

tively organizing against SCAN and the Klan, has received a growing number of bomb threats, an effort was made to blow up the front door, there are attempts at intimidation by Klan members on the streets and growing harassment by the police. On May 9 Moncada Library members were beaten and arrested by police in Park Slope while organizing against the rise of the Klan. Everyone of us who is progressive must deal realistically with the fact that if the power of organized white supremacy is not broken now in the community, they will be able to define what kind of political activity is possible, who can live here, and who can walk the streets without harassment. Stopping SCAN and its patrols is the responsibility of every progressive group, organization, and individual in the community. If young people are not mobilized to fight SCAN they will soon find the SCAN youth patrol and the Klan Youth Corps as their two major alternatives this summer for organized activity. If as women we allow SCAN to organize among us, project women as leaders, and try to consolidate white women to the police, we will find ourselves part of a fascist system that is based on oppressing us and which Black, Puerto Rican, and other Third World women around the world are fighting to destroy as part of the revolutionary struggle for women's liberation.

Honest people in the community should get out of SCAN -- we should demand that our friends and neighbors leave it. But SCAN is part of the government's strategy, and it's going to take all of us who oppose SCAN using our power collectively to get it out of the community. We need to build our strength and our commitment to stop SCAN's mass organizing and their patrols. Thousands of us oppose SCAN, and now is the time to do something about it.

**GET SCAN OUT OF PARK SLOPE!**

**FIGHT WHITE SUPREMACY!**

**DEATH TO THE KLAN!**

**DEFEAT U.S. IMPERIALISM!**

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**an open call to the Park Slope  
community:**

# **STOP RACIST VIGILANTE PATROLS! GET SCAN OUT OF PARK SLOPE!**



During the past 5 months there has been a growing struggle in Park Slope against the organizing of the Slope Citizen's Anti-Crime Network (SCAN). From its very beginning, SCAN has promoted racism through its manipulation of the issue of crime, has built political support for the police at a time when Third World people are struggling to expose and stop killer cops, and has organized hundreds of white people to "protect their rights" through targeting and attacking Third World people.

There has been opposition to SCAN since its founding as well, and an open letter circulated by the Moncada Library demanding that SCAN get out of Park Slope has been signed by over 1500 people. But SCAN is organized by the police, bankrolled by Citibank, and promoted by politicians such as Bellamy, Koch and Golden, and has been able to grow in the face of this opposition. SCAN is probably now the largest community group in Park Slope, and it's an organized white supremacist group. It must be stopped and only collective action by the community is going to be able to do it.

It has become clear what SCAN -- and the police and the politicians behind it -- mean when they talk about crime. It was said most explicitly by the Park Slope Improvement Committee -- a major backer of SCAN -- when they opposed subsidized housing on Baltic Street "because minorities bring crime." That's the same racism that justifies the gentrification of Park Slope -- the forced and violent removal of Third World people from the community -- as "beautification." It's white supremacy that says the police murder in our community of Michael Furse, a 10-year old Black youth, and 17-year old Chino Mendez, a Puerto Rican youth, is not a crime. It's white supremacy that doesn't deal with the fact that the Ku Klux Klan is organizing high school gangs in our community and that there are Nazis organizing at Methodist Hospital. Police-supervised drug traffic and landlord-sponsored arson paved the way for the brown-stoning of the North Slope and are now focused on the South Slope. SCAN doesn't address these crimes; instead it tries to organize those of us who are white to join in these attacks on the basic human rights of Third World people.

SCAN has emerged as the main organizer for the police in the community. SCAN travels from block association to block association with a police inspector who openly justifies the brutal murder of Chino Mendez in Sunset Park last February by saying he had a police record. The death sentence for a having a record. Fox and Agrillo -- the two cops involved -- didn't know Chino Mendez had a record when they killed him; they knew they had a license to kill any Black or Puerto Rican person and say it was against "crime." The Brooklyn D.A. and a white grand jury refused to indict them, but there is a growing movement in Black and Puerto Rican communities to expose, stop, and bring killer cops to justice. This struggle by Third World people has exposed the police as an occupying army in those communities, as the front line in the building of fascism, and the struggle to stop them is increasingly a part of a movement for full human rights and self-determination.

The New York Police Department and the PBA set the terms on the streets of New York when they gave orders to "shoot first and ask questions later" and "shoot to kill," so we can't be surprised when more policemen are themselves shot. That's the context in which two cops were shot in Queens a few weeks ago. The government and the press fabricated a story about the Black Liberation Army and Assata Shakur, convicted them in the newspapers and are using the story to launch a wholesale attack on leaders of the Black Liberation movement. They're also using it to push for the death sentence and for the demand for cops to be given automatic weapons to join their bulletproof vests and shotguns. SCAN is being built

to recruit white people into this growing repressive police state, and it must be stopped now.

SCAN is a model project of the federal and local government -- it is not just a grassroots community group; Richard Shapiro, the man behind SCAN, is a full-time NYPD employee. The idea behind SCAN is part of a plan that's being implemented by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA -- a federal police agency) around the country in over 100 cities. Even LEAA officially admits that civilian networks have no measurable impact on crime, but that they do get civilians to work with and support the police. That's why big-time politicians have come to Park Slope and why SCAN gets extensive media coverage.

White supremacy is not just being consolidated in our community or fascism being built in isolation. What's happening in Park Slope is part of the overall response of U.S. imperialism to the rise of national liberation struggles around the world and inside this country. The wealth and power of this country was built through its ability to exploit nations around the world and now that has been profoundly challenged -- and weakened -- by nations such as Vietnam, Zimbabwe, El Salvador, and Namibia. Third World people inside this country have suffered the same kind of oppression and exploitation and are building their own national liberation struggles to fight for human rights and self-determination. Unable to survive without oppressing other peoples, U.S. imperialism is trying to organize as many of us who are white as it can to fight -- whether it's fighting with Green Berets in El Salvador, CIA-sponsored mercenaries in Namibia, or police forces and civilian patrols in this country. We are appealed to fight for "white rights" -- not the human rights to which we are all entitled but the "right" to oppress and exploit Third World people. "White rights" is white supremacy. That's what SCAN organizes for and that's what the Ku Klux Klan, the Moral Majority and many other organized white supremacist groups organize for.

That's why SCAN is a vigilante group -- not because it functions outside the law, but because it functions as part of a legal system that has nothing to do with justice. SCAN functions from inside the precinct and meets regularly with police officials. It is organizing one part of our community to attack another -- to have white people fight for "white rights." That's the political basis of the Klan, and the growth of SCAN promotes and legitimizes Klan activity in Park Slope. When a progressive clergyman spoke out against the racism of the Park Slope Improvement Committee, his church was defaced with Klan stickers and he received a dozen threatening phone calls. The Moncada Library, which has been ac-