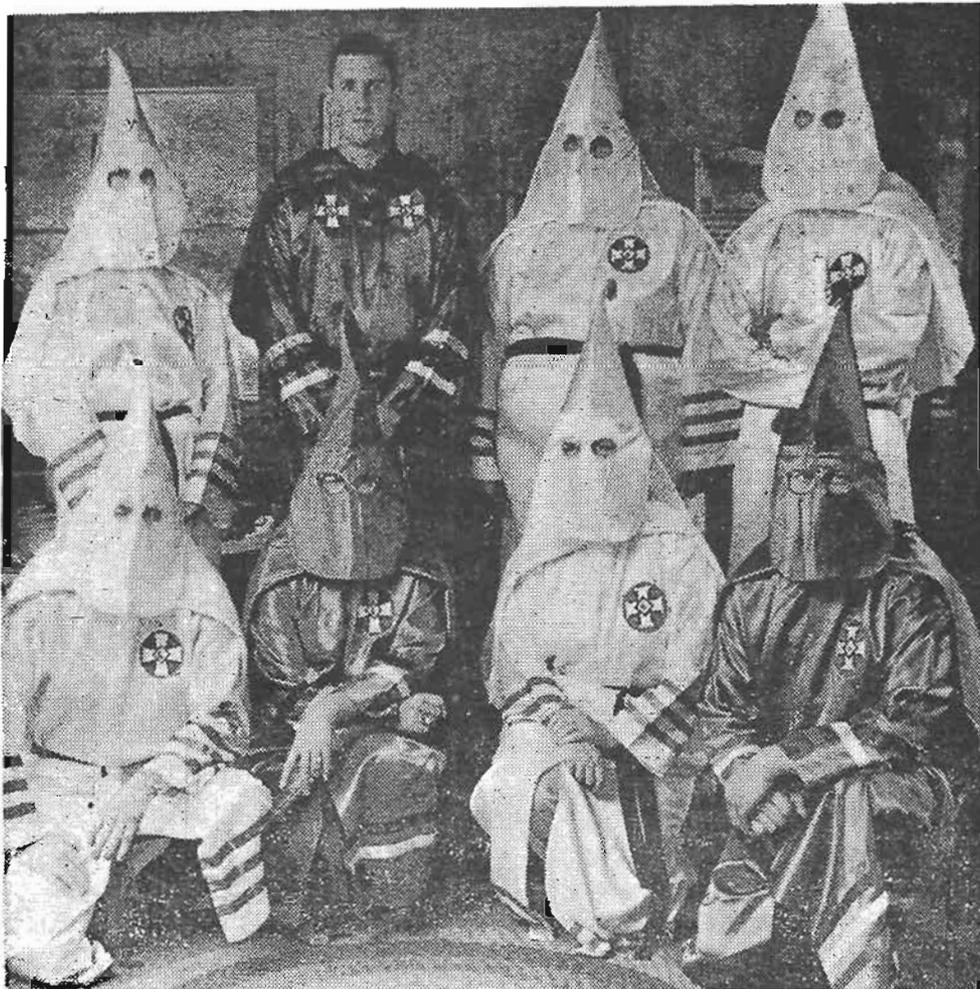


# Smash



Earl Schoonmaker Jr. (without a hood), the Grand Dragon of the Independent Northern Klans, Inc., New York state's largest KKK order, stands with wife and other top-ranking members at Pine Bush, N. Y.

"The Schoonmakers are some of the really great people of our time. They're not afraid to stand up for what they believe in is right. The liberals would give the country over to the niggers and the Jews who control the businesses and the news media. Earl won't do that and neither will we. We're gonna keep it where it belongs—with the white people."

—a New York State Klansman  
quoted in Gallery, March '75

# the Klan

John Brown Anti Klan Committee -- Press Packet

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Eastern NY Correctional Facility  
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June 1, 1977

An Open Letter:

On behalf of myself and the men at Eastern Correctional Facility, and all prisoners throughout the state of New York, I issue this open letter as an appeal for support. I am calling on all individuals and groups, and on the press, to support and join our fight against the Ku Klux Klan and other forms of organized racism in New York State. The Klan is a growing force in this country, as well as in the prisons, and it will take a concerted, conscious effort to expose and root it out.

For years we have waged a struggle against the Klan, even while as many as 60 members and sympathizers patrolled outside our cells. We thought we were alone. But now it is clear that the Klan is recruiting from Buffalo to New York City, in the high schools of Ulster and Sullivan Counties, through civic associations, on school boards, in government, and openly boasting about their racism in the press. A massive offensive must be mounted.

Historically, the Klan has operated in secrecy. Two years ago, men at Eastern broke the clandestine organizing of guards and teachers in the prison by exposing none other than the Grand Dragon of the state, Earl Schoonmaker who was passing out white supremacist literature among white prisoners. State authorities have done little to rid us of this degenerate element, thereby condoning Klan violence against prisoners. The Klan has used the publicity generated by our exposure to promote its new "non-violent" image and initiate new recruitment campaigns, continuing to preach its vicious hatred of Black and other Third World peoples.

State authorities use the Klan's new image to justify their inaction. In the meantime, Klan organizing in this very prisons and others is on the rise and reported in detail in newspapers and magazines. The Inspector General has investigated our charges, and a report is now being suppressed by the state government. We can no longer rely at all on the state of New York to carry out even the most minimal defense of our rights.

Therefore, we have taken two courses of action. First of all, we have initiated two Federal lawsuits against the Klan, charging harassment and abuse of Black and other Third World prisoners. These suits charge guards as well as officials, and give us the power to force the state to reveal what we prisoners already know about the Klan. These suits will be heard in Federal Court in New York City this summer and must be supported. Secondly, we have worked on compiling this press packet, with the aid of outside supporters, to bring the word to the public in as much detail as possible.

We ask that you show your solidarity with our struggle against the Klan by coming out to support the suits this summer, and by using this material to continue to investigate Klan activity all over

over...

the state. You, the concerned people and press, are our only  
hope of broadening the campaign we began here in the prisons three  
years ago. We will continue to fight the Klan in every way  
possible here, but the power of a united force, fighting inside  
and outside against the Klan is our hope of a total victory.

Unite to Smash the Klan!

*Khali*

Khali Siwatu Hodari  
(nee Frank Abney)

## THE KU KLUX KLAN: YESTERDAY, TODAY, ONE LONG REIGN OF TERROR

On Wednesday, April 20 the New York Post banner headline read: KLAN UNCOVERED HERE! Yet the local police precinct has admitted knowledge of the Rockaway, Queens Klavern for 3 years. During those same 3 years, the NAACP chapter at Eastern Correctional Facility at Napanoch, NY has attempted to alert the public to the fact that members of the guards corps are actively engaged in Ku Klux Klan activity within the prison, as well as in communities in Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties in upstate New York. Earl F. Schoonmaker was exposed by the prisoners there and was forced to admit that he was none other than the Grand Dragon (state president) of the Independent Northern Klans, Inc. He has now been identified as the guiding force behind the Queens Klan.

The facts are that the Klan is on the rise in the cities, in the prisons, and in the military. In 1975, David Duke, the young, chic "respectable" Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan stated in the New York Times: "We say give us liberty and give them death. There's many times I've felt like picking up a gun and going and shooting a nigger. We've got a heritage to protect...." (NYT, 11/24/75). Duke appears regularly on the college lecture circuit, runs a publishing house called the "Patriot Press" and recently ran for State Senate seat as a proponent of "radical racism." Janice Schoonmaker, a leading Klan organizer and wife of the NY Grand Dragon, has been on the school board in nearby Ellenville, NY. The Klan has come by respectability easily, and is finding itself defended by organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union and its local branches.

The Klan, regardless of its lip service to non-violence and its new media image, is the same organization that was built to destroy the civil rights won by Black people during Reconstruction. Michael Donohue, top official of the Rockaway Klan, stated: "Black and white -- that's the issue. We think Blacks have their place in America, but we don't think we should be forced to live with them. If we don't want to associate with them we shouldn't have to -- in schools, jobs, or any place else." (Post, 4/20/77). Donohue emphasized that the Queens group was formed to fight attempts to integrate housing and schools in Queens and on Long Island.

The Klan in Queens has noted, in its projection of legitimacy, that it "has been working through civic and governmental channels" to attain its goals. The Klan has, since its inception in Tennessee in 1968, maintained close ties with elected government and attempted to get its members into key positions. A most successful Klansman has been Robert Byrd (D-WVa), the US Senate Majority Leader. Byrd rose to the position of Kleagle (national organizer) before "resigning" to run for public office. Throughout his tenure in the Senate, Byrd has fought against the rights of Black people -- he opposed the 1964 and 1965 Civil Rights Acts, and the 1970 Voting Rights Bill. Byrd vigorously supported Nixon's nominees to the Supreme Court, Haynsworth and Carswell, who were exposed and denounced as thorough-going racists.

While established politician/Klansmen worked in government, however, the Klan has always organized less visible relationships with all social and political institutions. Judges, police officers, local and state officials were identified as members or sympathizers of the KKK in the 1960's, just as they were in the 1860's. During the civil rights marches in Birmingham, Selma and throughout the South, the Klan and local authorities worked hand in hand to murder and terrorize Black people. There is no reason to believe it to be different today in New York City, or in Poughkeepsie, Middletown, or Binghamton NY, or Oceanside, California. The Klan has operated as an extra-legal arm of the State.

Like the Klan, other secret and not-so-secret organizations have been developed in recent times to thwart gains made by Black and other Third World people and to perpetuate white supremacy. ROAR (Restore Our Alienated Rights) organized clandestinely as well as in full view of the people of Boston to prevent court-ordered integration of South Boston HS. The group met in the City Council chambers and was headed by elected Boston officials. The Aryan Brotherhood in California and the Nazi Party in Chicago have surfaced in the past few years to terrorize and maintain white enclaves. The Concerned Citizens of Canarsie, a supposedly "community" organization, can marshal armed bands of white people in Brooklyn, NY to stave off integration of schools. The Klan must not be isolated or treated as a freak of history. Its companion organizations are a net work of visible and invisible organizations dedicated to the preservation of white supremacy in this country.

The Klan has also surfaced in the military. Early last year, the KKK burned a cross in Oceanside, California, a stronghold of white supremacy in which a number of Black people live. The city is adjacent to the Marine base, Camp Pendleton. On November 13, 1976 newspapers all over the country reported that a group of Black Marines had suddenly seemingly without provocation, attacked a meeting of white Marines. Subsequent articles slowly revealed that the meeting they had aimed their attack at was a KKK meeting, and that the Klan had been openly organizing on the base with the support of military authorities. 14 Black Marines were criminally charged after breaking up the meeting. The military began an elaborate cover-up, transferring Klan members and suppressing evidence, while being forced to admit the Klan's accepted presence on the base.

Just as they have in Pine Bush, NY, the American Civil Liberties Union has taken on the defense of the KKK at Pendleton. In the name of free speech and the right to organize, the ACLU has attempted to perpetuate the myth that the Klan is "just another club" whose suppression could hamper others. The Camp Pendleton incident, with the military's cover-up, is just another example of the Klan's role as an extra-legal arm of the State in enforcing white supremacy and actively fostering racism.

The situation at Eastern Correctional Facility is similar. The communities surrounding the prison are ripe with Klan activity. While Schoonmaker builds his Knights of the KKK among prison guards, the United Klans of America (UKA), led by the older, more traditional Robert Shelton, are establishing a Klan Youth Corps to "fight for white students and their interests" among high school students in nearby towns. From within the prison, Black prisoners under increasing repression leaked a letter to the press charging the KKK and its supporters with acts of harassment and violence. Khali (Frank Abney) and M'zulu (Benjamin Murchison), officers of the newly-formed NAACP chapter at the prison, were put into segregation on the heels of these revelations. They subsequently filed the lawsuits against the Klan, several guards and state and prison officials who both encouraged the Klan activity and refused to fully investigate it and expose it. Correction Commissioner Benjamin Ward issued an "order" that all Klansmen/guards should resign -- not only was there not a single resignation, but each guard charged was given a letter clearing his name. Clearly the Marines and the New York State prison system are bulwarks of white supremacy, protect and foster it in US society, and will continue to stonewall to protect their interests with the assistance of the ACLU.

The defiance of the "Pendleton 14" and the prisoners at Napanoch, in the face of violent repression and a growing racist offensive, is critical. If the KKK were only a small band of fanatics, their resistance would be significant enough. But the Klan has historically operated with the blessing of law officials and the government at every level -- it has moved freely through communities, and found itself welcome in the inner city. It has found a home in Boston, Chicago, Pontiac, Mich., St. Louis, and hundreds of communities where any attempt is made by Black and other Third World people to demand their most basic rights, or where any attempt is made to implement civil rights legislation.

It is particularly important to note that the Klan has reached its peak during periods of economic "boom" such as in the 1920's when Black people were forced off their land and into industrial jobs in the cities. Threatened both by the presence of Black people in their communities and by the emergence of Black people as an essential aspect of the labor force, white people were fertile ground for the "Kleagles" of the Klan, many of whom became millionaires in the 1920's by means of their "cut" from the membership dues of the people they organized. We are also aware that during times of massive unemployment, white people move quickly and certainly to insure their control of the jobs that have historically been set aside for white workers, and to blame Black workers for the threat to their economic security. Thus the Klan is moving quickly to galvanize white people whose privilege is threatened, and to encourage and give a mode of expression to their racism.

We have known about Earl Schoonmaker's Klan affiliation for 3 years. We have had lists of violent acts against prisoners at Napanoch and other prisoners. These are not unrelated to the atrocities which have characterized the Klan's 100 years of racist terror. Exposure of the Klan's whole history and strategy is a responsibility that must be shared by all honest forces in this country.

THE JOHN BROWN ANTI-KLAN COMMITTEE  
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THE COALITION TO FREE THE PENDLETON 14  
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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
INDEPENDENT NORTHERN KLANS, INC.

Under Section 402 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law

The Undersigned for the purpose of forming a corporation under Section 402 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, hereby certify:

1. The Name of the corporation is INDEPENDENT NORTHERN KLANS, INC.
2. The corporation has not been formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income or profit of the corporation is distributable to, or enures to the benefit of, its members, directors, or officers except to the extent permitted under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.
3. The purposes for which the corporation is to be formed are:
  - (a) The objects of this Order shall be to unite white persons, native-born Christian citizens of the United States of America, who owe no allegiance of any nature or degree to any foreign government, nation, institution, sect, ruler, person or people; whose morals are good; whose reputations and vocations are respectable; whose habits are exemplary; who are of sound minds and eighteen years or more of age; to cultivate and promote patriotism toward our civil government; to teach and faithfully inculcate Christian philosophy and its creeds, and by a practical devotion to conserve, protect and maintain the distinctive institutions, rights, privileges, traditions and ideals of pure Americanism.
  - (b) To create and maintain an institution by which the present and succeeding generations shall commemorate the great sacrifice, chivalric service and imperishable achievement of the "KU KLUX KLAN of the Reconstruction period of American History", to the end that justice and honor

be done the sacred memory of those who wrought through our mystic society during that period, and that their valiant accomplishments be not lost to posterity; to perpetuate their faithful courage, noble spirit, peerless principles and faultless ideals; to hold sacred and make effective their spiritual purpose in this and future generations; that they be rightly vindicated before the world by a revelation of the whole truth.

(c) This Order is an institution of chivalry, humanity, justice and patriotism; embodying in its genius and principles all that is chivalric in conduct, noble in sentiment, generous in manhood and patriotic in purpose. Its peculiar objects are: First: to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and all laws passed in conformity thereto, and to protect the States and the people thereof from all invasion of their rights from any source whatsoever; Second: to aid and assist in the execution of all Constitutional Laws and to preserve the honor and dignity of the State by opposing tyranny, in any and every form and degree, from any and every source whatsoever, by a fearless and faithful administration of justice through due process of law; and to meet promptly and properly every behest of duty without fear and without reproach.

4. The Corporation is a Type A Corporation.

5. The Hamlet, town and county in which its office is to be located are P.O. Box 13, Pine Bush, Town of Crawford, County of Orange and State of New York.

6. The territory in which the corporation's activities are principally to be conducted are Orange County and neighboring counties.

7. The names and residences of the directors until the first annual meeting are:

NAMES

ADDRESSES

Earl F. Schoonmaker, Jr.

R.D., #2, Box 565, Pine Bush, New York

Glen Wilkinson

Box 324, Spring Glen, New York

La Roy DeVino

R.D., Pine Bush, New York

Janice E. Schoonmaker

R.D.#2, Box 565, Pine Bush, New York

8. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any notice required by law is:

Independent Northern Klans, Inc.  
Earl F. Schoonmaker, Jr.  
R.D.#2, Box 565  
Pine Bush, New York

9. Each of the subscribers is of the age of nineteen years or over.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate has been signed by each subscriber this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1974.

Earl F. Schoonmaker, Jr.  
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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF ULSTER )

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1974, before me personally came EARL F. SCHOONMAKER, JR., GLEN WILKINSON, LAROY DEVINO and JANICE E. SCHOONMAKER, to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate of incorporation and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

Notary public  
Notary public

EDUCATE....

EASTERN BRANCH



AGITATE....

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
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NAPANOCH, NEW YORK 12458

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --- NAACP --- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRISON NAACPERS SAY KKK IS GROWING, FIGHT MUST BE WAGED

Executive committee members of a prison NAACP Branch claim that the Ku Klux Klan is "waging a campaign of terror" and "a national effort must be mounted" to stop it. The members are prisoners of the Eastern Correctional Facility, a racially troubled state prison in Napanoch, NY which has been the scene of Klan activity. In March, 1975, Earl F. Schoonmaker, a civiliam teacher at the prison, was exposed as the New York State Grand Dragon of the Independent Northern Klans, Inc., and was fired. The Klan is headquartered in the neighboring town of Pine Bush.

In early March, 1975, the prison NAACP branch initiated two federal suits charging racial abuse of its members and leaders: one suit cites the Pine Bush Chapter of the Klan and prison guards and administrators whom they allege to be Klan members and sympathizers; the other suit cites NY State prison officials and the same Eastern prison authorities, alleging that they sympathize with the Klan and have allowed it to operate in the prison with impunity. The NAACP chapter was chartered to confront abuse of Black and other Third World prisoners in an organized way. We have been aware for years that the Klan has been functioning here and in the prison system all over the state. Schoonmaker worked here for over five years himself, but in 1974 the Klan surfaced to suppress openly our efforts to start an NAACP branch. They started burning our cells, locking us up, threatening us ... our harassment has continued and intensified.

The Klan's intimidation extended to the white coordinator of prison programs, Ms. Nancy D. Loorie, who received hate letters signed "KKK." Ms. Loorie eventually resigned her post due to threats, vandalism of her car and office, and what she described as fear for her life.

We are now concerned about the growth of the Klan and what has been public indifference toward it. We feel that what we have begun with the law suits should be taken up by groups and people on the outside. Organized racism is not something we can take lightly. What we've uncovered here is a monster that is growing every day. New chapters have sprung up in Orange, Newburgh, and Middletown -- they have the prisons virtually surrounded.

State authorities have taken no action. News reports detail the arsenals of firearms with which the Klan supplies its members. Prison authorities deny the Klan's presence within the prisons -- but can they deny that Corrections Officer Charles Holland of Walkill Prison provided the Klan with the land for a KKK rally and cross burning? Or that Corrections Officer Casey of Comstock Prison wears a tie-clip bearing the initials "KKK" and is known throughout the prison system as a member of the "secret order?" Or that Corrections Officer Joseph Curle of Elmira Prison has a police locker full of Klan posters and paraphernalia? Or that Corrections Officer Glen Wilkinson right here at Napanoch has his signature affixed to the Klan incorporation papers?

State authorities have had this hard and fast information for up to 2 years. Supposedly alarmed at open KKK activity in the prisons, the State Inspector General authorized an investigation. That investigation is now completed, but has yet to be released. The report is rumored to expose known members of the Klan among prison guards at Napanoch and other state prisons, and is apparently being suppressed by officials.

We want an all-out effort to be made to denounce racism and smash the Klan! Our law suits will be a starting point. They will be going to trial during the summer in New York City and should be supported en masse by every individual and group in the state who disagrees with the Klan's ideology. David Duke travels around like a one-man sideshow; he's on TV more than Archie Bunker. Every time he speaks out in favor of racism, someone should be there to speak out against it. Concerned groups must form alliances to meet the Klan head-on --- as long as the Klan is growing, resistance to the Klan should grow.

May, 1977

Napanoch, NY

# KKK ATTACKS AT NAPANOCH

## FACT SHEET

- ★ JAN., 1974: Brutal beating of a Puerto Rican prisoner in the segregation unit led to prisoners' reporting a concern about increasing Klan presence at Napanoch;
- ★ FEB., 1974: The Eastern Correctional Facility Chapter of the NAACP was formed to fight racism and to demand prisoners' rights to a meaningful education. The NAACP Chapter became the main target of Ku Klux Klan attacks -- harassment increased in general, and specifically of members and supporters;
- ★ SEPT., 1974: Nancy D. Loori, a white woman in charge of volunteer services, began to receive letters signed "KKK" charging her with being a "nigger lover." After receiving threats on her life and having her car damaged several times in the prison parking lot, she resigned;
- ★ OCT. 7, 1974: The Peoples Party was formed at Napanoch. The Peoples Party is an underground organization of politically aware prisoners that leads in the effort to expose and stop the Klan and prison administration harassment of inmates and in seeking public support for prisoners struggles;
- ★ DEC. 4, 1974: A Klan rally was held on land leased by Correctional Officer Holland, a guard at Walkill prison. This prompted an investigation by the DAILY NEWS which revealed --
- 15 Klansmen on the payroll of the prison, including Grand Dragon Schoonmaker, a teacher in the prison school
  - Klan guards had firebombed the cells of Black inmates and repeatedly threatened Black prisoners
  - Klan employees had smuggled white supremacist literature in to white prisoners in an effort to organize them against the prison's Black population
- ★ DEC. 23, 1974: Grand Dragon Schoonmaker fired from his job as prison teacher, after attempting to recruit white inmate Jimmy Contin to distribute white supremacist literature ;
- ★ JAN. 12, 1975: Following NAACP press releases to the DAILY NEWS and other papers, all officers of the Chapter were thrown into segregation just preceding scheduled NAACP elections. Benjamin M'Zulu Murchison and Frank Khali Abney were locked up for one month -- this prompted the suit by the NAACP Chapter against the KKK (the suit is pending in Federal Court);
- ★ SEPT. 2, 1975: Commissioner of Corrections Benjamin Ward issued a policy, following a court order, forbidding correctional employees membership in the KKK. No guards have been fired or have resigned; an Inspector General's investigation was initiated within the Corrections Commission -- the report is being suppressed;
- ★ NOV. 8, 1975: Correctional Officer Billy Lothrop put on an ape mask that covered his entire head with lips that protruded two inches while inside the inmates' recreation room.-- Lothrop remains a guard at Napanoch;
- ★ FEB. 14, 1976: German Quinones and Freddie DeJesus (two members of the NAACP chapter) were locked in segregation for 30 days for possession of the MIDNIGHT SPECIAL, a newspaper which deals with prisoners' rights;
- ★ FEB. 17, 1976: Quinones was called to testify at a departmental hearing into the Klan. En route to Albany he was locked into a small bathroom with 3 Klan guards and beaten and verbally abused. He was subsequently removed from the college program for resisting this abuse just prior to his planned graduation;
- ★ FEB. 28, 1976: Joseph Kershaw, executive board member of the NAACP chapter, was beaten in his cell by 6 guards, segregated and beaten again. NAACP members reported that his belongings were destroyed and that broken glass and blood were all over his cell;
- ★ MAR. 4, 1976: NAACP chapter director Bobby Bennett's family received an anonymous phone call reporting his death;
- ★ MAR. 17, 1976: Correctional Officer Dennis Lauria wore a Klan uniform (sheet and hood) in the lobby of the cell block; he and other guards burned a paper cross.
- ★ NOV., 1976: Just before new NAACP chapter elections, president Khali and vice-president Chaka (Freddie DeJesus) were put into keeplock on trumped-up charges (Khali for allegedly playing a tape of a speech by M. Rap Brown, Chaka for destroying state property, i.e. having a ripped pants pocket). They were released only when outside NAACP officials made it clear that the elections would be held only when both men were present.

\*\*\* 1977: THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT IS BEING SUPPRESSED; SCHOONMAKER PUBLICLY BRAGS ABOUT THE GROWTH OF THE KLAN IN CATSKILL COMMUNITIES AND NOW IN NEW YORK CITY.

THE PEOPLES PARTY ... THE PEOPLES PARTY ... THE PEOPLES PARTY

## KLAN GUARD IS APPOINTED SARGEANT

### AT NAPANOCH

Hostility and tension has reached its peak at Napanoch Prison through the racist policies of Superintendent Jack Czarnetsky, and the recent appointment of C.O. Frank Sluka to the position of Sargeant.

Since assuming his position early last month, Sargeant Sluka, an active and well-known KKK member, has started an all-out campaign to "GET THE NIGGERS AND THE SPICS" and has been the cause of several incidents that almost boiled over into riots. He has verbally abused and locked up prisoners, harassed and had the cells of prison leaders searched continuously, made prisoners pick cigarette butts off the floor through threat of physical harm, sabotaged meetings of the population, refused contingents of prison football players the right to exercise and practice in the recreation yard, and has even intimidated minority civilians and guards.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1976, several prisoners filed a grievance against Sluka for verbal threats and harassment. Upon storming into the Inmate Grievance Room, Sluka immediately insulted all who were present by shouting, "you can't file no shit like this on me." Directing himself to Ricardo Gonzalez, the civilian appointed in Albany to work with the grievance program, Sluka demanded "who the fuck do you think you are?" whereupon he turned to C.O. Houston, the only Black officer, and told him "You Black bastard, I'll have your job for this." Mr. Gonzalez has filed a complaint with Albany. The prisoners have since taken legal action.

Early this month, one of Sluka's fellow Klansmen, C.O. Constance, was assigned to the Bakery shop in the absence of regular civilian shop forman. On July 7, the entire Bakery went on strike by refusing to lock out of their cells because of their treatment, and privileges they were deprived of, including their right to eat breakfast each morning (Bakery workers have to get up at 5:00 am each day). They were released after 14 days, after having been threatened with transfer, but many fear this is only the tip of an iceberg. Something must be done to neutralize the KKK.

Signs and wall markings have cropped up throughout the prison demanding the "removal of Sluka and his henchmen..." This is only a small reflection of the mass discontent now existing over racist aggression and Klan domination of the prison. This place is already a short-fused powder keg. If extreme action is not taken soon, you may witness the explosion of an extreme situation. Let it not be said that you were not warned ....

"When Tyranny is Law,  
Revolution is Order."

The Peoples Party  
Napanoch, NY  
July 26, 1976

## KLANSMEN / GUARDS

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF GUARDS AT EASTERN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (NAPANOCH) CONTAINS THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE KU KLUX KLAN. PRISONERS ESTIMATE THAT THERE MAY BE AS MANY AS 60 GUARDS AT NAPANOCH WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE KLAN. THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE STARRED HAVE BEEN PROMOTED SINCE THIS LIST WAS ORIGINALLY MADE PUBLIC IN JULY, 1976.

Capt. Joseph Demskie *	C.O. George Ribas
Sgt. Donnal Sparling	C.O. George Mechler
Sgt. Thomas Ryan	C.O. Christopher Mosher
C.O. Carl Meyers	C.O. Charles "Corky" Krom
C.O. Ronald Hazeltine	C.O. Glen Wilkinson ***
C.O. Fred Rich (transferred to front desk)	
C.O. Joseph Badstein	C.O. Wippersill
C.O. Leonard Distel	C.O. Buckman
C.O. Richard Constance	Sgt. Frank Sluka *
C.O. Donald Cook	C.O. Roe
C.O. Howard Green	C.O. Scott
C.O. Borko	C.O. William Lothrop
C.O. Havlin	C.O. Gary Lothrop
C.O. Dephew	C.O. Dennis Lauria
Sgt. Gary Tavormino *	
C.O. Elquick	
C.O. Phillip McConnell	
Lt. Livio Galazzo	
Sgt. William Conroy	
Sgt. Ronald Kurtz	
C.O. Ronald Wynkoop	
C.O. Larry Haight	

\*\*\* Correction Officer Wilkinson is listed as one of the officers of the Independent Northern Klans, Inc. on the NY State Incorporation papers

PEOPLES PARTY ... PEOPLES PARTY ... PEOPLES PARTY

The Klan and the Peoples Party at Napanoch

For the past three years, members of the Peoples Party have played a central role in the affairs affecting prisoners in the Napanoch state prison. The Peoples Party has engaged in such activities as leading and organizing sit-ins and general institutional strikes, at times taking the spear-head in confronting the racial abuse of prisoners at the hands of the Klan employed by the prison administration. Since such actions in which Peoples Party members have played prominent roles, we have been harassed by members of the Klan who are fruitlessly seeking to identify other Peoples Party members. The result is that they are creating a general atmosphere of discontent, and leaving a trail of potential Peoples Party members as they continue to perpetrate their cowardly acts.

The Peoples Party has been in existence now for 3 years at Napanoch, and it is by no means the only chapter of the Peoples Party in New York State prisons -- there are others in various kamps, all in most cases working in unity with the Napanoch chapter. Since the organization of the Peoples Party there has been a lot of attention paid to the Klan and its guards/members whose distaste for political individuals and movements has forced them to increase their atrocities. But with the receptive ear of comrades in the communities working in cohesive unity with the Peoples Party, we have succeeded in immobilizing the Klan/guards to a great extent. We are fully aware that the department continues to maintain Klansmen on its payroll and that our struggle to purge the Klan from Napanoch and the communities is far from over. Nevertheless, we the Peoples Party in Napanoch State Prison wish to extend our comradely greetings and power salute to all who have helped and continue to help us in our struggle.

We wish to let people know that the Peoples Party is made up of brothers from different religious backgrounds, and we come in all colors and shapes. The primary theory leading us forward is Marxism/Leninism, but we are not foolish enough to neglect the great works of brothers like Mao, Che, Albizu, Malcolm X, George Jackson, HO. The fact that our struggle here is nothing more than a particular part of the global struggle for international liberation makes us soldiers in that whole movement. We bear witness that our struggle is a just struggle, and for this end we here will break our backs to see this through. In accord with our principles and our struggle, we are compelled to secure our existence. We have dedicated ourselves to cultivating ourselves as true sons of our perspective fatherlands, always acknowledging that we are a common people under the yoke of one common oppressor. With this in mind, we move to secure our liberation, regardless of where we find ourselves on bourgeois soil.

The Peoples Party  
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Napanoch, NY

Klan distributing hate literature

(Continued from Page 1) Northern Klans, Inc. of Pine Bush, headed by Earl Schoonmaker Jr.

The KKKK headquarters in New York State is headed by Karl Hand Jr. of Buffalo, who calls himself titan of the Dominion of Western New York.

white and not ashamed of it." The material in Defiance is strongly anti-black and laced with emotion.

Defiance lists three schools in the Buffalo area where youth activity is taking place. School officials said Tuesday they were aware of the Klan, but were unaware of any organizational drives in their schools.

One piece is called Defiance, published by the "Klan Youth Corps of Western New York." Defiance's message is clear: "We don't care if your (sic) German, Italian, Polish, Ukranian or whatever nationality you may be. We are only interested if you are

Duke said, however, that he knows Schoonmaker and considers him and his wife, Janice, "as my friends." Mrs. Schoonmaker is a member of the Pine Bush school board and is running for re-election next month.

"While a lot of white people are resigned to integration, there are just as many who are not," Duke said. "I believe the average white student has sympathy with us; they aren't with the leftists."

Duke confirmed that the KKKK "has some organized members in your area (Orange County), and we have a correspondence with them. But, there's no one who is an open leader there. Most of our membership is secret, because the people fear they'll lose their jobs or will have some other form of retribution aimed against them."

The grand dragon refused to reveal how many members his group has in the Newburgh area — "that's a Klan policy dating back 100 years" — but did say that "half our membership in the north is Catholic and about a third of our members nationwide are Catholic."

Membership in Klan Barred to Employees Of Prisons in State

ALBANY, Sept. 3 (AP)—The State Correctional Services Commissioner today issued what he called a "landmark directive," prohibiting employees of the prison system from belonging to the Ku Klux Klan.

Commissioner Benjamin Ward, who is black, said the State Correctional Services Department had advised "a limited number" of employees that they must resign membership in the K.K.K. prior to Oct. 1 or face dismissal.

The policy statement came after a six-month investigation by the department of alleged Klan activity and its effects on the operation of the state prison system.

Last April, Earl Schoonmaker Jr., a teacher at the Eastern Correctional Facility at Napanooh, was dismissed for participating in K.K.K. activities within the facility. Until today, the department's policy had been to allow Klan members to work in the prisons, provided they did not participate in K.K.K. activity on the job.

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Klan under investigation

The state Department of Correctional Services said Monday that it is investigating the role of correction officer Charles A. Holland in organizing a two-day Ku Klux Klan rally in the town of Columbus during the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Mark Corrigan, a department spokesman, said the investigation is part of a probe of alleged Ku Klux Klan activity within the state's prison system.

He said the department will issue a statement on the probe within one month.

Mr. Holland is a correction

officer at the Walkkill Correctional Facility, which has a large black inmate population.

One of the basic principles historically advocated by the KKK is white supremacy.

Mr. Holland's involvement with the Klan first became public last December, when a KKK rally was held on a farm he owns in Pennsylvania, just south of Binghamton.

Mr. Corrigan said that "membership in an organization per se is not and cannot be prohibited by departmental regulations."

But at least one correction department official has been

dismissed because of KKK activity, Mr. Corrigan said.

He said Earl Schoonmaker Jr., a teacher at the Eastern New York Correctional Facility at Napanooh, was dismissed last April because of Klan activity within the prison.

Mr. Corrigan said the dismissal was "not because he was a member of the KKK but because he participated in KKK activity...within the facility."

He said the department has been investigating for several months reports of alleged KKK activity at Walkkill, Napanooh and at the Elmira Correctional Facility.

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Klan literature linked to 'outside' unit

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Klan met in Legion hall

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NEW YORK POST TV Pages 38-40 KU KLUX KLAN UNCOVERED HERE

By RICHARD SCHWARTZ A Ku Klux Klan chapter has been operating secretly in the city for almost three years.

Walkkill Guard Has Klan Tie

NORWICH — Walkkill State Correctional facility officials are expected to look into the involvement of prison guard Charles Holland in the two-day Knights of the Ku Klux Klan rally held over the Independence Day weekend in Columbus.

Holland was reported to have been the organizer of the rally. He gave a speech at the rally one evening and acted as the master of ceremonies both

Secret KKK unit loses its cover in Rockaways

June 25, 1975

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This brochure is being passed out in the Rockaway area where a Ku Klux Klan chapter has existed for three years.

# WHITE STUDENTS!

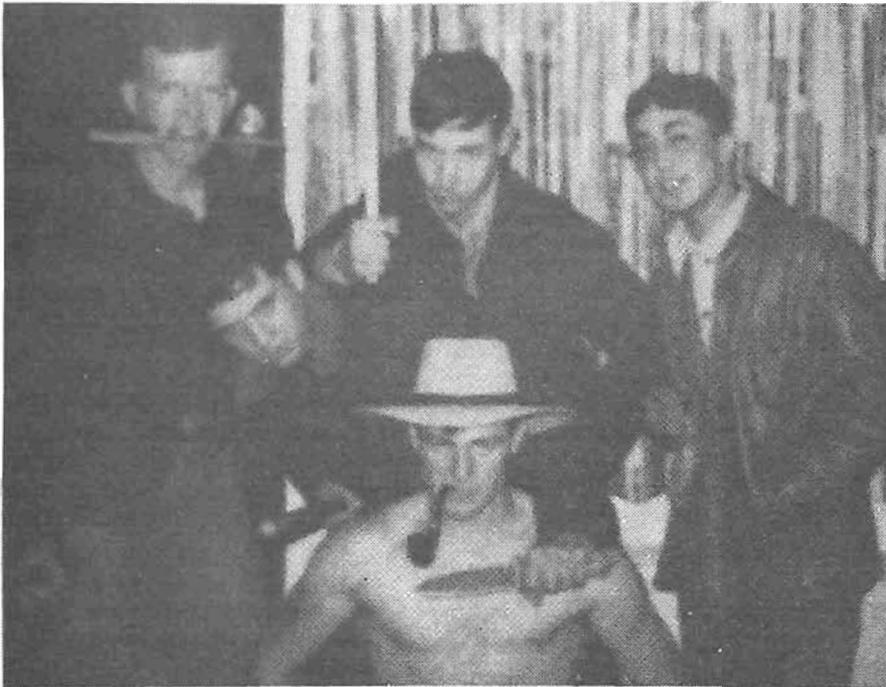


# WHITE POWER!

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A Klan publication appeals to pupils to push for "White power."





**The Pendleton Klan: Just before the November 13 clash, left to right—Privates Dennis Lee Campbell, Kenneth Langerman (not a Klansman), Douglas Pierce, Charles Von Smith (seated) and Ronnie Harper**



**Blacks who fought back: Left to right—Privates Herman Fletcher, Curtis Jones (behind Fletcher); Corporals Ricky McGilvery, Gregory Coffee; Privates Eddle Page(behind Coffee), Anthony Matthews, William Spencer and Clarence Capers**

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**“I am convinced that violence is the only answer,” said PFC Dennis Campbell. “I feel so strongly that I would just as soon see all blacks dead . . .”**

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