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Brink's Trials: Counterinsurgency at work

Two years ago, on October 20, 1981, New Afrikan (Black) revolutionaries and white anti-imperialists tried to expropriate \$1.6 million from a Brink's truck in a suburban New York shopping mall. They failed. Some were captured. Two cops and a guard were killed. In the storm of government "anti-terrorist" repression that ensued organizations were attacked, activists were imprisoned, principles were fought for.

"Brink's" was either the last gasp of the sixties or the opening of a new stage of struggle inside U.S. borders, depending on your point of view. The government and the media pushed the last gasp theory heavily, but the extraordinary counterinsurgency measures that have been taken, including new grand juries and attacks on revolutionary organizations, show that, in fact, they take the threat of revolution very seriously.

The government's response has been an attempt to completely wipe out all the forces within the Black liberation movement who are building its armed capacity and those forces, both clandestine and public, Black and white, who support these developments. Two political trials resulted, one a federal conspiracy trial and the other a state trial. The federal trial involved not just the October action, but other expropriations, the liberation of Assata Shakur, and attempted to criminalize and portray as gangsters the entire Black liberation movement and the Black Liberation Army in particular. John Brown Anti-Klan Committee has organized support for the defendants in each trial and the movements they represent.

Both trials ended this September, with several convictions. Both trials were filled with issues for all progressive people: armed struggle, New Afrika, counterinsurgency, non-collaboration, freedom fighters. In DTFK we are including stories about both trials, plus statements from the freedom fighters and political prisoners themselves.

Goshen

The government claimed all along that it was an ordinary "robbery and murder" trial. Yet in order to stage it they turned a small town into an armed camp with SWAT teams and killer dogs, brought anonymous jurors to court in a bus with blacked-out windows, and kept the defendants isolated from the press, other prisoners, and even each other in a specially constructed jail wing. The trial itself was covered by European and U.S. wire services, all three TV networks and the top news magazines. In fact, only the alternative

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Guard on jail roof, Goshen, N.Y.



Young women at a Texas Ku Klux Klan rally

Women and the Klan

"There are so many reasons that I decided to become a member of the Klan ... economic, political, social ... I am concerned about our race, the fact that we are going to be a minority in our nation by 2080."

—Babs Wilson

Across the country the Klan is conducting a campaign to recruit women. 30 - 40% of the Klan is now women, and they aren't just washing dishes. Journalists report Klanswomen directing a Georgia crossburning, delivering major speeches at a North Carolina rally and running some of the Klan's paramilitary training camps. In October, 1982, when national Klan leaders were featured on the "liberal" Phil Donahue Show, Babs Wilson appeared with Bill Wilkinson and Don Black. Wilson has since been appointed National Coordinator of the Knights of the KKK, making her the highest-ranking woman in Klan history.

The National Confederation of Klans, formed September, 1982, in Georgia claims to represent 6,000 members. Because their strategy of organizing a mass base for fascism among white people in the U.S. is both political and military, both public and clandestine, the recruitment of women is essential. Women really do "hold up half the sky." Women are traditionally the guardians and transmitters of culture and ideology within the nuclear family and often within the community as well. And in a white supremacist society such as this one, this means white supremacist culture and ideology.

David Duke, leader of the National Association for the Advancement of White People (NAAWP) is explicit:

"At one time women played auxiliary roles in the Klan, but this was a waste of resources. Because a lot of women were housewives, they had a lot of time. They could go to schoolboard meetings and things like that. It was a more effective effort."

Klan recruitment of women isn't happening in isolation. The Klan, Nazis, Posse Comitatus, Survivalists and others are building an armed fascist movement and recruitment of women is part of this overall trend. Across the country, broad based, seemingly spontaneous, mass racist movements are emerging in response to the political and economic crisis. The tax revolt, law and order, anti-busing, and anti-ERA movements draw thousands of women into their ranks. Racist leaders like Boston's Louise Day

Hicks, anti-ERA leader Phyllis Schlafly, Anita Bryant and the KKK's Babs Wilson reflect an increasing mobilization of women who rise to leadership not out of tokenism, but because women are often the backbone of these movements.

The Klan organizes within these movements directly. "Babs Wilson," the Klan boasts, "has lobbied extensively in the Louisiana legislature on the ERA, affirmative action, school busing and welfare issues. She was one of the leading forces in the Louisiana legislature that forced the defeat of the ERA." These mass white power movements provide a vast base of support from which the Klan can recruit the most committed activists — women like Babs Wilson — into their military and political apparatus.

The Klan also does everything in its power to build and reinforce the white nuclear family. David Duke's Klan in Louisiana, for example, targets family membership by promoting women into leadership and offering special programs for children. Across the country, Klan youth corps train children from 8 - 18 in racist ideology and weaponry so that at "graduation" they automatically become full-fledged Klanspeople. The cohesiveness of entire white families united in preparation for "race war" is a basic building block of fascism. The NAAWP prints idyllic pictures of young white mothers and cherubic babies with the caption: An Endangered Species. Tom Metzger's 14-year daughter echoes this when she says that she loves babies and would like to have "3 or 4 white babies for the Klan."

This model of the white family is very much like the one put forward by congressmen and senators authoring the Federal Family

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FROM THE NEW AFRIKAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT

The Illusion of Apple Pie



Malik El-Shabazz (Malcolm X) died trying to wake Black people up from the dream of Martin Luther King. Malcolm was a revolutionary and a realist. "When I look at Amerikkka, he said, 'I don't see any Amerikan dream — I see an Amerikan nightmare.'" Yet King had a dream of little Black and white boys and girls holding hands and singing "old negroid spirituals about freedom ... one day."

Malcolm had the interests of the oppressed Black nation utmost in his heart and he used his mind to analyze the world and to determine the reason our oppression continues and the way the Black nation could end that oppression and work to build a better world. King, on the other hand, was an idealist. He put his interpretation of Ghandi's theory of non-violent protest above the interest of Black people and his own flesh and blood existence. Neither he nor Malcolm were gods in the sense that they were infallible and above constructive criticism. They each confronted their times, made certain choices, won hard-fought for victories and made errors along the way. They also each personified the two contending lines of political and economic struggle the Black nation has gone back and forth between since the beginning of our enslavement and the formation of our oppressed nation under white supremacist colonial domination. They reached opposite answers to the question: integration and assimilation or independence and self-determination — whither goest the Black nation? Malcolm opted to struggle in the tradition of our people's struggle for land and independence. Martin had a dream

A Remembrance of Things Past

Every day, in a myriad of forms the U.S. media projects countless illusions. On the situation comedies, in the synthetic music, through the papers, the comic strips and paperback books, on the billboards, from the pulpits — almost everywhere, it projects illusions of Blacks being absorbed and assimilated into being red-blooded, true blue Americans. These illusions, which can be called apple-pie illusions, invariably begin to turn in on themselves; and as this happens the truth comes into view in sharper focus than before. Of course, this does not happen by an automatic pre-timed built-in self-destruct mechanism. It is born of the struggle of the New Afrikan nation itself to build a better society than humanity has yet known. It is this protracted struggle, it is our people's sweat and blood that exposes these apple-pie illusions and mirrors Amerikkka's grotesque, hideous Dorian Gray face for all the world to behold.

The 1983 King Memorial March on Washington was a Farce in Washington — it was an apple-pie illusion. The grassroots Blacks (mostly from the D.C. area) who turned out for this spectacle came away no more wiser or strengthened to fight for liberation than if they had stayed at home. The posters that were put up in our communities across the country bear the slogan: "Jobs, Peace and Equality," and a profound image of Martin Luther King. Those who went to check it out got more symbolism. Nothing programmatic or concrete was presented as a basis on which grassroots

people could organize. The Masters of Deceit — the Coalition of Conscience and their White Shadows in the imperialist Democrat party — staged this tragicomic event as a power show to the imperialist ruling class.

This Farce in Washington represented the organizing power of pro-imperialist Black integrationists. It showed their ability to build "coalitions" and through these mobilize about 200,000 people (about half of which were white). It also exposed the political bankruptcy of a number of self-styled progressive and revolutionary "left" groups who in the absence of truly revolutionary theory, and the absence of consistent practice amongst the grassroots, joined in and trailed behind the work of the neocolonialist collaborators from the imperialist Democrat party.

Indeed, one so-called Afrikan Internationalist socialist party in the weeks before the march put forth the slogan, "Bread, Peace and Black Power" and argued for all revolutionary and nationalist organizations to come under the banner of their contingent and join in the march. They even went so far out as to talk about how they were going to take over the leadership of the march ... chasing apple-pie illusions. When August 27th came around their contingent couldn't even be found.

Like one big multi-color moving fanfare, the Black mis-leadership led the anti-war/nuclear freeze movement, aristocratic labor, liberal religion, pro-gay rights, pro-abortion/feminist groups, "independent" electoral politics groups and various "left" groups in a march from the cold feet of a monument of one white man to

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FROM THE JOHN BROWN ANTI-KLAN COMMITTEE

Why Imperialism Needs the Klan

About a year and a half ago, John Brown Anti-Klan Committee actually began to take on building a movement to fight the Klan.

The first time we demonstrated against the Klan, in Wilmington, VT., they were 25 feet away. A year later, in New Britain, Ct., the Klan was high in the bleachers on the far side of a football stadium, separated from anti-Klan demonstrators (and the "curious") by 450 cops. In this past year we have seen perhaps 200 robed Klansmen and more than 3,000 riot-gearred cops.

Every time the movement goes out to oppose the Klan, it comes up against the U.S. imperialist state directly, militarily, and right now; not just "ultimately" as we used to argue. We always said that fighting the Klan meant fighting the whole imperialist system, but we didn't actually understand that literally. But there they are. Armed and empowered to bust anybody who interferes with the "right" of a system in decline to organize a fascist movement to defend it from the developing revolutionary forces within its own borders.

Though it has made demonstrating against the Klan costly on occasion, and has chilled popular opposition to a great extent, this show of police power has had one positive effect. It's better to have it out there so that the absurdity of asking the government to "ban the Klan" is exposed from the beginning.

Fighting the Klan and the U.S. imperialist state has made us understand that an anti-Klan movement must be an anti-imperialist movement to succeed. Solidarity with national liberation struggles inside and outside the U.S. borders is not just about having a common enemy, but about advancing a common strategy. The most forward-looking forces in the anti-Klan movement are seriously taking on the question of how to fight and ultimately be part of defeating U.S. imperialism.

The victory of the Vietnamese people sent U.S. imperialism into a decline from which it will never recover. It may have its ups and downs, and anti-revolutionary war in El Salvador and Nicaragua is one of the ways it will try and stave off the full impact of economic, political and social crisis. But because it can no longer expand, its decline is irreversible. Its viciousness is producing revolutionaries around the world, revolutionaries willing to fight. Revolutionaries with a long-term strategy to win, as we saw in Nicaragua.

We welcome this. As anti-imperialists we support the fight for national liberation and socialism around the world. Revolutionary movements for national liberation and self-determination also exist within current U.S. borders: the New Afrikan Independence Movement and all aspects of the human rights struggles of Black people; the Puerto Rican Independence Movement; struggles for the sovereignty of Native American nations and for the socialist reunification of Mexico. There will be a revolutionary struggle of the white working class for socialism. All these movements represent a threat, both real and potential, to the empire from within. All will heighten as the U.S. goes to war.

Enter the Klan. The Posse Comitatus. The American Nazis. The Moral Majority. The John Birch Society. All the reactionary elements dedicated to defending with arms and ideology a dying system. When we look at the development of the Klan and other fascist forces around the country, we can see that the state is committed to the building of a rightwing armed movement based in white supremacy. Why? Because the U.S. is going to war, not only here at home but around the world; not only in El Salvador but in Connecticut. The police, the courts, the city

councils — with their sudden unexpected concern for "free speech" — even the A.C.L.U. are all dedicated to creating the space and resources for this movement to grow and flourish.

The Klan has absolutely nothing progressive to offer white working class people, or anything that will truly resolve the contradictions facing us. Unity with the Klan will mean maintenance of white privilege, but at what price — a society that is completely exploitative and oppressive. If we don't fight the Klan and U.S. imperialism we will end up with a working class that finds itself literally in the trenches of U.S. imperialist wars fighting against the majority of the people of the world; a working class that renders itself totally powerless as a class by consciously allying itself with its class enemy.

Because the Klan is building a fascist anti-revolutionary movement, its attacks will continue to broaden and the state will use it as the shock troops to crush all emerging forces of resistance.

Organizing Fascism

Fascism is not just about more cops, more government repression; fascism must have a mass base, popular support. Not only acquiescence but enthusiasm. This is what is being built by the current "war fever" led by Reagan, and echoed by the Klan and its allies in every small town in Amerikkka.

Fascism has a number of characteristics, and while we can say that it does not exist in this society as a whole, it is being built. One characteristic of fascism is aggressive nationalism. The Klan is pro-Amerikkka all the way and this means being pro-war in Nicaragua, Lebanon, El Salvador. It means the Amerikkkan flag, the national anthem at Klan

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NEWS BRIEFS

Self-Defense in South Carolina

September 7. Charleston, SC. A young Black man is being tried for the second time for the murder of a policeman, while angry pickets from the Black community march outside the courtroom. Last October 20-year-old Ross Clayton Green was harassed and then stopped by two white police late at night 20 miles south of Charleston. In the scuffle that followed, according to Green, one of the cops accidentally shot the other. The surviving cop claims that Green took his .357 magnum, but powder and trace metal tests show Green never fired a gun that night.

A Black reporter with the Charleston Chronicle explains: "Those cops were going to beat that boy and he didn't let them. Being Black here in the South you learn to recognize the setup about the same time you learn to walk. Never get caught on a dark lonely highway by two white men carrying guns." When the three Black jurors in the first trial refused to convict, the judge declared a mistrial so the state could try again. The Black community is also picketing the Charleston News & Courier, charging the paper with "blatant racism" in its coverage of the trial.

KKK: Seattle

In August, two interracial couples in a Seattle apartment complex found "KKK AmeriKKKa" and "Equal Rights for Whites" signs posted over their mailboxes. When Mrs. Bettina McPherson called the police to complain she was told the Ku Klux Klan had a "right" to post the signs.

Goodbye, Larry

A virulent enemy of progressive and revolutionary struggles in the U.S., Larry "nuke 'em" McDonald met his death in the Korean spy plane downed over Soviet territory recently. The U.S. Representative from Georgia was truly a "good ol' boy" and probably the most openly fascist member of Congress — he was recently appointed the head of the John Birch Society; he was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and was known to keep over 200 guns in his home.



McDonald called for death penalty for gay people

He is probably most well-known for his role in the Senate Sub-Committee on Anti-Terrorism where he entered thousands of pages into the Congressional Record on the activities of left and progressive individuals, and on organizations such as the JBAKC, the National Lawyers Guild and many others. McDonald was also the editor of *Information Digest*, a CIA-sponsored publication which collects and circulates information on progressive and revolutionary forces in this country to the right-wing, the Klan and the military. McDonald also headed a data bank begun in 1979 run by Western Goals, a tax-exempt foundation in Alexandria, Virginia. It was exposed recently that the Los Angeles Police Department and Western Goals exchanged their political files. By funneling such information to data banks like Western Goals which operate as "private" foundations, police can have access to a national source of intelligence material.

McDonald was on that flight to Seoul, South Korea as an invited guest for the 30th anniversary celebration of the U.S. military occupation of South Korea. Larry McDonald dedicated his life to racism, anti-communism and promoting fascism — he will not be missed.



Los Angeles anti-Klan protest

LA Klan: A Fire Hazard?

Twice this summer in the Los Angeles suburb of Sunland, the Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has demonstrated in their white sheets and displayed large Confederate and American flags. In a sympathetic local newspaper interview, KKK Cyclops Frank Silva announced plans for a Klan march down the main street in town and a cross burning in Sunland Park. On July 16, JBAKC led a picket of 35 people at the local fire department demanding that no fire permit be given to the Klan. When Silva applied to the fire department, he was told the site the Klan chose was a fire hazard, but at a "safer" site they would be issued the permit. The following day, the Klan again demonstrated at the park. JBAKC is mobilizing to stop the upcoming Klan march and cross burning. To join the emergency phone tree and for more information, contact the LA chapter of JBAKC.

Demonstration at Sunland City Hall, October 22nd, noon. For more information contact JBAKC — LA.

Mississippi Elections

Not much has changed in occupied Mississippi. In an August Democratic primary runoff, supposedly "observed" by the U.S. Justice Department, fraud was widespread. In 56.7 percent Black Quitman County, only one of six Black candidates was elected. Black favorites Henry Ward and Laura Norwood Davis both lost—Ward in 67 percent Black Bolivar County, Davis in a 58 percent Black district. Before the voting, a Black activist was murdered in Yalobusha County and a candidate murdered in Lincoln County. During the voting, plantation owners, merchants and armed deputies gathered near polling places; Black names disappeared from rolls, and voting booths jammed uniformly in Black districts.

Anti-Semitic Attacks in Hartford

West Hartford, Ct. Two synagogues and a Rabbi's home were attacked by fire in West Hartford in August. The Hartford vicinity has been a center for Ku Klux Klan organizing in New England, and there have been reports of defacings in cemeteries and threatening phone calls. The response of the State's Attorney was that "no evidence" points to organized anti-semitic activities.

Puerto Rican Prisoners of War

Chicago, Ill. On August 22, Alejandrina Torres, Alberto Rodriguez and Edwin Cortes declared themselves Puerto Rican Prisoners-of-War. They, along with Puerto Rican political prisoner Jose Luis Rodriguez, were arrested on June 26, charged with seditious conspiracy and held on bail of \$10 million each for the men and \$5 million for Alejandrina. Jose Luis was finally released on \$25,000 bond on August 20.

Their trial is scheduled to begin October 24. The three Prisoners-of-War have continually been held in solitary confinement, allowed no contact with anyone except their lawyers and weekly visits with their immediate families. Alejandrina has a heart condition that the authorities have consistently refused to deal with. Write to Judge George Leighton, 219 South Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60601, to demand an end to these punitive conditions.

'Whites Only Need Apply'

New York, New York. Construction on New York's Marriot Marquis Hotel was halted twice in July by Third World demonstrators demanding an end to white supremacist hiring practices in the construction job market. The Black and Hispanic demonstrators were members of the Citywide Coalition of Community Construction Worker Organizations and Black Economic Survival. The Urban Development Corporation, a state agency that owns the property, was forced to admit that 93% of the jobs on the site were held by white workers, in a city where half the workforce is Black and Hispanic. There were no women on the job at all and of the \$153 million in contracts, \$149 million had gone to white operators. Workers on the job threatened the demonstrators and shouted racist insults, but made no move to attack the well-organized protesters.

Global Crime Stoppers

In August, at a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) convention in New Orleans, President Reagan compared U.S. war policy in Central America to the "crime control" programs being pushed across the country today. "Our policy in Central America is like a 'Neighborhood Watch' so that outside troublemakers and bullies will think twice." The next day the VFW set up a "Humanitarian Truth Fund for Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters," to raise money for the CIA-backed counterrevolutionaries (Contras) invading Nicaragua from Honduras and Costa Rica. In their efforts to destabilize the building of socialism, these "freedom fighters" burn homes, destroy crops and slaughter civilians.

Attacks on Lesbians

Northampton, Ma. Since the spring, the women's and gay communities of Northampton have been under attack by rightwing, Bible-thumping organizations and individuals. At the annual Gay Pride March an anti-gay counterdemonstration was organized and women in the community have been subject to physical harassment and telephone threats. Some women in the community demanded police protection and recently the police arrested one man and charged him with the phone threats. The FBI was supposedly called in by the police to examine the phone tapes in this case, but instead they are using it as a carte blanche to open up investigations of the gay and left community. The FBI has been coming to women's homes asking questions and showing pictures. The questions range from, "How many gay people are there in Northampton? Does the gay community support the struggle in Central America?" to "Do you know members of May 19th Communist Organization? What do you know about the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee?" The FBI has told people that all these questions are relevant to "Brinks" to intimidate women into cooperating. Recently a community meeting was held to discuss the need to maintain a position of non-collaboration in the face of FBI attack and to support progressive and political organizations in the Northampton area.

Nazi Convicted

Cleveland, August 10. Frank Spisak, the American Nazi convicted of murdering two Black men and a Jew on the Cleveland State University campus, was sentenced to die in the electric chair by a Cuyahoga County Court. Spisak said he shot and killed the Reverend Horace Rockerson, Brian Warford and Timothy Sheehan in the war to build an "all-white nation."

Census: Black Nation

In August, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that any economic improvement for Black people in the U.S. has been stopped by the present crisis. Unemployment, at 18.9 percent, is double the rate for whites, while median family income is 56 percent that of white families. The Bureau also reported that the migration to the North and West has ended, with more Black people moving to or remaining in the National Territory, the South, where 53 percent of the Black population now lives.

North Carolina Klan Attacks

Ku Klux Klan attacks on Black people in North Carolina have heightened dramatically this year. In February a lynch mob of fifteen, four in Klan robes, unsuccessfully attempted to "ball out" a Black man accused of rape and held in the Iredell County Jail. When Reverend Wilson Lee wrote a letter protesting the incident to the newspaper in Statesville, N.C., shots were fired into his home and a cross was burned on his lawn. In nearby Taylorsville, a Black textile worker who was promoted to a job traditionally held by whites, had a cross burned on his lawn. He was later threatened by four armed men, who backed off when he drew his own gun. These and other acts of violence in this area have been attributed to the "White Knights of Liberty" led by Joe Grady of Winston-Salem. The "Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," led by Virgil Griffin who took part in the Greensboro murders, has been burning crosses on the South Carolina border. In May the United Klans of America held a rally in Bahamma, N.C., open to the "white public" and the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, part of the Confederation of Klans, staged a 75-member "white voter registration march" in July in Benson, N.C. Carolina Knights leader, Glenn Miller, a prominent founder of the Confederation, has stated: "We don't want to return to the old days of segregation. We want an all-white nation." (Thanks to National Anti-Klan Network Newsletter for much of this information.) •



Carolina Knights KKK leader Glenn Miller addresses white voter registration rally

"Shah of Africa" Visits U.S.

In August, Mobutu Sese Seko, puppet dictator of the Congo (a.k.a. Zaire), met with his imperialist masters to discuss Zaire's political/military role in Africa and to increase U.S. financial support for his bloody neo-colonial regime. Mobutu's meetings included: M. Peter McPherson, Administrator for the Agency for International Development (CIA); Chester Crocker, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Casper Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; Donald Regan, Secretary of Treasury; Alden Clausen, President of the International Bank for Reconstruction Development; as well as Reagan, Bush, Shultz and Kissinger.

This visit is a result of imperialism's crisis in Africa - in particular, the winning of independence in Angola, Mozambique and Zimbabwe and the advance of liberation movements throughout the continent. Zaire's role in imperialism's strategy is similar in certain aspects to that of Honduras in Central America - a base for counterinsurgency against neighboring revolutionary countries and liberation movements. While Mobutu was here,



Students Stop South African Speakers

(Thanks to New York Amsterdam News)

In a widening struggle against apartheid that began four months ago at the State University College at New Paltz, the United States Student Association recently adopted a resolution urging academic boycott of all appearances on college campuses by apartheid representatives. They also called for divestment campaigns at member schools.

The resolution, sponsored by the New Paltz delegation, was passed unanimously by delegates at a recent USSA National Congress in Atlanta, Ga.

The students also adopted a resolution urging cultural boycotts of athletes and artists who perform in South Africa and for support of liberation forces in that country.

The students' action stems from a March 22, 1983, incident in which SUNY New Paltz Black students prevented a South African vice consul from speaking in a college classroom and drove him off the campus. The campus-community Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, which was formed in response to that event, was successful in cancelling a reinvitation to campus for the vice consul, Henning Pieterse, and in forcing the administration to drop disciplinary charges which were threatened against two students who led the initial action.

The Coalition has done ongoing work against apartheid and racism, including a series of educational programs both on campus and in the community featuring representatives of the African liberation struggle, and a protest demonstration against a banquet jointly sponsored by the college and the International Business Machines Corp.

The demonstration, which publicized IBM's complicity as a major corporate force in South Africa, forced relocation of the banquet off campus and set the stage for a general SUNY divestment campaign. The Coalition is also presently helping to organize another series of forums in the Mid-Hudson area on "Racism in America."

The Coalition represents a broad spectrum of campus and community groups who originally came together around two demands: no platform for apartheid on campus, and no punishment for the students who refused to allow the apartheid representative to speak.

The Coalition is made up of about a dozen groups, including the Black Student Union, African Student Union, African Women's Alliance, Mid-Hudson Coalition Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, Community People Against Apartheid and Racism, John Brown Anti-Klan Committee, Irish Student Union, and others. •

Zaire sent 1800 additional troops to bolster the French-backed Chadian regime. Zaire continues to be a base of attack against the Socialist Republic of Angola. Zaire has served imperialism's interests well by being the first government in Africa (followed now by Liberia) to recognize and establish formal diplomatic ties with Israel. The relationship is mutual, with 6,000 Israeli troops stationed in the eastern mining region of the Congo, acting as the local occupying force.

Although the Congo is one of the richest countries in the world, the people live in total poverty. The corrupt Mobutu regime exports all of the country's wealth. Cholera and other diseases are widespread and the Congolese people suffer an infant mortality rate of 50%.

Mobutu's regime is threatened internally by a revolutionary movement, the Congolese National Liberation Front (FLNC). In 1977-78, the FLNC led uprisings that were put down only through the intervention of 20,000 NATO troops, including the U.S. 82nd Airborne. Since 1978, the FLNC has continued to build the strategy of people's war, not just to overthrow Mobutu, but to build a socialist society.

Support for the FLNC and opposition to Mobutu was demonstrated throughout his visit. People leafleted and demonstrated outside Mobutu's hotel in Washington, D.C. and New York City. Two members of JBAKC were arrested for confronting Mobutu with chants and placards in the halls of Congress as he went to have tea with the House Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee. Three days later, a red carpet farewell for Mobutu, attended by George Shultz and members of the Zairian embassy, was disrupted by a demonstration near the Washington Monument. •

Brooklyn Lynch Mob Murder A Misdemeanor

Brooklyn, N.Y. New developments in the cases resulting from the lynch murder of William Turks indicate that all of the murderers may soon be exonerated in the courts.

Turks, a Black transit worker, was dragged from his car and beaten to death on June 22, 1982, by a racist mob of 15 - 20 white men in the Gravesend section of Brooklyn, which is a very tightly-knit white supremacist enclave. Dennis Dixon and Donald Cooper, who were with Turks, were seriously injured, but managed to escape. Gino Bova, the first of the Gravesend murderers to be tried, got off on manslaughter charges and a sentence of 5-to-15 years in March of 1983.

The whitewashing of this lynch murder in the courts has given a green light to racist terror in New York City. Soon after Bova's sentencing, on May 3rd, three other Black men were attacked and beaten by a racist gang less than a mile from where William Turks was murdered. Then in July Paul Mormando walked away from the murder of William Turks with 3 months in jail for a misdemeanor. Immediately following Mormando's sentencing there was a racist gang attack on several Black people in Queens. Anthony Miccio, the third person to be tried in the aftermath of William Turk's murder, was convicted of assault, rioting and civil rights violations and sentenced to 3 to 9 years in jail. He was not on trial for murder.

Dennis Dixon stated after the trials, "We've got to keep this murder before the public because justice was not done. And this is not an isolated incident; things like this are happening all over the country. They're picking us off one-by-one in New York, Boston, Montgomery, Camden, California - the papers are full of these reports. And it's up to us to get together and stop these racist assaults."

Immediately following Miccio's conviction in August, it was released that Joseph Powell, the fifth person charged with the lynch murder and a fugitive, was negotiating through his attorneys with the Brooklyn D.A.'s office to give himself up. But in September the fourth defendant, Daniel Stola, had all of his charges dismissed when one of the key witnesses, a 19 year old woman from the Gravesend community, recanted her testimony saying that she had lied in her previous eyewitness account.

Now, a year and a half after Turks' murder, it would "appear" that the wheels of justice will have turned; racist murderers were punished by the courts and now the objective facts of the case have changed and all previous convictions will be open for retrial. The fact that Powell is waiting to turn himself in even after the witness has recanted and his confederate, Stola, has been vindicated indicates that the turnaround of the witness was not unexpected. We can assume Powell is waiting for the wheels of justice to turn further until William Turks' murder is buried in courthouse dust. •



Montgomery, Alabama. The offices of the Southern Poverty Law Center and Klan Watch were attacked and burned at 4 a.m., July 28th, by arsonists who doused files with gasoline. The Law Center is involved, along with Klan Watch, in several law suits against Klan organizations and leaders. Only a week before the attack, a federal judge threatened Klan leader Wilkinson with jail unless he turned over his membership lists to Klan Watch. "If they were trying to intimidate us they failed," said Bill Stanton of Klan Watch. "This incident just redoubled our determination to fight the Klan in court and win." •

A New Afrikan Prisoner of War Speaks . . .

The following is the closing statement of New Afrikan Freedom Fighter Kuwasi Balagoon, before his show-trial conviction in the Goshen, New York Brink's trial. It was made in the courtroom surrounded by literally hundreds of armed cops. A poet as well as a fighter, Kuwasi captures the quality of the proceedings, exposes the lies of the state, and argues for the necessity of expropriations and armed struggle not only for New Afrikans but for all who want to see imperialism defeated. We thank Kuwasi for permission to publish his words, and extend to him and all revolutionary freedom fighters, our love and solidarity.

For the record, I'll say right now, that this place is an armed camp. It has the trappings and props of a court. A state-issued clone in a black robe, an ambitious state-issued clone at the state table, a fenced-off area, and a section for spectators — with a smaller section for members of the press, who can listen to an opening statement and between them, not one mentions anything I said about America being an Imperialist empire that among other things holds New Afrikan people in subjection or that the U.S. government while hypocritically speaking of human rights in places like Poland never mentions the political prisoners it holds and calls grand jury resisters.

The state-issued prosecutor objects, the state-issued court sustains and the media that pats itself on the back and hypocritically calls itself free, erases whatever notes it might have taken automatically and takes its place beside the state-issued court and prosecutor. Although I think the press is capable of following instructions, the ruling that politics have nothing to do with this case is enough. A reporter, Van Sickle, describes the opening as a "list of grievances." That New Afrikan people are subjected to living in reservations administered by a occupation force calling itself police, and are being systematically beaten out of wages, liberties and our very lives, is not news either. Their job all along has been to present the state in a false light and instill fear in the population so that people will find fascism acceptable. Under no stretch of the imagination, twist or turn, semantics or evasions, can a racist, imperialist country call itself a democracy, without its victims, its enemies calling it anything more than a hypocrisy.

A lot of iron here

Taking up a couple of other rows in the court: the pistol-packing armorplated plain clothes cops paid to keep an eye on things. On the roofs and in the surrounding areas there's more, and a herd of hastily deputized armed clones in gas station attendant uniforms, as well as German shepherds and of course the usual guards. There's a lot of iron in here, state-issued iron. And in the hallway leading to this theater there's more state-issued clones with state-issued iron and metal detectors to make sure that all the iron that enters these state domains, this imperialist theater, is state-issued. They wish to have us believe or act as if we believe that war is peace — as the press apparently believes that ignorance is strength.

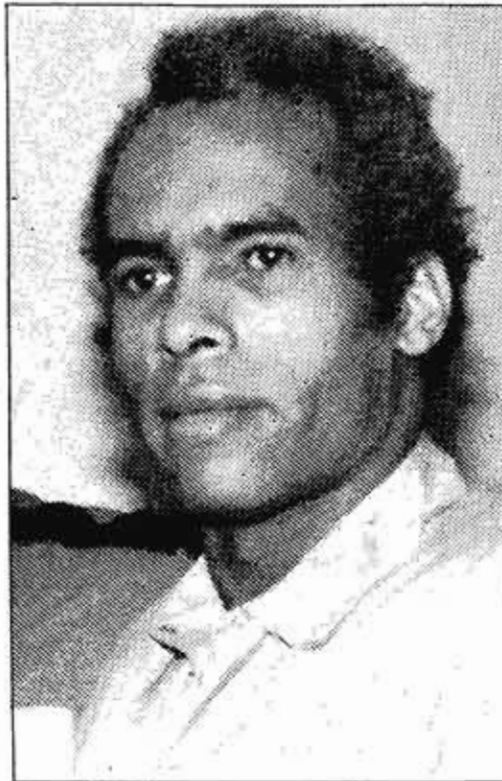
Other than that there are the people who braved searches, having their pictures taken and filed away by the fascists, to come here to actually be, as they are designated, supporters and spectators. And one group of people that stinks of the trappings of this court is designated a jury. None of these people are racist or have any prejudice, and we know this because the court asked them, and they said they didn't, all of them.

People deserve an explanation

Had I not taken the position that no court in the imperialist U.S. empire has the right to try me as a criminal, I would have demanded that this case be tried in Rockland County. One cannot hold both positions. However, I believe that the people of Rockland County and elsewhere deserve an explanation of the event, the expropriation and related actions that took place on October 20, 1981. Not a mere criminal defense in relation to it — that type of legal mumbo jumbo could have matters more confused than ever. An explanation, on the

other hand, by someone who might have given them directions on the subway in New York City, or sweated through a basketball game with them, or shared a dance floor, should make things clear factually — as well as let people in Rockland and everyday people throughout the confines of the U.S. know for sure that it is not the people but the United States Government and its oppressive apparatus that we are at war against.

The media said that on two separate occasions, members of the Black Liberation Army jumped out of vehicles shooting randomly in incidents where one guard and two policemen were killed. On the face of it, it doesn't appear random at all according to that line. Either the guerrillas and the people around not participating were lucky; the armed money courier and the two policemen were very unlucky; or the guerrillas were armed with guided bullets. Obviously none of this was so, but it was broadcast far and wide for a long time to taint not only people who might be jurors, but everybody in a land where a war is



Kuwasi Balagoon

going on between oppressed peoples and the oppressors. It's clear the guerrillas intended to shoot police and that's who they shot. They shot the enemy.

Expropriation raids are a method used in every revolution by those who have not to get resources from the haves to carry on armed struggle. When George Washington and company crossed the Delaware it was to raid the British, to take money, supplies and arms, even though he was financed by the French and owned slaves. Joseph Stalin robbed banks when he was fifteen to support revolutionary struggle. The Sebaste Brothers in Spain were obliged to empty the tills of banks to resist Franco during the Spanish Civil War. When Carlos Marighella in Brazil or the Tupamaros in Uruguay expropriated from banks to finance their struggles, it was clear to the press that they were revolutionaries; this government sent counterinsurgency specialists to help the juntas and dictators they resisted and expropriated from, just as they've done in regard to Argentina. But here in the U.S., the government doesn't acknowledge the collection of revolutionary compulsory tax as the work of revolutionaries, just as the British do not acknowledge the IRA, just as Israel doesn't acknowledge the P.L.O. and just as the South Africans do not acknowledge the A.N.C. It's too close. The British called Washington a criminal and issued a reward for him dead or alive, just as the American put a price on the head of Twymon Myers (Editor's Note: A B.L.A. soldier assassinated by police in 1976). The state must deny revolution and call revolutionary acts and revolutionaries something else, anything else — bandits, terrorists. The state must suppress revolution and say they are doing something else. Rather than argue that there's no need for revolution and be confronted in Harlem, the South Bronx, Bedford Stuyvesant, Newark's Central Ward, North

Philadelphia, etc., etc., they say there is simply not a revolution, as if there is no reason for sweeping oppressors from power. Revolution is always illegal and revolutionaries are always slandered.

There are clearly more than a few points that the state has pushed for reasons beyond the "legal" that clearly go past the objective of getting convictions. The first lie is that Peter Paige, the Brink's guard and money courier, was gunned down without a chance to defend himself or surrender. In order to portray the Black Liberation Army as cowardly and cold-blooded, bloodthirsty.

Our war is not a license

The B.L.A. is an organization that takes credit for pre-planned assassinations. In our history there are numerous instances of ambushed police where credit was clearly taken, where communiqués were issued to the media — who do not broadcast them completely if at all — because the government has directed them not to. These ambushes have always been retaliations for terrorist acts against Black people — these acts have always been responses to murders, brutalizations and threatening against Black people, Third World people or their forces of resistance. Never has a guard or a bank teller been shot down as part of a plan, no unit of the B.L.A. has ever done this, including the unit involved in the expropriation of October 20, 1981. Our war is not a license and the B.L.A. reserves assassinations for those who are combatants in opposition to the revolution and those who direct them. Money couriers are safe so long as they do not put their bodies and weapons in front of someone else's money or try to shoot their way out of a source of embarrassment or into a promotion or an early grave.

This is because the goal of an expropriation is to collect revolutionary compulsory tax and not casualties. A unit is no better off with a guard killed. Shots are signals that alert more police more quickly and directly than an onlooker's phone call. Guerrillas prefer to take the weapons from the holsters of guards or pick them up after they've been dropped, and complete the action without anyone except guards and guerrillas being any the wiser. Had Peter Paige not acted the fool, he would've lived and his co-worker would not have been injured.

War is expensive, you know that, you don't pay taxes once. And no matter how much money a unit may get from an expropriation, that unit as well as others will have to engage in other expropriations in the course of a protracted war. The B.L.A. doesn't want a situation where guards believe they will be shot whether they comply or not, because then there would always be shoot-outs. Dead guards don't bring us a step closer to land and independence and don't add a cent to a war chest. At the same time, the B.L.A. doesn't want guards to believe for an instant that they have any reasonable alternatives outside of compliance.

Paige died for his bosses

The only parties that benefit from a bloody shoot-out during an expropriation are the bankers, the bosses of the armored car corporations and career counterinsurgency experts. The first two put their money or what they label their money before the lives of guerrillas, as well as their employees; the third, without New Afrikan, Puerto Rican or Mexican fugitives in the wilds of those colonies, could find themselves in fatigues in the wilds of the Dakotas, laying siege to Native American colonies. Paige died for his bosses, not for himself, his family or his fellow workers.

State clone Michael Koch issued another slanderous attack for the state. In his testimony he says that one of the combatants says in regard to Kathy Boudin, "f—k her, leave her." On one episode of "Today's FBI," a band of "terrorists" takes a truck with 1.6 million dollars and purposely leaves one of their comrades. On one episode of "Hill Street Blues," a radical band gets 1.6 million dollars from another truck. In the FBI fiction the radicals mow down the guards as a matter of course; in the "Hill Street Blues" fiction, the

Mixed Verdict in RICO Trial

The federal RICO (or "Brinks") conspiracy trial ended September 4th in New York with a mixed verdict — less than a victory for the New Afrikan Independence Movement and its allies, and a partial defeat for the government.

Of the six defendants, Sekou Odinga and Silvia Baraldini were convicted of serious charges; Chui Ferguson and Jamal Josephs were convicted of far less serious charges than the FBI sought; and Iliana Robinson and Bilal Sunni Ali walked out of the courtroom free.

When the verdict by the seven Black and five white jurors was announced, the defendants and their supporters hugged and kissed one another jubilantly, while at the prosecution table, Robert Cordier of the FBI's Terrorist Task Force was seen almost in tears with frustration.

Judge Kevin Duffy, saying he "didn't understand" the acquittals, ordered the defendants to "knock it off," then spitefully issued a bench warrant for defense attorney Chokwe Lumumba, who was not present, to be jailed for contempt. During the trial, Lumumba, Minister of Justice for the Republic of New Afrika, often irritated Duffy with his unsubmitive attitude.

The heaviest convictions were returned against Black Liberation Army soldier Sekou Odinga and Silvia Baraldini, a white anti-imperialist organizer and member of May 19th Communist Organization. They were found guilty of "racketeering" and "conspiring" to liberate New Afrikan Freedom Fighter Assata Shakur from a U.S. prison in 1979. They each face up to 20 years in prison for each count.

Throughout the five-month trial, Sekou consistently maintained that he was a freedom fighter and Prisoner-of-War and that the U.S. had no right to subject him to a criminal trial; and that the trial of the others was an illegitimate counterinsurgency operation against the New Afrikan Independence Movement. Silvia maintained the same stance, rejecting the state's attempt to criminalize the anti-imperialist movement.

Former Black Panthers Chui Ferguson and Jamal Josephs were convicted as accessories after the fact to the October, 1981 Brink's expropriation, but attempts by FBI informers and traitors to claim they were at the scene were not believed by the jury and they were

acquitted of "robbery and murder" charges.

Bilal Sunni Ali, a New Afrikan musician and political educator, and Iliana Robinson were both acquitted of all charges. Fulani Sunni Ali, married to Bilal and a former member of the Republic of New Afrika's People's Council, is still in jail along with four other New Afrikans for refusing to collaborate with the RICO Grand Jury. The grand jury resisters have recently filed a joint "Grumbles" motion demanding their immediate release. The RICO grand jury is scheduled to end October 5th.

The trial, the first major political conspiracy trial of the 1980's, was a defeat for the state's strategy to "criminalize" the Black Liberation Movement as a whole and the New Afrikan Independence Movement in particular. The verdicts showed that the FBI's carefully rehearsed traitors and informers were not believed by the jury. Peter Middleton and Tyrone Rison were exposed by their former comrades as drug addicts and mercenaries who sold out their own nation's struggle to save their own skins.

But the fact that revolutionaries were

convicted of "racketeering" is ominous, putting into place a key component of imperialism's repressive "legal" structure and moving ahead their strategy to deal with revolutionary movements as criminal enterprises. Fascist precedents were set in this trial such as the use of an anonymous jury and the use of the Grand Jury to jail activists without trial.

The lack of political support for the defendants during the trial also shows the weaknesses in the "white left" — a refusal to support armed struggle and self-determination for nations fighting within U.S. borders and a failure to understand the implications of the new fascist precedents for all progressive movements.

It is important to recognize that the revolutionary stance of Sekou Odinga and Silvia Baraldini created the conditions for the partial victory that was won by making it clear to the jury that they were being asked to try a political, and not a criminal enterprise, whatever else they might think of it. Also by defending the right of New Afrikans to build an army and wage war for liberation, they effectively defeated the state's lie that everyone in the movement is in the army and that the public and underground movements are one and the same. •



Silvia Baraldini, Chui Ferguson-El, Sekou Odinga and Bilal Sunni Ali meet in jail during RICO trial.

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left press accepted the state's arguments that none of this was political and stayed away.

To the rest of the world the trial of the freedom fighters in Goshen, New York, was news — and obviously a political, rather than a criminal or judicial proceeding. In fact the trial of Kuwasi Balagoon, Judith Clark and David Gilbert is a case study in how repression in the U.S. is being developed and built by the state.

The single most significant aspect of this trial is that it is one of the first in which New Afrikan revolutionaries, Kuwasi Balagoon and Sekou Odinga, have refused to participate on the grounds that they are not U.S. citizens but B.L.A. soldiers who owe their allegiance to the Republic of New Afrika. (Sekou Odinga was severed from the Goshen case and tried in the

federal RICO trial.) Thus, they are Prisoners-of-War and can only legitimately be tried in an international court. Judy Clark and David Gilbert also refused to participate, on the grounds that they are anti-imperialist freedom fighters and not criminals.

Because of this stance, the state was denied its show trial, and was forced to stage the proceedings in a courtroom with an empty defense table; proceedings even the New York Times termed "eerie." The freedom fighters, who refused to even enter the courtroom for the most part, were kept in separate basement cells and heard their "trial" over a loudspeaker. The one witness they presented was New Afrikan Freedom Fighter Sekou Odinga, who argued for the right of New Afrika to fight for freedom.

The state has attempted, with some success, to counter this political stance by depicting the freedom fighters as bloodthirsty savages, worse

than the Manson family. The freedom fighters were brought to court in armed caravans with sirens screaming, carried up a special side staircase, screened from the world. When they appeared in court, it was surrounded and occupied by 22 Rockland County deputies, 32 Orange County deputies, 15 Newburgh city cops, plus assorted state and federal pigs. As Kuwasi said in his closing statement — "a lot of iron."

Even the roof of the jail (where they were in a special isolated wing) was patrolled with cops with shotguns. Inside the jail the security was stretched so tight that a 79 year old woman, bringing the freedom fighters' children for a visit, was strip-searched because a metal plate in her hip set off a metal detector. This woman, who has been visiting weekly for 19 months, was almost barred from the prison a week later because one of the kids had an unauthorized penny.

In the courtroom, spectators and supporters had to pass through three electronic checks. At a pre-trial hearing, four supporters were beaten and arrested for refusing to stand for the judge. The jury, all-white, with an average age of over 50, was kept anonymous.

But the security wasn't confined to the court and the jail. In the town, the church steeples were regularly checked, with great fanfare, for bombs. It was proposed that armed guards ride school buses to guard kids from "terrorists." Terrorists were everywhere. In July a group of teenagers was charged by deputies with rifles, who mistook them for "terrorist supporters."

As the Freedom Fighters themselves pointed out in a letter to a local newspaper, all this was not spontaneous, nor was it just small town paranoia. It is counterinsurgency. It follows to the letter the guidelines established at a 1978 "Anti-Terrorist" conference held in Puerto Rico, attended by British, West German and U.S. intelligence forces, Soldier of Fortune magazine, and secret police from rightwing countries such as Paraguay, El Salvador and Haiti. Anticipating heightened struggle in the eighties, the guidelines recommended that



Demonstration at opening of Goshen trial

From the Closing Statements . . .

Sekou Odinga

I made it clear many years ago that I didn't recognize the United States government's right to colonize me or my people. I made it clear many years ago that I would fight in every way I could for the freedom and self-determination of the New Afrikan nation. That is why the United States government has gotten their traitors to come up here and tell you these lies that I committed certain criminal acts with them.

The only way that the United States government has been able to keep New Afrikan people enslaved and colonized is by using Black traitors and agents to keep us divided and weak. But in spite of the traitors and in spite of the colonizing pigs of the United States government the war for national liberation will go on and New Afrika and the New Afrikan people, Black people, will be free.
—Sekou Odinga

Silvia Baraldini

Who is going to decide it's a crime to be a public revolutionary?

Now, the FBI said that May 19 is a dangerous organization, that it has dangerous politics. But they can't say it has dangerous politics, so they have to say that its members are part of a criminal enterprise. So they weave a sophisticated conspiracy scheme and they tell you and they tell the American public that May 19 is going to be investigated and infiltrated under their FBI guidelines because it's illegitimate, because May 19 is part of a criminal enterprise. So they investigate and they attack and they harass and they put Silvia Baraldini on trial.

And the government would like you to believe that this is very simple, ladies and gentlemen, that it's about crime, that it's about robberies, that it's about kidnapping. But it's about something larger than that. It is, and this trial has been since the beginning, and it will be, whatever your verdict, about the struggle of Black people, about the struggle of New Afrikan people for liberation, and the struggle of white people to help them.

— On behalf of Silvia Baraldini



Judith Clark and David Gilbert

David Gilbert

The state has tried to portray us as heinous criminals. The opposite is true. We are people who precisely because of our love for human life were moved to fight a system whose vast wealth and power stands on the impoverishment and suffering of most of humanity. To fight injustice is a human right and responsibility. The conflict that has spilled over into this courtroom will only end when New Afrikan people have won back their land and independence, and when all oppressed people are free.

The state has portrayed me as a murderer and a thief. I am a white person who, upholding white working class principles, made a fundamental choice to never accede to a government that is incessantly waging war on other peoples, but rather I am committed to fully oppose that oppression and to fight to achieve a society based in peace, cooperation, and the use of resources to meet people's needs — a society where the human spirit and potential can flower.

I call on white working class people — in the face of both mounting racist violence in this society and U.S. preparation for war against Central America — to ally with our true friends, the national liberation struggles, and to fight for a socialist future for our children.

Judy Clark

We keep talking about war and armies. And that may be hard for you to understand. Because it doesn't look like the war in El Salvador or Lebanon. For it is at a much earlier stage of development. But the essential nature of the New Afrikan struggle is the same as those struggles. Sekou Odinga testified and he explained that Black people do not just allow themselves to be enslaved, abused, beaten and oppressed. That it is only through force of arms — from the terror of the Klan and killer cops to the counterinsurgency of the FBI and CIA — that the U.S. government has been able to subjugate New Afrikan people. And that all the marches, protests and peaceful petitions, over the years — over the centuries — have not overturned that. It will take war — national liberation war. Black people have sought justice and human rights from this system. They have sought jobs, peace and equality within this system. Those are just demands. New Afrikan freedom fighters are saying that those demands can only be achieved by building a protracted struggle to win land and independence. And that armed struggle is integral to that.

People like myself — white people — have been challenged and come to understand that if we want to live in a society where jobs, peace and equality for all people are recognized as basic human rights, then we too will have to fight. Because those guys in the pentagon, in the FBI labs, in the corporation boards aren't going to give up power peacefully. They are not going to give New Afrika, Puerto Rico, Mexicanos and Native American nations their inalienable rights to independence and land. And they are not going to hand over the means of production — of making wealth — to working people whose labor helped produce it. Revolutionary violence is a necessary and liberating force. And the fact that our numbers are small today only speaks to the tasks of building we must take on.

SENTENCING CAMPAIGN

Now that the state has completed its show-trials in both the RICO and GOSHEN cases, it will use the convictions of these revolutionaries to impose barbaric prison terms.

The Freedom Fighters and political prisoners have initiated and are leading a national sentencing campaign — beginning now and going up to the actual sentencing. (October 14 is the date in Goshen; no date is set in the RICO case.) People are urged to write to Federal Judge Kevin Duffy (RICO case) and N.Y. Governor Mario Cuomo (Goshen case) demanding:

FREEDOM OR TRANSPORT TO A FRIENDLY SOCIALIST COUNTRY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR POW SEKOU ODINGA.

TOTAL AMNESTY AND FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PRISONER SILVIA BARALDINI

FREEDOM OR TRANSPORT TO A FRIENDLY SOCIALIST COUNTRY FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS KUWASI BALAGOON, JUDITH CLARK AND DAVID GILBERT

FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PRISONERS OF WAR WE DEMAND THAT THEY BE HELD IN CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS: THAT

THEY NOT BE ISOLATED FROM THEIR MOVEMENTS, LEGAL ADVISORS, FAMILIES OR OTHER PRISONERS, AND THAT THEY NOT BE SUBJECTED TO ANY TORTURE OR BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

Send letter or telegrams in support of Sekou and Silvia to: Judge Kevin Duffy, U.S. District Court, Foley Square, New York, N.Y. 10007

and in support of Kuwasi, Judy and David to: Gov. Mario Cuomo, State Capital, Albany, N.Y.

JBAKC fully supports this campaign and urges all anti-racist, anti-imperialist people to write today, and urge others to do the same.

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captured revolutionaries never be seen by the public, or portrayed by the media, as human beings. Their political demands should never be published or discussed. Instead they are to be isolated politically and physically from other prisoners in an effort to break, or at least neutralize, them.

These techniques have been used against Irish and Palestinian freedom fighters, the Red Brigades in Italy and the Red Army Fraction prisoners in West Germany. Now they are used in the U.S.

The state's strategy has had a big impact. The left has, for the most part, refused to support the freedom fighters or even attend the trial, although there was a demonstration of about 100 people in their support on the day of opening statements.

On September 15, after a breakneck prosecution that put on as many as 20 witnesses a day, the show was over and the freedom fighters were convicted of robbery and murder. The triumph of their struggle to deny the legitimacy of the proceedings by not participating came when the verdict was announced — to an empty table. ●

Freedom Fighters on Trial in Queens, N.Y.

Black revolutionaries Abdul Majid and Basheer Hamid are currently on trial in the the U.S. government's second attempt to frame them for a shoot-out in Queens, New York in April, 1981, in which one cop died and another was wounded. No positive identification was made in the first trial. The jury returned an inconsistent and illogical verdict, almost as a compromise with the state. They found the two revolutionaries innocent of the murder of one cop, but guilty of lesser assault charges on the other cop, at the same time and place. The government ordered a new trial, determined to try again to send Majid and Hamid to jail for life.

Abdul Majid (s/n Anthony Laborde) is a former Black Panther Party member and one of the Panther 21 acquitted of frame-up charges in 1973. He was captured in Philadelphia in December, 1981 and he has declared himself a Prisoner-of-War.



Abdul Majid and Basheer Hamid

Basheer Hamid (s/n James York) was captured and beaten in South Carolina in August, 1981. He stated then that he was a Prisoner-of-War and would continue to fight from wherever he was for the liberation of the Black Nation.

In their opening statements they cited the history of repression against the Black Liberation Struggle and the government's intensified campaign to criminalize Black revolutionaries. ●

Fascism doesn't just happen. It gets built . . .



Stratford, Ct., September 10. In a stadium protected by scores of cops, the Klan invited townspeople to "Kill a n—r, kill a commie, kill a Jew." Except for this one spot, the stadium fence was covered by canvas by the city to protect the Klan from view. 200 turned out to hear the rally. JBAKC led a protest of about 50.



This police display at the Stratford Klan rally entrance targets and names JBAKC members. During the rally police photographed all who opposed the Klan.



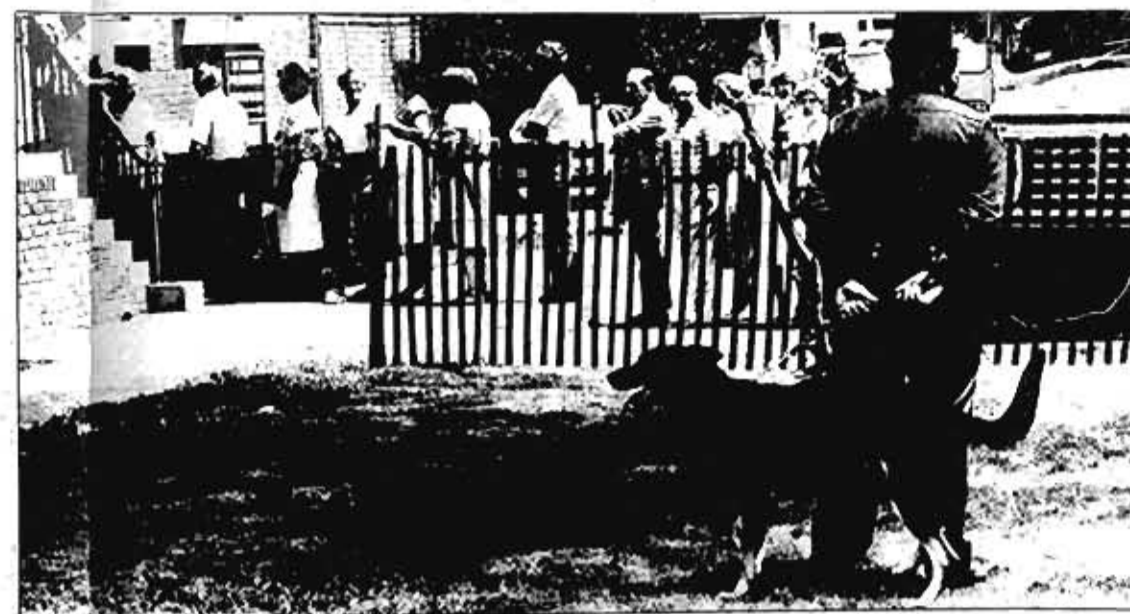
Klan supporters in Stratford threaten protesters. Racists and rightwingers were more numerous and bolder than ever, showing the Klan has had an impact in Connecticut.



An essential task of counterinsurgency is to create the fear of revolution among the people. Before the fascist coup in Chile, CIA-backed newspapers ran stories about socialists near photos of bloody accidents. In upstate New York this graphic was featured on the front page of the Newburgh Evening News to show how the presence of the freedom fighters cast the "shadow of terrorism" over Goshen.



Jurows were kept anonymous and transported in this bus with blacked-out windows, to give the impression that the freedom fighters and their supporters were bloodthirsty maniacs.



The all-white jury was protected at every moment by snarling police dogs and scores of cops. And it worked; they were terrified. As Kuwasi points out in his statement, some turned to face the wall, and one even put on sunglasses, whenever the Freedom Fighters were around.

**Goshen an armed camp
as Brink's trial begins**



Capitalizing on the racist hysteria, a Goshen tavern served a Kahlua and gin (black and white) cocktail called "the Brink's drink."



Fascism has its roots in white supremacy and aggressive nationalism. Led by an American Legionnaire, these rightwingers are on their way to stop the women's anti-war march.



An anti-war march by the Women's Peace Encampment of Seneca Falls, New York, was stopped by a mob of pro-war racists in nearby Waterloo in August. A few moments after this picture was taken; the women were arrested by SWAT teams while the flag wavers cheered.



The Cowboys: the racist terror-team within the Richmond, California, police department that was the subject of a multimillion dollar lawsuit by the families of Black people they had murdered.

and must be fought.

Women and the Klan

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Protection Act:

"As are families, so is society. If well ordered, well structured, and well governed, they are the springs from which go forth the streams of national greatness and prosperity — of civil order and public happiness."

Order and public happiness are codewords for maintaining the status quo. It is no coincidence that the nuclear family is being propped up at the very moment when women will soon be called upon to send their children off to die in coming imperialist wars.

The police, FBI, military, the Klan and even the space program are all recruiting women in an escalating attempt to mobilize and consolidate white womens' allegiance to the system.

Building and promoting male supremacist violence is also part of building an overall fascist movement. The Army of God paramilitary organization bombed abortion clinics in Texas. On August 2, an armed anti-abortion religious terrorist held two women hostage for 14 hours in a Los Angeles health clinic. The Sacramento leader of the Klan murdered his wife; white supremacist mobs gangraped women in Connecticut and California and were then exonerated in the courts. This is all part of attacking the real struggle of women for liberation and building rightwing fascist movements to terrorize all those who oppose them.

This is the context in which we have to understand the significance of Klan attacks on gay people. Lesbians and gay men do not fit the mold of the bourgeois nuclear family. Richard Viguere, a theoretician in the *Conservative Digest* states:

"American business will pay an enormous price if the traditional family would be smashed by militant feminists and their allies who insist that our civilization must be restructured to meet the diverse preferences and passions of individuals."

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, the Klan fought to censor "Our Bodies, Ourselves," and other books dealing with lesbian and gay men's sexuality. Public attention to AIDS sufferers has exposed a new breadth of rightwing homophobia, with gay men left untreated in hospitals and the Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell declaring that AIDS is "retribution" for homosexuality. Phyllis



Klanswoman Ann Reeves raffles off a machine gun at a Klan rally

Schafly urges that restaurants fire all gay people. In Connecticut the Klan picked National Gay Pride Day for one of their rallies and in Michigan, Connecticut and Texas they have called for the death penalty for lesbians and gay men.

The Klan uses the rhetoric and concerns of the women's movement, even adding the women's symbol to the Klan cross. In San Francisco they spray paint on the walls: "This neighborhood patrolled against rape and mugging by the KKK." This pro-women veneer is pretty thin. The Klan's recruitment of women exposes the fallacy that "equal participation" is the substance of women's liberation. True, women in the Klan speak publically and lead; they learn to shoot and run some of the paramilitary training. But this is not the liberation of women — any more than women armed in the U.S. military or pioneer women who were armed to shoot Native American people. Those skills are only developed as part of a strategy to promote white supremacy and defend a system that fundamentally opposes the liberation of women. •



Klanswomen Dee Bernosky, Shirley Garcia and Sandra Bergeron at Patriot Bookstore

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rallies; this is not their opportunism but their actual politics. On the day of their Stratford, Ct. rally, the Klan also burned a Soviet flag on the steps of the Connecticut state capital in Hartford. Fascism means anti-communism fanning the flames of jingoism and Amerikkkan nationalism — heightening white chauvinism.

Fascism means the increased oppression of women. Even as they elevate women in the Klan and other rightwing organizations, they promote women to lead the fight against women's liberation (i.e. to oppose the ERA, to fight anti-gay legislation or to lead the AIDS hysteria).

Fascism means anti-semitism. Attacks on Jewish people are heightening, even as support for Zionism grows on the right. This appears to be a contradiction because the pro-imperialist, racist philosophy of Zionism has been falsely presented as the answer to anti-semitism — when in fact it is an accommodation to it. In fact, the pro-Zionism and anti-semitism of the Klan and other rightwing groups reflect the reality of the

political, economic and military function of Zionist Israel to U.S. imperialism. So the most bigoted anti-semites in this country such as Falwell and Reagan are pro-Israel. While all Klans are anti-semitic, some are anti-Israel as well — not because they support the Palestinian struggle, but because they believe that Zionism and Judaism are one.

Fascism means white supremacy. In fact it is at the heart, especially here in Amerikkka where the subjugation of the whole Black Nation has been central to the building of the U.S. empire and where the resistance of the Black Nation has always led the way in progressive and anti-imperialist struggles. Not only the KKK, but every group on the right and the police are openly arming for race war.

Why Connecticut?

This analysis can help us understand why the Klan has targeted Connecticut as the center of its Northeast organizing strategy. Connecticut is a key war state. It produces military hardware, weaponry, helicopters, submarines and nuclear missiles. United Technologies, Sikorsky,

Los Angeles Killer Cops

Los Angeles, California. Fifteen months after Los Angeles sheriffs broke into the home of a Black family and sheriff Robert Armstrong shot 8 1/2 months pregnant DeLois Young, killing her unborn child, a jury convicted Armstrong of second degree murder which carries a sentence of up to 15 years in state prison. But this case neither begins nor ends here.

Armstrong's trial brought out that he and his partner "stuffed" a call the night of April 16, 1982. "Stiffing" is a common practice among LA police where they call in phony reports in order to circumvent search warrants. One of Armstrong's partners testified that he has never gotten a search warrant during his police career.

On this April night, Armstrong disguised his voice to "sound Black" and called in a fake family disturbance at Young's house. At two a.m., six sheriffs arrived. Armstrong and Rene Labelle pounded on the front door. Armstrong yelled that the police were after him and demanded to be let in. Carrying an unloaded rifle pointed at the floor, DeLois Young opened the door a crack; Labelle kicked it open, blinded her with his flashlight and Armstrong shot the fatal three rounds.

Initially, police announced that they were charging DeLois Young with attempted murder, but exposure of a police cover-up and the blatancy of the shooting led to indictments against four sheriffs, including the second-degree murder charge.

After a four day trial this past June, the jury came in with a conviction on all counts. One month later, Judge William Keene stated he found no malice in Armstrong's actions, dropped his conviction to manslaughter and ordered him to the county jail for one year. He'll be out around the beginning of the year.

As the judge announced his decision, members of JBAKC disrupted the proceedings, denouncing Armstrong as a murderer and the sentencing as another racist crime. Later, demonstrators picketed the Criminal Courts building. Passersby were confronted by two people dressed as a judge and a sheriff with blood dripping from their hands, dramatizing the complicity of the courts and the police and the reality that an LA police badge is a license to kill and terrorize in the Black and Latino communities.

Armstrong's trial is only the second time in over 10 years that police in LA have been brought to court; the first resulted in outright acquittal. During the same period, over 400 people (70% Black and Latino) have been murdered by the police and so far this year, another 35 people have already been killed by police revolvers. The racism of the police was made clear when LAPD chief Daryl Gates was asked why 14 of the 17 victims of the police chokehold were Black. Gates stated that it was because Black people aren't "normal." •

Colt, Smith and Wesson, Electric Boat, Pratt and Whitney are all in Connecticut and employ tens of thousands of white workers.

As the U.S. escalates its war drive in Central America, and the Middle East, there is no doubt that the "war-based" economy of the state will pick up. Layoffs will stop, employment will increase and who will be there to add the ideological pro-war underpinnings and organize masses of white working class people to support U.S. imperialist war? The Klan, which has been organizing throughout the state for five years. The "peaceful, patriotic protest by the KKK" in Meriden in April and the June 25th "God Bless America" rally in New Britain are but the first steps in a long-range strategy that will play itself out as contradictions heighten and the police and National Guard alone are not sufficient to contain and drive back resistance.

Look into the not-too-distant future, at an anti-war demonstration at the Groton Naval Base, for example, broken up not by the police or National Guard, but by armed thugs with pipes and brass knuckles who come "out of nowhere." These kind of fascist attacks are standard throughout the world. They have been used against the Black movement (i.e. against freedom riders in the South) for years. It is foolish for progressive movements not to understand that the Klan and other groups are being developed to be used against all who resist as the U.S. goes to war.

This is why we say the fight against the Klan, in its broad sense, is a key struggle for all anti-imperialists in the U.S. today; and why we say the anti-Klan movement must be an anti-imperialist movement. •

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

The Posse Comitatus

"Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon — that International Communist System — shall be thrown down and shall be found no more ... and all the disco bongo from the congo ... the n—r jive is going to go!"

—Posse Comitatus 'Minister' William Gale

Gordon Kahl Incident

On February 17, 1983, near Medina, North Dakota, Posse Comitatus leader Gordon Kahl, 63, his son Yoris, and another Posse member were involved in a shoot-out with federal marshals who were attempting to arrest Kahl for federal tax evasion. When the smoke cleared, two marshals were dead, Kahl's son and Scott Kaul lay wounded and Gordon Kahl fled in an unmarked police car.

A manhunt ensued for the next three and a half months involving hundreds of law enforcement officers and advanced equipment such as infrared airborne spotters. On June 3, another shoot-out occurred in the hills of northern Arkansas. Kahl was killed as police gunfire exploded hundreds of rounds of ammunition in a Hitler-style concrete farmhouse bunker.

In an interview with the Harvey, N.D. Herald, Kahl had said: "The income tax is one of the ten planks of the Communist Manifesto, call it the ten commandments of Satan." In a letter received by the Arvan Nations Headquarters after the North Dakota shoot-out, Kahl said: "A Jewish Communist Conspiracy has taken over the U.S. ... they have two objectives in their goal of ruling the world. Destroy Christianity and the white race. Neither can be accomplished by itself ... they stand or fall together. Christian patriots should bring His enemies before Him and slay them."

The events surrounding Kahl catapulted the Posse Comitatus into the national limelight. It has emerged as another important white supremacist force, like the Ku Klux Klan, in the growing reactionary movement in this country. Its primary base of support lies among farmers in the rural areas of Wisconsin, North Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, California, Oregon, Illinois and Colorado. They have been recently opening up organizing in other parts of the country as well.

History and Ideology of Posse

The Posse was started in 1969 in Portland, Oregon, by Mike Beach, now in his 70's, who was a pro-Nazi "Silver Shirt" in the 1930's. Still today, the Posse Comitatus is rabidly anti-Semitic. Posse Comitatus in Latin means "power of the county." They believe in local control and that the federal government is ignoring the rights of the "white Christian majority." They refuse to pay federal taxes.

The Posse Comitatus has a vision of taking power in the United States through a right-wing revolution. After committing genocide against Third World people and Jews, they plan to set-up a white Christian nation. "Survivalists" who are building a military capability, their view is that society will break down due to nuclear war, "inner-city Blacks" will flee to the countryside, and rural whites will have to defend themselves or face sharing what they have.

The Posse cannot be written off as a bunch of kooks. They have an estimated 1,000 members in Wisconsin and 2 - 10,000 members elsewhere. Most importantly, they are growing in size and influence.

Small farmers are feeling the crunch during the economic crisis and the Posse has been organizing among them to prevent farm foreclosures. Farmers are increasingly receptive to appeals of "Don't pay your taxes" at a time when they can't pay their taxes. In Wallace County, Kansas, the sheriff, assisted by police from across the state, was prevented from recovering farm equipment in a foreclosure action by 40 to 50 Posse members and supporters. A sign read: "To all officers of the law - if you've come to harass us, any survivors will be prosecuted." In Springfield, Colorado, 250 farmers battled police on January 4, 1983, at the auction of Jerry Wright's farm. Wright is a co-founder of the American Agricultural Movement (AAM) which claims 20,000 members. A popular man, he is an open advocate of the Posse Comitatus and has been involved in Posse-sponsored paramilitary survival training in western Kansas. Although the training was called a "Bible Study" by the owner of the farm where it took place, instructions were given how to blow up roads, dams and bridges.

The potential for a fascist movement among farmers clearly exists. The Posse is expounding



James Wickstrom, National Director of Counterinsurgency for Posse Comitatus

its larger vision as well as organizing around refusing to pay taxes and fighting farm foreclosures. National attention was brought to radio station KTTL-FM owned by Posse adherents Nellie and Charles Babbs. Located in southwestern Kansas, the only country and western station in a 60-mile radius, it is situated in an area with less than 400 Black people and a handful of Jews.

The Babbs aired tapes recorded by Reverend William P. Gale and James Wickstrom, "head of counter-insurgency" for the Posse. Gale, a leader in the racist and anti-semitic Identity Church network and long time fascist, is an ex-Army colonel who served on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff for seven years. He directed counter-insurgency in the Philippines and has written five books on guerrilla warfare. Gale spoke about "Black beasts" on the air and exclaimed: "Yes, we're gonna cleanse our land. We're gonna do it with violence ... it's about time someone is telling you to get violent, whitey."

The Babbs have refused to pay their property taxes and the station's receipts have been attached by the state. Many listeners, in particular Mexicans, have complained about the programs, but the F.C.C. has defended the Babbs' "freedom of speech."

Tigerton Dells, Wisconsin

Many people first heard about the Posse Comitatus when they attacked a Native American land claim takeover by the Menominee in 1974. The Posse acts on their belief that the U.S. is "white man's land."

Because they consider the federal government captured by "Jew Communist bankers" they have set up their own town called the township of Tigerton Dells in northern Wisconsin, where at least 25 members live on 1300 acres of land in mobile homes. Posse members serve as judge, constable, marshal, clerk and town chairman. James Wickstrom and another Posse member face charges of "impersonating town officials" and the state of Wisconsin does not recognize Tigerton Dells as a legitimate township.

Wickstrom, the Posse's leader, a Vietnam veteran, represents the new generation of fascists. He is an ardent admirer of former reactionary Wisconsin senator Joseph McCarthy. Wickstrom polled 16,000 votes when he ran for U.S. Senate in 1980 from his Constitution Party. He now devotes most of his time to running things in Tigerton Dells.

A self-proclaimed minister, he has set-up a congregation of his Life Science Church (Identity) with its rabidly racist and anti-semitic doctrine. The church is used as a theological base for fighting a race war, as well as a tax shelter for Posse members.

Building a Para-military Capacity

Wickstrom's most important role is as "director of counter-insurgency." Building a military capacity is a main ingredient of the Posse's program. It is no coincidence that Posse leaders, like Gale and Wickstrom, are former military men.

Wickstrom is preparing his "Army of Elijah" and declares "There's a Holy War coming. I feel it is going to have to happen soon. It's the only

recourse to save America."

"Camp Tigerton," as Wickstrom calls Tigerton Dells, serves as a main training site in preparation for race war and to confront government officials. According to a local resident, "It sort of went away from being a neo-Nazi training camp with swastikas, stormtrooper boots and all, and now to a para-military group with automatic weapons and guerrilla training." Road blocks into the town stop travelers, threatening to jail "trespassers" in the Tigerton jail. It is thought that this is done to keep secret their large cache of weapons and their underground bunkers.

In 1981, a government raid was conducted on the farm of Posse members in Montello, Wisconsin. High explosives were found and construction had begun on a series of tunnels and bunkers. The Posse utilized the Federal Firearms License number of a Portage, Wisconsin, sporting goods store to obtain \$22,000 worth of guns and ammunition for sophisticated military weaponry. It is believed that the Posse has rockets, and the Posse is manufacturing its own ammunition.

Wickstrom has sponsored a series of "counter-insurgency seminars" around the country, mostly in the Midwest and West. In a typical session in Weskan, Kansas, 56 participants were trained as "killer teams in hand-to-hand combat, the administration of poisons, night combat patrol, and murder by ambush." In another seminar in Springfield, Colorado, believed linked to the Posse, bomb manufacturing techniques were taught.

It is commonplace for young men in fatigues, carrying knives or guns, to be in attendance at rallies in Tigerton with up to 300 people.

Vigilante Organization

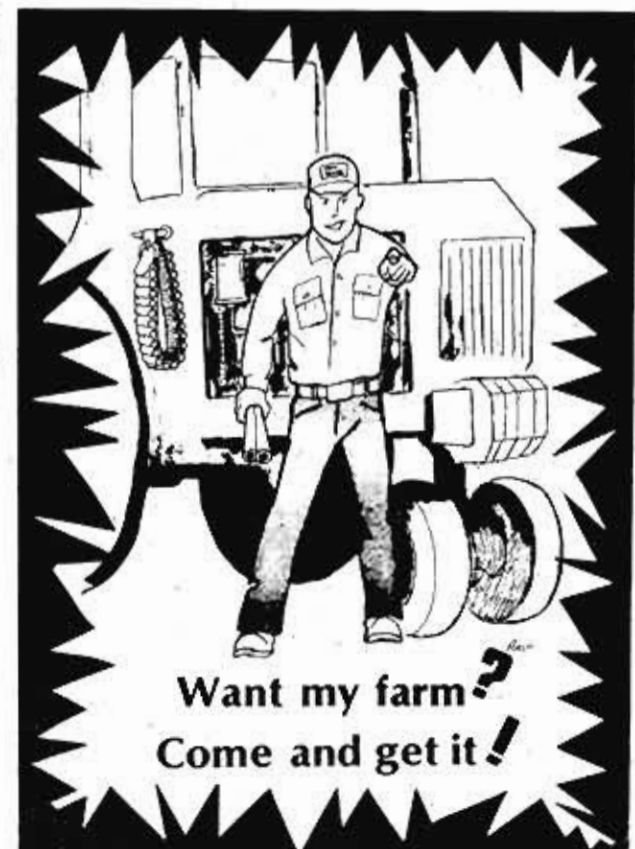
The Posse Comitatus is a vigilante organization. Originally conceived, in part, as a "civilian posse" to aid local law enforcement, they wear star-shaped badges that read "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus." In 1975 in California, they drove United Farmworkers Union organizers off a farm with guns. In 1980, when Cuban immigrants were detained at Fort McCoy, 25 miles from Tigerton, the Posse distributed literature at nearby factories which announced "the first Annual Cuban Shoot-Out."

They have had run-ins with the state of Wisconsin over tax evasion and the status of Tigerton Dells ever since the Posse moved there in 1974. Members have driven police off the land at gunpoint, gone to court armed, and threatened judges through letters from a "Committee to Save Judges From Hanging."

U.S. Government's Attitude Toward Posse

Although there are many tax evasion cases against the Posse pending in court, officials treated them with "kid gloves" until the incident with Gordon Kahl. An Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms official has said, "They're farmers — basically good people — who don't deal dope or rob people. Nothing about them tips you off that they might be looking to shoot you." This view

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From a Klan newspaper

NY Police Brutality Hearings Too Hot for Mayor Koch

Harlem, July 18. Amid cries of "sham" and "betrayal" a congressional hearing into police brutality in Harlem, N.Y. was convened and hastily adjourned in less than 20 minutes, because overwhelming community response was threatening to turn it into more than just a whitewash of New York's "finest."

The one-day hearing by the Criminal Justice subcommittee was scheduled by a Black congressman, John Conyers of Michigan, in response to community outrage over heightening police violence. One of the immediate issues was the vicious beating of Black divinity student, Rev. Lee Johnson, on April 18 in the basement of a Harlem precinct. But police violence against Third World people is systematic in New York, as in every Black community, and turn-out for the hearing was heavy.

Hundreds came to the Harlem State Office Building at 10:00 a.m., only to find that the "public" hearing had been scheduled for a second floor art gallery too small for the crowd. 250 filled the hearing room, 300 filled another room nearby, and hundreds more stood in the hallways and on the street, even though no sound system was provided for the overflow crowd.

Mayor Koch and his Police Commissioner McGuire were booed when they arrived. Koch arranged to sit next to a Black cop, and refused to stand for the singing of a spiritual that opened the hearing. The room was packed, and someone complained that hundreds were being excluded. The hearing had barely started when a woman shouted "You (police) killed my son!" Using this "disruption" as a pretext, Conyers, Koch, and N.Y. Rep. Rangel called a recess, then summarily cancelled the entire hearing less than 20 minutes after it had begun.

"The intense interest in the subject matter precludes us from going forward with this hearing," Conyers announced to the crowd, which was outraged. Koch, having already issued his statement defending the police to the press, was the first to leave. He was followed out by an angry crowd that beat on the roof of his car as he was driven away.

Feelings of betrayal were widespread. "This community was ripped off," said Rev. C. Butts. "This hearing was designed to be cancelled." With Koch, Conyers, and Rangel gone, the hearing resumed as a People's Tribunal, chaired by Rev. Herbert Daughtry of the Black United Front. More than 50 persons testified to the daily violence of New York police against the Black community. Rev. Lee Johnson and a friend told how they had been stopped for having no license plate, thrown down stairs, called "n—r" and kicked in the stomach as they lay on the floor.

The hearing has been re-scheduled for late September. Meanwhile, New York police have gone on a propaganda offensive, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on TV and radio commercials depicting the repressive forces (police) as the victims of violence. The campaign, which features cops in wheelchairs, maimed cops, widows



Mayor Ed Koch flees first Harlem police brutality hearing

and orphans, is financed by the Police Benevolent Association (PBA), which spent over a million dollars to defeat a proposed civilian review board.

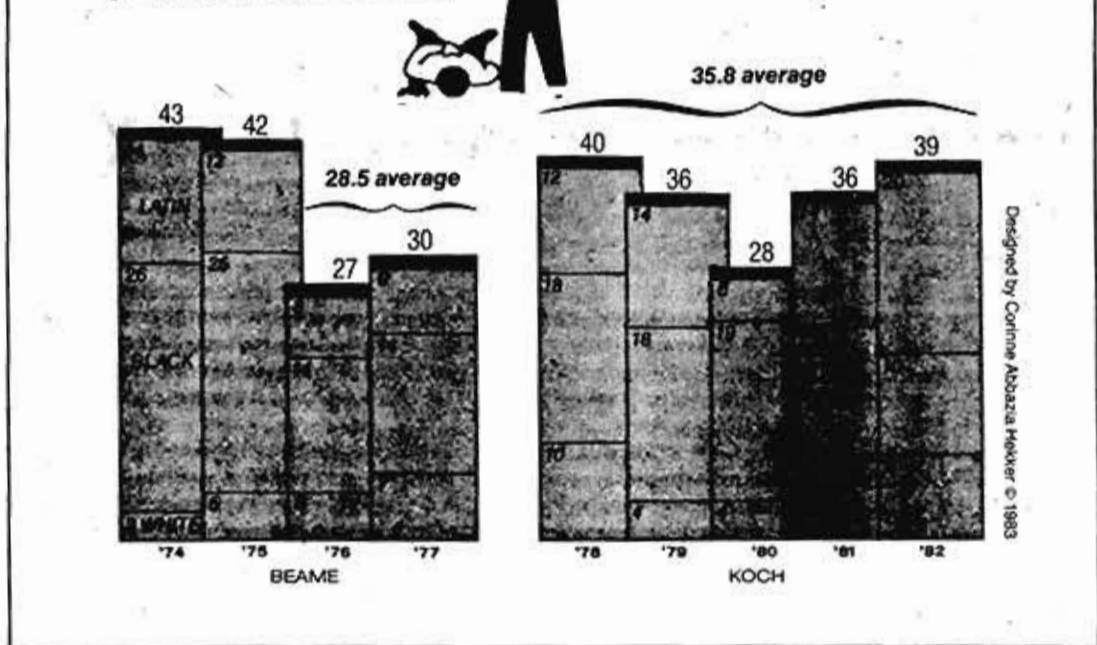
On September 19th, these hearings were reconvened in Harlem. Because they were held in an Armory where 1,000s of people could attend, Mayor Koch refused to attend saying the Armory was too public. •



STOP KILLER COPS!

DEATHS

Shooting Homicides by NYC Police.



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Neo-Nazis and Klan glorify Kahl

underlies official policy.

The Posse plays an important role for imperialism when it organizes farmers and others to identify Blacks and other Third World people as causing current economic and social problems. The government has used the Klan and will need fascist armies for its own strategy to contain national liberation movements inside the U.S. That is why para-military training by the Posse, the Klan and other violent right-wing groups is condoned and encouraged.

However, the Posse Comitatus does have aspirations of running the country after a fascist "revolution." They see the present government in the hands of "liberals" and "Jewish Communists" and oppressive to the (white) "little man." Compared to most right-wings groups, the Posse is in a high state of conflict with federal and local government. With the Kahl incident, the government showed both its ability and willingness to come down hard on groups like the Posse when its authority is too threatened.

It is worth noting that the government has not imprisoned the Posse's leadership even though Gordon Kahl killed two federal marshals. The government will probably try to steer the Posse in a direction more to its liking, keep them better

under control rather than attempt to destroy them.

Links

The Posse's religiously based anti-semitic and racist views are part of the growing trend of Identity Churches like the Life Science of Basic Bible Church, the Aryan Nations, Christian Patriots Defense League and others. Identity is the ideological backbone of 1980's fascism. Its preachers, often ex-military officers, long-time Klansmen or Nazis, are united by an interpretation of the Bible that justifies genocide against Third World people and Jews. They are united through a commitment to fascism and through paramilitary networks.

The Posse has carried out joint para-military training with the Ku Klux Klan and Minutemen in Southern California. David Duke, national Klan leader, has said, "We work with the Posse Comitatus whenever we can ... we get their material and funnel it to our groups." In addition, the Posse gets some funding from Lyndon Larouche's right-wing U.S. Labor Party. The USLP hopes that funds to the Posse will strengthen the fascist-populist aims of the USLP among farmers. •

FROM FREEDOM FIGHTERS

Armed Resistance Unit

August 17, 1983

Tonight we attacked the computer operations complex at the Washington Navy Yard. We have acted in solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the peoples of Central America and the Caribbean. We hope that this act of proletarian internationalism is just one of a growing number by anti-imperialists in this country determined to show that there will be no blockade between the struggles of oppressed peoples around the world and those here inside the U.S. borders.

The U.S. government wants war. It is planning for it and planning on it. There is massive U.S. involvement in El Salvador; there are 6000 marines in Honduras poised to attack Nicaragua while a de facto naval blockade surrounds its coasts; U.S. warships threaten to violate Libyan waters and U.S. aircraft its airspace; the U.S. is overseeing the military partition of Lebanon.

The computer complex at the Washington Navy Yard is used to train high-ranking officers at the Naval War College. They simulate massive naval battles, practicing how to sacrifice the lives of millions — perhaps hundreds of millions — for the interest of the U.S. ruling class.

The computers are part of the technology of death that the U.S. government employs to try to defeat the struggle of peoples around the world for national liberation, for socialism, and

for peace. U.S. finance, mining and industrial capitalists have hundreds of millions of dollars invested in the exploitation of Latin American land and labor, and use the government's military might to protect their profit.

We have attacked tonight to contribute to the building of a resistance movement in this country that will rob the U.S. government of the stable home base it desperately needs. This is a lesson from the Vietnam War that we can apply now. Our movement can organize the soldiers and sailors not to fight; the military's recruiting efforts can be blocked, and the technology can be sabotaged. The government wants the political debate in this country to go on between Republicans and Democrats over how to maintain imperialist control; our movement can be a progressive and anti-imperialist alternative that challenges that control.

Our action is a call directed to all who support the peoples of Latin America and

oppose U.S. aggression to embrace the struggle for independence and socialism for Puerto Rico. Since 1898, the U.S. military occupation of the island to maintain it as a colony has been and is the most direct form of imperialist aggression against the nations of this hemisphere.

The U.S., confronted by what Reagan has the arrogance to call "the fire in our backyard," is committed to turning Puerto Rico into a military garrison to wage war against progressive movements in all of Latin America. Massive U.S./NATO exercises devastate Vieques; Ramey Air Force Base and Ft. Buchanan Army Base are being re-opened; the U.S. counter-insurgency training center for the hemisphere may well be moved from Panama to Puerto Rico.

The revolutionary Puerto Rican Independence Movement will transform these U.S. plans into their opposite and bring the fire of Latin American revolution to the frontyard and the very heart of the U.S. empire. Can those of us who know the true role of Kissinger and the CIA in Chile, the current reality of counter-revolution in Nicaragua and counter-insurgency in El Salvador, withhold our support from those forces building the national liberation struggle of the Puerto Rican people? Alongside our demands in support of Nicaragua and El Salvador, we fight for the independence of Puerto Rico. We extend our solidarity to

the F.A.L.N. and the revolutionary clandestine organizations fighting in Puerto Rico. We join with people around the world in demanding the freedom of Puerto Rican patriot and freedom fighter William Morales, the unconditional release of the 11 Puerto Rican POWs held in U.S. prisons, and the freedom of all Puerto Rican political prisoners and grand jury resisters.

The U.S. efforts to return to the days of gunboat diplomacy will fail. Oppressed and exploited people around the world learned an invaluable lesson from the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people against U.S. imperialism. The imperialist war machine can be defeated through a protracted resistance and growing armed struggle. It is the time for progressive North Americans to renounce the empire and join with other oppressed peoples and take our own first steps down the long road to revolution and a new socialist world. It is the only path that can bring peace, end fascist violence, and promote the full development of humanity.

Defend the Nicaraguan Revolution
Victory to the FMLN/FDR
Independence and Socialism for Puerto Rico
Build a Revolutionary Resistance Movement
Fight U.S. Imperialism



Nicaraguan troops patrol borders against CIA-backed counter-revolutionaries (contras)

United Freedom Front

August 21, 1983
Communique #3

HANDS OFF NICARAGUA U.S. OUT OF EL SALVADOR

Tonight the United Freedom Front continues its attack against the U.S. military machine with the bombing of the Sgt. Joseph Muller Army Reserve Center, (Provost Marshal's Unit, 408, 1163 and 303 battalions), in the Bronx, New York.

This is in direct response to U.S. imperialism's CIA-backed invasion of Nicaragua, Reagan's 5000 man combat force and fleets of warships blockading and threatening to overthrow the Popular Sandinista Revolution. These imperialist forces are also in a position for rapid deployment against the People's Forces in El Salvador and to try to stop Revolutionary progress in other Central American countries. To more clearly demonstrate U.S. intentions in this region, Pig Kissinger was brought out, with the blood of the Chilean and Vietnamese People still wet on his hands, to map out the course for continued U.S. domination of the area.

Despite strong efforts by the governments in Central America to try to prevent war, including the Nicaraguan Government's July 19th six point plan for peace, Reagan called in war-monger Kissinger along with the huge invasion forces. They include more air power than that of any Central American nation and a larger naval fleet than all the countries in the area combined. With the millions of

dollars being poured into military bases, air strips and communication systems, in Honduras, it is obvious that this is a desperate move by imperialism to try to maintain its hold on these countries. Imperialism needs to dominate the people and resources of other countries to survive. Capitalism needs war and war preparations to pull itself out of economic depressions, recessions and times of outrageous unemployment. The bottom line of U.S. imperialism is its military forces invading other countries; thus, making them a legitimate target whether lurking on the borders of Nicaragua or here in the belly of the beast.

On July 20, while Reagan and Congress continued their deceptive charade of certifying the fascist Salvadoran government's human rights policy to justify sending more U.S. money, arms and troops into that country, the Salvadoran army slaughtered 200 unarmed peasants.

Honduras is being turned into a U.S. fortress in an attempt to hold back the tide of the Peoples' Liberation struggles. In spite of all these U.S. efforts the People of Central America are throwing off the fascist repression, but at a horrifying cost in human lives, suffering and misery.

All the Peoples of the world must unite with these courageous Sisters and Brothers in their just battle for the defense of the Nicaraguan Revolution, the inevitable victory of the Salvadoran People and the rights of all Central American Peoples to Freedom, Self-Determination and a future for the Children free of hunger, fear and need.

"We have absolute faith in the Central American People and in the militant international solidarity of all the Peoples of the

world, including the People of the United States."

—The Liberation Forces of El Salvador
April, 1980

We dedicate this action to the spirit of Comrade George Jackson murdered on August 21, 1971.

Solidarity and support to the Nicaraguan people and their Sandinista government

Victory to the people of El Salvador

Stop U.S. intervention in Central America

Solidarity and revolutionary support to the locked down freedom fighters and to all grand jury resisters

Solidarity to all progressive individuals and organizations opposing U.S. involvement in Central America

Venceremos...
United Freedom Front

The John Brown Anti-Klan Committee supports the development and growth of the armed clandestine movements in this country. We reprint communiques to express this support and to generate struggle about the politics of the actions. This month's communiques were issued following actions against the U.S. military machine in solidarity with the struggles in Central America and Puerto Rico and express unity between the armed clandestine movements with the public mass solidarity movements in the U.S. as well. Heightening our resistance to the U.S. war machine is a task for all progressive and anti-imperialist people.

Kuwasi Balagoon

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tearful white girl when faced with life in prison serves up her comrades for a deal that sounded not unlike a slave auction, with time being the medium rather than money. Koch meanwhile hasn't gotten a TV contract as a writer or an actor — i tell you, there is no justice in this world.

There's no record of the B.L.A. leaving comrades in hostile areas on purpose. When comrades are wounded attempts are made to carry them. The state contends that Marilyn Buck was wounded and taken to Mt. Vernon with the unit in question. The state wants to have it both ways.

How we deal

The B.L.A. doesn't work that way. We have a saying, "the lowest circles in hell are reserved for those who desert their comrades." The B.L.A. has a history of aiding the escapes of comrades from prisons and other detention centers. The state-issued lie that any of us said to leave anyone who had participated in any action with us is designed to portray us as users and racist. For the state to project that piece of propaganda at the same time that it lines the roofs with rifle-toting clowns, posts guards at each block and intersection and transports us in armed convoys without red lights is not only an insult to us, but an insult to anybody outside the state who hears it. Every day we come to court there are scores of fat middle-aged cops crouching behind trees, phone poles and cars, gun at the ready. This is not because they think we can break out of handcuffs, waist chains and leg chains and dive out of closed car windows and sprint to the next county before anyone notices what is going on. They do this because the B.L.A. does not forfeit comrades into the hands of the enemy and does not forfeit those who struggle beside us into the hands of the enemy. There are enough instances of aided escapes, attempts at escapes and fierce battles to avoid capture to make it clear how we feel and how we deal.

They say that veteran police officers responding to an incident where one guard was mortally wounded were convinced to put a shotgun away by Boudin, but didn't Waverly Brown have a shotgun. They say he was the first to go in any event, that O'Grady was loading his weapon when someone ran up to him shooting, but didn't he have six shells in his weapon when he responded? And if he was reloading, doesn't that mean he fired six times and for all practical purposes, missed? Lennon says he watched O'Grady get shot, but didn't Lennon have a pistol that was loaded, as well as a shotgun? Why didn't he shoot the man who ran up and shot O'Grady? Why was Keenan so far away from the action? And hit no one? Why is it that so many police officers converged on the scene so soon after the battle?

Once they got a couple of suspects who had surrendered, who were outnumbered and handcuffed, they got tough. But at the action i suggest that they lost heart. That the odds were too even — that Koch, who has been spinning his yarn to his co-workers for two years, took a circular approach to the road-block because the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Do you believe that he lost an opportunity to shoot someone who had been shooting at other cops because some ladies' scream broke his concentration? Or that another cop, John McCord, missed his opportunity to shoot Marilyn Buck because just as she drove up he dropped a shell, and by the time he reached down to pick it up she zoomed right past him? What was so important about that particular shell, outside of it being a catalyst for a fish story? Why would an experienced cop and bodyguard like O'Grady try to load every shell into his revolver when someone is running up to kill him? Why does the state insist that we swallow all of this?

Discernable war

How did those cars that had been spotted and noted get out of the area? Well, i'll tell you why, it was because the cops who got paid so much a week wanted to back-up in a big way. This was discernable war. One group of soldiers in opposition to another group of soldiers. One group of soldiers who ate and slept at the front and another who may not have witnessed colonialism contested so aggressively before. i don't know. The state says there were six people coming out of the back of the truck, there were five cops with

revolvers and two shotguns. The insurgents left one pistol at the scene of the expropriation, one pistol and one shotgun at the scene of the roadblock. i don't think there were any supermen or saints around that day battling it out on Route 59, or Mad Dog Killers or Cowboys. i think there were only men, mortals; one group called n—rs and the other group called pigs. Lennon, during his hypnotic session when he described a Black man running up to O'Grady shooting, didn't describe the Black man as a "terrorist" or "robber"; he called that man a n—r, "a big n—r." He'd taken his mask off while in the car weathering the storm, and he had to push a dead n—r away from the door to get out of the car.

Gribetz, the perfect representative of the United States, a pimple of a man, has tons of evidence that has been labeled, marked and stored for two years. He has two Browning 9 MMs, the doberman pinscher of pistols, no prints on them, no bullets from them in bodies, but it's important. He has a shotgun or a picture of one also, and shell casings that can't be placed on anyone, but it's important too, because n—rs are only supposed to have spears. He's got expert witnesses giving expert testimony and opinions on prints and glass. Ms. Clark has five kinds of glass on her, two, in the "expert's" opinion "consistent" with Brinks glass and Honda glass and three other kinds of glass. They mention two pistols and a shotgun of mine, that had a part missing, by the way, as if it's evidence. When the fact is that i should have had a bomb or at least a grenade. He's got a witness who remembers — when he asks — "did you happens to see a white male with brown hair, a brown beard and a big nose?" He's got lots of witnesses. He's got clothes, pieces of bullets, pictures of bullets, pictures of cars, trucks and everything but our masks.

An armed camp

He has ski masks and he has his own public official mask, his civil servant mask. But he doesn't have ours, we've thrown them away. We are not going to act like wayward citizens in a democratic society before a just court with the duty of administering justice. We act like ourselves, New Afrikans and anti-imperialist freedom fighters, in an Imperialist empire that colonizes and commits genocide against New Afrikan, Native American, Puerto Rican and Mexicano people, before an imposter, in an armed camp.

In an effort to deny the issue of New Afrikan Independence that is part and parcel of the October 20, 1981 action, the state has presented its politics that we are to be content with the politics of imperialism, based in their myth of justice in their colonial courts, whose function somehow should be participated in by its victims as if this whole scheme of things were in the interests of the oppressed. It's legal to oppress and illegal to resist.

The government after 6 p.m.

At the helm of this myth are the police, who are the government after six p.m., who are the species above that of mortals. Whose racism is less than the general society's, whose competence and heroism is beyond us all and is the apex of all culture. When in fact, police are at best only human and are tools of the state, who are employed to maintain an unjust, exploitative, oppressive system that holds New Afrikan and other Third World people under subjection and in a colonial relationship.

When i was growing up, the bulk of programs on TV were westerns, where the heroes shot down endless rows of Native Americans, while calling them Indians, Redskins and whatnot. There were other westerns too, like "Gunsmoke." Matt Dillon shot fifty-two people a year and was the central character in Dodge City. i never remember seeing the mayor, preacher or schoolteacher, only Dillon and his friends, Doc, Chester and Miss Kitty and i thought they were my friends too.

Now Matt Dillon is Chief McCain, on the cop show "McCain's Law," and even Captain Kirk is a cop. Westerns have been replaced by cop shows. There are 29 hours of cop shows on TV each week. There are more cop shows on during prime time and all the other times on TV on any week than any other type of program. There is not a single program on TV other than comedies where a Black is the central character. We are portrayed as sidekicks of cops, snitches and sources of humor without exception.

This is all in the interest of images. Pictures say a thousand words, they say what seems to be a fact over and over in ways that

can't be countered by reasonable argument, without investigating reality. White racism does not for the most part care what really goes on inside New Afrikan colonies, or even recognize that we do indeed live in colonies. But because white racism is politically and morally bankrupt, it is concerned about its image. That's why people familiar with Newburgh, Harlem and Overtown can ignore the issue of colonialism even while Reagan speaks of free enterprise zones, bantustans. That is why the U.S. with jaw-shaking righteousness can say that it doesn't have colonies, while planning to turn the beautiful island of Puerto Rico into an industrial park.

These people who judge us should take a city bus or a cab through the South Bronx, the Central Ward of Newark, North Philadelphia, the Southwest section of the District of Columbia or any Third World reservation, and see if they can note a robbery in progress. See if they recognize the murder of innocent people. This is the issue: the myth that the Imperialists should not be confronted and cannot be beaten, is eroding fast and we stand here ready to do whatever to make the myth erode even faster, and to say for the record that not only will the Imperialist U.S. lose, but that it should lose.

The destiny of 30,000,000 people

i am not going to tell you that the Black Liberation Army's ranks are made up of saints; it is clear that there have been imposters among us who sold out and are worse than the enemies history has pitted us against. And i am not going to tell you that there's no virtue among money couriers or policemen. However, i will tell you now and forever that New Afrikan People have a right to self-determination and that is more important than the lives of Paige, Brown and O'Grady or Balagoon, Gilbert and Clark. And it's gonna cost more lives and be worth every life it costs, because the destiny of over thirty million people and the coming generation's right to land and independence is priceless. •



Apple Pie

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the foot of the monument of another slave-driving white man. The binding force amongst the "political people" present was their own rank opportunism.

The same self-styled revolutionary and nationalist organizations that mobilized to converge on Washington are the same ones who do not turn out in Harlem on New Afrikan Freedom Fighters Day. Or even show up at the recent Afrikan-American Day Parade. Thousands of Afrikan people were out that day and the largest single contingent in the parade was the Black police and infantrymen of the imperialist U.S. Army. We called for a People's Contingent to Remember Our Freedom Fighters that was but faintly supported by Black "left" organizations. They'd apparently rather trail behind in the marches of opportunist Black running dogs of the Democrat party, than join in a contingent of a people's parade so as to educate, agitate and organize amongst masses of New Afrikan people; and to win support for our armed freedom fighters and political prisoners.

Apple-pie illusions are a form of counter-insurgency warfare that the U.S. government has and continues to employ with a more or less isolating effect against revolutionary national liberation struggles all over the planet. But apple-pie illusions can at best only stall revolutionary struggle. And at a certain point it fails to do even that. The assimilation struggle arises out of the demented desires of "bourgeois" Blacks created by imperialism to maintain its rule over the New Afrikan working class. Our people want land, they want independence and a society based on the needs of the people, not the profiteers. They want freedom and they aim to take it by any means necessary.

Victory to New Afrikan Freedom Fighters •

NEWS BRIEFS

Stratford Klan Rally

200 Ku Klux Klan members and supporters, protected by riot police and a court injunction outlawing anti-Klan demonstrations, rallied in a Stratford, CT stadium September 10. In spite of the injunction, JBAKC and some local people demonstrated outside heavily guarded stadium gates. The Klan and their supporters were shielded from view by a canvas "hood" which had been attached to the chain link fence by the city. At the gate police displayed a large board with photos of JBAKC members, to identify and finger them to the Klan. The anti-KKK demonstrators stayed outside, urging others to show their opposition to the Klan by not going in. Many did, but many also went in and significant support for the Klan showed.

In a letter to the local papers, James Farrands, head of the Connecticut Klan, argued that the Klan was just a peaceful organization and urged all who loved God and country to come. But in their leaflet, the KKK said, "Kill a n—r, kill a commie, kill a Jew; bring guns, knives, clubs in your car and on your person; have a good time."

The demonstration against the Klan, although spirited, was small, and it was clear that the Klan has a base of support in the Stratford area.

Freedom of the Press

In a dramatic heightening of government censorship, the Justice Department has issued a new directive that present or former employees must clear all writings before publications. Applying to some 3,000 employees, the regulation is modeled on one adopted by the CIA to stop former employees exposing CIA conduct in Africa, Latin America and around the world. The new regulation applies to the FBI and is expected to be expanded to other agencies. According to the Association of American Publishers, 49 books in the past 12 years could not have been published if the CIA rules had been in effect.

Aryan Nations Rally in Spokane

Protected by a dozen uniformed cops with two-foot riot clubs, police helicopters, and 50 or 60 cops nearby and on rooftops, Richard Butler of the white supremacist Church of the Aryan Nations held a rally in Spokane, Washington, in July. Uniformed members of the fascist Hayden Lake, Utah, group stood guard as Butler called for "preservation" of the white race. Protesters who attempted to disrupt the fascist rally were handcuffed and arrested by police.

US Army Tricks Students

In a propaganda show called Project Confrontation, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command is sending U.S. Army soldiers dressed in Soviet uniforms to high school classrooms in Texas. Posing as Soviet officers, the imposters "defend" Soviet policies and attack the U.S. as an imperialist warmonger to whip up anti-communist and patriotic sentiment among students. Says Tom Glaser of the Texas State Guard, "One schoolboard voted to have flags in every classroom as a result of the presentation." The "Soviet" soldiers also call the U.S. Army an army of mercenaries in order to stimulate enlistment.

Boston Racist Attacks

Violence against Asian immigrants is on the rise in Boston's Dorchester where Black and other Third World families have been attacked and their homes firebombed. In June a Vietnamese family moved from Melbourne St. after their car windows were smashed. Rotten eggs and bricks have been thrown at the house of another Vietnamese family on the same block. Two Cambodian families were forced to move after their house was stoned and a baby injured. And in July a 24-year-old Vietnamese man was stabbed to death and three others wounded. Robert Glass, Jr., a U.S. Marine, has been charged with assault and battery and murder in this latest attack.

Puerto Rican Grand Jury Attacks

On October 17, 1983, Carlos Noya and Federico Cintron Piallo, two independentist leaders from Puerto Rico, will be retried on charges of criminal contempt for refusing to testify before a federal grand jury in Brooklyn, New York investigating the Puerto Rican Independence Movement. On August 17, a federal jury refused to convict them in what the government has planned to be an "open-and-shut" case. Massive support had been mobilized in Puerto Rico that forced Judge Nickerson in the middle of the trial to reverse his initial ruling and to allow Carlos and Federico to make statements to the jury explaining why they refused to testify based in, as Federico said, "...[the] belief that we are acting in accord with the principles of our nation to affirm the moral principles of our people."

Two North Americans, Shelley Miller, of the Movement in Solidarity with Puerto Rican Independence and Socialism, and Silvia Baraldini of May 19 Communist Organization will be tried in November for criminal contempt of the same grand jury.

Fascists Celebrate in Italy



Predappio, Italy. On July 29th, four thousand black-shirted fascists, carrying the fasces (blunt sticks) from which Mussolini's Fascist Party took its name, marched to honor the birthday of Benito Mussolini, Hitler's axis partner and the dictator of Italy during World War II. The march was part of the heightening of right-wing activity in Europe and the U.S.

Only four days before, 61 members and supporters of the Brigatta Rossi (Red Brigades), Italy's leading Marxist-Leninist organization, were sentenced to lengthy prison terms.

ACLU At It Again

Three Connecticut citizens are suing to prevent an ACLU attorney from using the resources of the U-Conn Law School to represent Ku Klux Klan Imperial Wizard Bill Wilkinson. The ACLU attorney, Matthew Horowitz, is a professor at the law school, and uses the University's secretaries, telephones and equipment in his work on behalf of the Klan. The suit claims that the use of the school's facilities "further discrimination by facilitating and encouraging the dissemination of the views of the Klan." The ACLU has offered to reimburse the expenses to the school, saying that the issue is Horowitz's "academic freedom." He is representing the Klan in two lawsuits defending their right to carry guns.

Phyllis Schafly on AIDS

"It is very possible people will demand restriction on homosexuals for public health reasons because of the fatal disease called AIDS," said right-wing spokesperson Phyllis Schafly in a Washington press conference in early August. One of the leaders of the anti-ERA movement, Schafly asked, "Will ERA prevent us from restricting homosexuals in the food handling business?"

ACLU Defends 'Blackface' Cop

A white Baltimore policeman who performs "blackface" song and dance routines in a local nightclub has been ordered to stop by the police department, after protests from the NAACP and the Black community. Officer Robert Berger insists he has a right to continue the racist imitations, and is suing the city for \$10,000 for "lost earnings and psychiatric expenses." Berger is being represented by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which also regularly defends Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan.

Water Torture in Texas

In the Federal civil rights trial of a Texas Sheriff and two deputies, it was admitted that torture was used regularly in the San Jacinto County Jail. Six former inmates charge that they were beaten and that towels were placed over their faces and water poured over them to coerce confessions. Ed Mallett, an attorney for one of the cops, shocked the court when he admitted that the water torture was used but claimed his client was not responsible, since it had been authorized by the District Attorney and other county officials.

Spraypainters Fight Back

New York, New York. A United Nations security guard spotted political activists spray painting slogans in support of the Chilean and Puerto Rican struggles late at night. He tried to arrest them, but was overpowered and thrown over a fifteen foot wall, as a lesson to all those who choose to defend imperialist interests. The next morning the front of the consul general's office of the Chilean dictatorship was found spray painted with the slogan: "La sangre de 1973 no se borraba" (the blood of 1973 hasn't faded).

Nuke Guard Singed

Oak Ridge, Tennessee. A security guard at the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant was burned with his own laser gun September 3, during a training drill held to simulate a "terrorist" attack on the plant where Cruise missile and other nuclear weapon parts are assembled. According to government spokesperson Carol Grametbauer, the laser guns are "not weapons" but used to simulate gunfire.

Aquí Se Habla Español Solamente

In August, Elizabeth New Jersey Mayor Thomas Dunn ordered that all Spanish speaking employees must speak English on the job, even in personal conversations. He said in a memo to all city employees that he did not want "the girls jabbering away." A few weeks later Dunn signaled the start of Puerto Rican week in a ceremony at city hall where he raised the Puerto Rican flag. Only 20 persons attended.

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WHO WE ARE

The John Brown Anti-Klan Committee is a national organization that mobilizes white people to fight white supremacy. We were formed in 1977 in response to the struggle of Black and Puerto Rican prisoners against KKK organizing among New York State prison guards. In the last year we have fought the Klan and killer cops and built solidarity with the New Afrikan Independence Movement in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, San Antonio, Kalamazoo, Chicago, Boston, Connecticut and New York.

We look to the leadership of national liberation struggles fighting for freedom from U.S. domination and to the New Afrikan Independence Movement in particular. We are a solidarity organization for the New Afrikan Independence Movement — that part of the Black Liberation Movement which fights for land and independence for the Black nation.

The fight against the Klan is fundamentally a fight against U.S. imperialism. We know that the state can never "ban" the Klan. We are committed to building an anti-imperialist mass movement against white supremacy. We unconditionally support all struggles of Black communities against the Klan and police terror. We support New Afrikan Freedom Fighters and the building of armed struggle here in the heart of the U.S. empire. We take our name from the white abolitionist freedom fighter who fought to keep slavery out of Kansas, who led the raid on Harper's Ferry in 1859 and who dedicated his life to the fight against white supremacy. As Malcolm X said: "We need allies who will fight and not tell us to be non-violent. If a white man wants to be an ally, just ask him what does he think of John Brown. Do you know what John Brown did? He went to war."

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Austin Update

Austin, Texas. On July 21st, pre-trial hearings of anti-Klan activists in Austin, Texas exposed that John Brown Anti-Klan Committee and other anti-Klan groups were targeted by police before the Klan march on February 19th when over 3,000 people came out to stop the Klan.

Three JBAKC members, Susan Rautenberg, Marie Chauvin and Jacqueline Starnes face assault, weapons and misdemeanor charges. Marie's charges carry a possible 2 - 10 year prison sentence. Police testimony during the hearing revealed that the women had in fact been singled out for arrest before the demonstration began.

After initially denying that he had targeted any organizations or individuals, Deputy Gary Cutler admitted under cross-examination that he had been following the three. "I knew who they were. Organized Crime (a department of the Austin police) had told me in a meeting." At that meeting the day before the February 19th Klan march, Austin police had been shown photos of JBAKC members.

The government is on a nationwide campaign to make demonstrating against the Klan a criminal offense. If people are afraid they will go to jail if they take a stand against the Klan, it makes it easier for the Klan to organize unopposed.

JBAKC is continuing demonstrations at the courthouse and a letter and mailgram campaign to demand all charges be dropped against all protesters arrested February 19th. The next court date is October 20th. We urge everyone to send the letter below to Judge Michael Schliss.

Judge Michael Schliss
County Court 3
Travis County Courthouse
1000 Guadalupe
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Ronnie Earle, District Attorney
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I hold the police, District Attorney, the FBI and the Ku Klu Klan responsible for all attacks on anti-Klan demonstrators on February 19, 1983.

I demand: (1) That all charges be dropped against all anti-Klan demonstrators arrested in Austin; and (2) Don't indict Marie Chauvin.

The fight against these criminal charges is a fight for every person's right to take a stand against the Klan.

Sincerely,

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