

LOUISE DAY HICKS, PIXIE PALLADINO, AND ROAR CLAIM TO SPEAK FOR THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON.

DO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ATTACK ON TED LANDSMARK SPEAK FOR YOU?



For the last 2 years, attacks on Black, Latin, and Asian people have been daily events in Boston. So have cutbacks in social services, lay-offs, and the defeat of pro-working class demands, such as rent control. Survival is becoming more difficult for all working class people, but in the Black and other Third World communities, the crisis hits hardest. Why?

U.S. Imperialism lost in Viet Nam. The ability of the U.S. rulers to exploit oppressed peoples around the world is being seriously challenged. In order to maintain their profits, the U.S. rulers are putting the squeeze on the working people of this country. In the Black and other Third World communities, there has always been an economic crisis. Today, as hard times are spreading, Black and other Third World peoples are being affected the most severely - more layoffs, higher rents, first social services to go, more police repression in the communities, gross restrictions on safe passage through the cities.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ROAR?

The U.S. capitalist system relies on the superexploitation of Black and other Third World people. In order to insure that this system will continue, and that working people will remain divided, ROAR is misleading white workers. Hicks, Palladino, and other racist anti-busing leaders point to Black people as the enemy. They place the blame for these hard times on Black people, and try to organize white workers to protect the crumbs and status we have because we are white. Justice and democracy become empty promises, and the struggle for decent lives for all oppressed and working peoples is crippled.

## THE ISSUE IN BOSTON TODAY IS RACISM

ROAR and the racist politicians have not just arbitrarily chosen to maintain segregation as the way to maintain the System. They are genuine racists - they hate Black and other Third World people. They are in total opposition to the rights of Black people - whether it be for Black students to attend the schools of their choice, or for Black people to travel the MBTA through 'white neighborhoods.' In years past, when it was in the racist leaders' interests to bus white students past Black schools to other white schools, they supported busing. As they mobilize white working people behind hatred and fear of Black people, and actively organize attacks against Blacks throughout the city, ROAR now says busing is the issue. As in the days of Black slavery before the Civil War, or the lynchings of Blacks in the South through the early 1900's, the issue in Boston today is clear - to maintain the exploitation of Black people as an oppressed nation in the U.S. - racism, pure and simple.

Since the days African people were kidnapped and brought in chains to this country as slaves, Blacks have waged struggles of resistance against their white oppressors. They have joined with other oppressed and working class people in this country and around the world in the struggle for freedom, equality and a better life. Today, in Boston, this struggle is carried on by the Black community. For decades, Black parents have proposed plans for quality education for all school children of Boston. Blacks are leading the struggle for jobs for community people, and against the destruction of low income housing. These struggles are in the interest of all oppressed and working class people.

What is happening in Boston today is a testing ground for racist organizers throughout the U.S. As ROAR builds an organized force with national connections among white workers, whipping up racist hysteria, with the aim to oppose and attack Black people, and diverting workers' struggles away from the real enemy - the U.S. rulers - it becomes a growing fascist danger. All white working class people who choose our own humanity rather than the fascist movement offered by ROAR, who see the combined struggles of all oppressed and working class people in this country as the key to a decent life for us all, must stop ROAR and all the racists NOW! We must support the right of Black people to defend themselves against the racist attacks. And we must always support the right of self-determination for Black people - the right to determine their own destiny, free of racist domination. We support the right of Black students and parents to choose whether or not to use busing to get a quality education.

The eyes of all freedom-loving people - from San Francisco to Louisville, Kentucky, from Africa to Viet Nam - are upon us here in Boston. Let's turn the tide!