reason that its negotiators were all in jail or in hiding, but still it stressed, "This decision applies only to the meeting of today!"

Boer Hardliners Circle the Wagons

With the date for elections now set for next April, Afrikaner hardliners are desperately trying to whip up a "go down fighting" mood. Their mentality is common to oppressor groups which can easily see the terms of oppression reversed. (Israeli Zionists and Ulster Protestants are other examples.) Feeding off the lore of *voortrekker* mythology, they see the Boers ("farmers" in Afrikaans) as the "white tribe of Africa," who unlike Rhodesian settler-colonists have nowhere to "go home" to. The farmers—especially those from the Transvaal and Orange Free State, set up as separatist Boer states after the "Great Trek" of the 1830s—are (along with the military/security forces) the hard-core *bittereinders* of South Africa's 2.9 million Afrikaans-speaking whites, regarding De Klerk as a traitor to the *volk*.

In fact, a private Afrikaner settlement, Oranje, 75 miles south of Kimberley, was founded three years ago by the son-in-law of former prime minister Hendrik Verwoerd, the "architect of apartheid." But it's more like a ghost town than the nucleus of a mighty *boerestaat*. Poor whites were brought in to do the menial labor, but most left after a few weeks, saying they couldn't live on principles alone. What good is apartheid if you have to muck out your own stables?

Those Who Labor Must Rule!

It's utterly clear that, despite the ANC's best efforts at class collaboration with the Randlords, there can be no "national unity" under neo-apartheid. South Africa's fabulous wealth, based almost entirely on the export of raw materials, can only be maintained by the superexploitation of black workers, who produce immense profits for the bosses while being paid a pittance. The white capitalist class' thirst for profits and the disenfranchised black majority's aspirations for freedom are diametrically opposed, and headed for a collision. The liberation of the non-white masses—including coloured (mixed-race) and Indian—can only be accomplished by establishing a black-centered workers republic.

In a modern industrial state with a powerful black working class, a socialist revolution could effect a revolutionary reorganization of society, providing a

April 14:
Angry youth near
Johannesburg
protest murder of
Chris Hani.



ter qualified people from neighbouring countries will come and fill your posts." The ANC/SACP/COSATU alliance, which seeks "unity" with South African capitalism, is an *obstacle* to the revolutionary mobilization of the workers and oppressed.

The ANC's symbiosis with the apartheid rulers has enhanced the appeal of the PAC. Combined with the notoriety of their "one settler, one bullet" slogan, a call for indiscriminate terror against whites, the arrests of the PAC leaders made them seem a more militant rival to the ANC. In reality, the PAC is no more revolutionary than the "respectable" ANC. The PAC's despicable

The idea of an Afrikaner *volkstaat* goes back a long way, and now it's having a revival. The head of the Volksfront, General Constand Viljoen, who led South Africa's losing war in Angola, and his compatriots (including Lt. General "Tienie" Groenewald, former head of South African intelligence), want at least 16 percent of the country set aside for Afrikaners. You can bet your last krugerrand they aren't talking about wastelands like the bantustans where they dumped millions of blacks. But within the AVF, there is disagreement about where their "homeland" should be, since Afrikaners nowhere constitute a majority.

decent living for all its citizens—including many whites who won't want to live (or die) in a besieged racist *laager*. But contrary to the Stalinist "stages" program of the SACP—shared by a variety of other left groups—which calls for (capitalist) "democracy" now and later (never) for socialism, in South Africa the immediate emancipation of the oppressed nation requires the dictatorship of the proletariat: those who labor must rule. To lead this revolution, an integrated Leninist-Trotskyist party must be forged in political struggle against the nationalism and class collaboration which shackle the workers to their present and would-be future oppressors. ■

waged a militant strike in 1990 which faced down police attack and won union recognition. In the face of the deafening silence of Los Angeles union tops during martial law imposed to curb protests against the racist verdict in the Rodney King beating case, this same SEIU Local 399, representing 7,000 building maintenance workers, staged a defiant march. More recently, striking drywall construction workers, many from central Mexico, stood down Orange County sheriffs, the strikebreaking INS, the LAPD and the powerful Southern California home building in-

dustry to win union recognition.

The union-busting assaults on immigrant workers' struggles in California and elsewhere are based on a 1986 immigration "reform" act which the AFL-CIO supported. In keeping with the despicable heritage of these traitors, today's labor aristocracy offers foreign-born workers not class solidarity but jingoist attacks on "illegal immigration" and "exporting jobs." As the capitalists seek to build a "Fortress North America" to compete with the Fourth Reich and Japan Inc. and facilitate the looting of Mexico, the racist AFL-CIO labor tops

(tailed by a host of fake-leftists) have opposed the North American Free Trade Agreement with poisonous nationalist protectionism.

Reformists like the CPUSA complain about "the shift of U.S. and Canadian jobs to Mexico" (*People's Weekly World*, 17 April). Actually, NAFTA is about *imperialist rivalry* and capitalist exploitation. It can be fought only by a *revolutionary working-class perspective*. The International Communist League fights for full citizenship rights for all foreign-born workers and their families. ICL sections in Mexico, Canada and the U.S.

put forward an *internationalist* opposition to NAFTA, including a perspective of cross-border proletarian struggle by the hundreds of thousands of Mexican workers in Tijuana, Hermosillo, Ciudad Juárez and the rest of the northern Mexican *maquiladora* belt, who are now exploited by such corporate giants as General Motors, General Electric, Matsushita and Sony.

From China to Mexico to the U.S., the key is building a revolutionary leadership that makes a reality of the Communist International's watchword: "Workers of the world unite!" ■

California Anti-Immigrant Frenzy

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26—Shortly after midnight on May 23-24 the Honduran-flagged freighter *Pai Sheng* slipped under the Golden Gate Bridge and debarked some 200 Chinese immigrants. But authorities had been tipped off, and as MPs, Park Police and other cops started mass arrests, the freighter was pursued by three Coast Guard cutters, two helicopters and a C-130 plane from McClellan Air Force Base. By noon the *Pai Sheng's* crew, threatened by the Coast Guard's guns 70 miles out in international waters, was forced to turn back. An armed boarding party arrested the Taiwanese and Burmese crew a few hours later.

Already they're cranking up a modern-day "yellow peril" propaganda campaign to beef up the border cops and generate anti-Chinese hysteria, in the reactionary tradition of 19th century California. The papers are filled with stories like "International Operations Test U.S. Ability to Secure Coast" (*San Francisco Examiner*), and "U.S. Organizing to Repulse Smuggler Ship Invasion" (*Chronicle*). Now Clinton's National Security Council has assumed new dictatorial powers on immigration: according to the *San Francisco Chronicle* (28 May), one of their first actions "was to order INS districts not to release any smuggled people who are apprehended."

The much-hated Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) wants to deport all the Chinese immigrants immediately, without allowing them to be released on bond and organize their appeals. The poor immigrants reportedly had to make a down payment of \$1,000 for the trip and promise to pay a total of \$20,000 each, a debt which would put them into the sweatshops as a kind of indentured servant.

Ironically, this very week President Clinton made a show of lecturing China about its "human rights" record in the context of extending favorable trade status for China, because under the 1974

Two hundred Chinese immigrants arrested by INS after debarking in San Francisco. U.S. bosses are whipping up a hysterical racist "yellow peril" campaign.



Jackson-Vanik Amendment such status can be given to "Communist" countries "only if they receive annual certifications by the President that they allow freedom of emigration" (*New York Times*, 25

May)! Evidently the message is, China should let its people go...as long as they don't come here.

The sudden upswing in the number of Chinese immigrants reflects the smash-

ing of the "iron rice bowl," the guarantee of a job in a planned economy. We Trotskyists call for internationalist aid to the Chinese workers in carrying out a political revolution to oust the Chinese CP bureaucracy, which is following the former Soviet Stalinists in selling the country back to capitalism. As for the Chinese immigrants being held by the INS, we say: They got here, let them stay here! Free the Chinese immigrants! (And release the ship and crew, who were illegally seized in international waters by Coast Guard piracy.)

Immigrants Targeted as Scapegoats

The recent influx of Chinese is part of a dramatic increase in immigration over the last decade that has become a reactionary political football for the two

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- Stop Migra Raids, Deportations!
- Full Citizenship Rights for All Immigrants!
- Down with Racist "English Only"!

S.F. Demonstrators Demand:

"Free the Chinese Immigrants!"

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28—Over 40 people answered the call of the Partisan Defense Committee and the Labor Black League for Social Defense, on short notice just before Memorial Day weekend, to demonstrate today outside the offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in protest over the mass arrest and detention of some 200 Chinese immigrants who landed under the Golden Gate Bridge last Monday. The immigrants are being barred from release on bond as part of the INS policy of deporting such immigrants before they can obtain a hearing. The PDC press release demanded: "Free the Chinese immigrants—Down with the racist INS deportations!" and "Full citizenship rights for all foreign-born workers and their families!"

"The racist hypocrisy of the U.S.

government is boundless," said Hursey Bush of the Labor Black League. "Anti-Communist Cuban plane hijackers and a variety of death-squad killers are welcomed into the country with open arms, but not black Haitians, Latino or Chinese workers." Demonstrators from the LBL, PDC, Spartacist League and Spartacus Youth Club carried signs such as: "Free Haitians at Guantánamo! Guantánamo Belongs to Cuba!" "Down with Union-Busting Deportations!" "Down with Anti-Asian Bigotry!" and "Holocaust in Waco—Clinton and FBI Are Mass Murderers!"

Spartacus Youth Club spokesman Brad Daniels linked the struggle of immigrants to campus struggles against budget cuts: "The fight for justice in education is the fight of the

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