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In the largest police demonstration in US history, 10,000 off-duty cops protest the manslaughter indictment of Stephen Sullivan, who killed Eleanor Bumpurs, a 67-year-old Black grandmother.

Killer Cops on the Rampage

To the nation's largest city has come a series of murders which underscore the rise of official racism:

- 10,000 armed white men rally in the streets demanding the right to kill Black people with impunity.
- Four young Black men shot down in a modern-day lynching and millions of people across the country shout their approval.
- Widespread police use of electric cattle prods (stun guns) to torture Third World prisoners.
- A pattern of collusion and cover-up of police murder by city officials is exposed on the front pages of the daily press.

If you think this is a revival of the pro-Klan movie, *Birth of a Nation*, or a scene from the pre-civil rights South, look again. It is New York City in 1985.

The armed demonstrators were off duty cops. They massed in what one eyewitness described as "a chilling show of force; as close to fascism as anything I've ever seen." They were protesting the manslaughter indictment of Stephen Sullivan, the cop who killed Eleanor Bumpurs, a 67-year-old Black woman, while evicting her from her apartment.

The lynching was done with a gun instead of a rope, and by one man, Bernhard Goetz, instead of a mob.

The Black community is mobilizing against racist terror; and the Mayor is scrambling to defuse the issue. Into the already overflowing reservoir of Black anger against police violence has come a combination of events which are splitting New York right down the middle.

"Goetz" has become a code word for racism and there is virtually no one without an opinion. While these events have helped consolidate the police and a racist base of support for them, they have also pushed Black people and anti-racist white people to take action.

In contrast to the racist mobilization, the past year has also seen a heightening of political activity in the Black movement that identifies the police as the enemy of

all Black people. And among white people, demonstrations, pickets and the bombing of the PBA (Patrolmen's Benevolent Association) have put the fight against killer cops back on the agenda for all progressive people.

Two Years of Outrage

The present situation began in September, 1983, with the murder of Michael Stewart. Stewart, a 25 year old Black artist was arrested by Transit police at a subway station and beaten to death while in their custody. The Medical Examiner, Eliot Gross, lied about the cause of his death. The cops stonewalled, the D.A. granted immunity to most of the cops involved, and the indictments were dropped against the others on a technicality. As the Stewart family pressed on demanding justice for their murdered son, Michael Stewart became a symbol to the Black community of the hundreds of Black and Puerto Rican youth murdered by "New York's Finest." Demonstrations were held throughout the city, lawsuits were filed, and in spite of all the efforts of the establishment to sweep the case under the rug, it simply would not go away.

Then in November, 1984, came an incident of police terror which shocked even the most callous. Emergency Service cops (the elite tactical force used to attack demonstrations) were called in to help evict a 67 year old Black woman, Eleanor Bumpurs, who was a few months behind in her rent. She was 300 pounds, arthritic, diabetic, and could hardly get around. Eleven police broke down her door and when she resisted—they claim she came at them with a kitchen knife—she was shot twice with a 12-gauge shotgun and killed instantly. Then her nude body was left on the sidewalk until the ambulance came.

New York's new Black police commissioner, Benjamin Ward, did what he was hired to do and said the police had done nothing wrong; but the Black community was outraged. There were marches, community meetings, angry calls for justice.

Three days before Christmas, on the heels of the Bumpurs slaying, came Bernhard Goetz—the "Death Wish Vigilante." From the outset, the facts of this case were ignored as Goetz was hero-worshipped by the press, the Mayor and numerous celebrities. His shooting of the four Black teenagers he claimed were trying to rob him of \$5.00 was presented to all as a spontaneous act of individual courage.

The truth of the situation—that Goetz was an active right-winger who had talked about getting rid of the "s— and n—" in building co-op meetings—was downplayed or buried in the press. Leaked grand jury testimony revealed eyewitness reports that the youths he shot had been rowdy, but had not threatened anyone. We now know that Goetz entered an uncrowded car and sat down right next to the youths. He later publically stated that he had prepared himself by making mental notes of a possible shooting pattern that could take down all four youths. At the point when Goetz claimed the teenagers menacingly asked for \$5, he put his plan into action. After shooting all four, two of them in the back, he stalked one and shot him again saying, "You don't look so bad, here's another." Goetz later boasted that he wished he'd gouged their eyes out with his keys.

The incident was used by the press and the police to portray the entire Black community as criminals and legitimize terror and repression. It is the police who are the real beneficiaries of "Goetzmania" for it justifies and popularizes their current rampant violence.

Continuing to ignore the facts, the local and national media whipped up the racist fears of the white community to near hysteria. Story after story focused on "crime in the streets" and the need for more police to "deter crime." The cops took up collections for Goetz's defense and a sticker appeared in the precincts: "a mugger deserves what he Goetz." Guardian Angels leader Curtis Sliwa sent his (mostly Black

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What's Behind The White American Bastion

Dramatic, coast-to-coast arrests of dozens of KKK and neo-nazi "warriors" have focused national awareness on the existence of a fascist underground inside the US. From every corner of the country, an image of this secret army, called the Silent Brotherhood, the Order, or the White American Bastion is emerging. It is a picture of a heavily armed and well-financed paramilitary movement whose goal is the violent creation of an all-white Aryan country in America. Moving beyond rhetoric into action, its members have already left a bloody trail that stretches from the Pacific northwest to the Mexico border states and deep south.

In April, 1985, a federal RICO (racketeering) indictment against 23 members of the White American Bastion (WAB) charged them with, among other things:

- the machine gun execution of Alan Berg— an outspoken Jewish radio personality in Denver
- a series of commando robberies of Brink's trucks and banks on the west coast which netted over \$4 million
- shootouts with FBI and police agents
- bombing a Boise, Idaho, synagogue
- a counterfeiting operation
- the murder of an informer
- stockpiling large amounts of automatic weapons, grenades, and explosives.

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"Pastor" Richard Butler, head of Aryan Nations

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New Afrikan People's Organization leads first demonstration at Goetz court appearance.



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and Puerto Rican) gang into the subways collecting funds for Goetz. Sliwa, a master of publicity, then threw \$5 in change on the hospital bed of Darrell Cabey, one of the youths shot by Goetz who lay paralyzed and in a coma. Joan Rivers announced that Goetz had joined Jerry Falwell in her list of heroes. And San Francisco supervisor Carol Ruth Silver stated that Goetz exemplified the right of the working class to self-defense.

The extent of the campaign in support of Goetz became apparent when *Time*, *Newsweek*, *the Wall St. Journal*, *Der Spiegel* and the *London Times* all rallied to his defense. Within weeks Goetz had become an international symbol of the fear and hatred white society directs toward the oppressed Third World populations of the decaying inner cities. The *Boston Herald* said Goetz's only crime was that he had "gotten rid of trash in an unsightly manner." And the once liberal *Village Voice* ran an article urging Black people to sober up, vote and do something about all those unwed mothers having more "welfare leeches." Goetz had broken the dam: not since the early 1960s in the South had there been such a flood of outright racism and hatred for Black people expressed in the media.

Vigilantism and not racism became the issue. Should the individual white citizen shoot Black people, or should the police do it? No wonder Goetz was a hero to cops.

Against all of this stood the Black community in New York. By stating forcefully that Goetz stood for the racism at the heart of America, that a Black person taking similar action against whites would most likely have been killed on the spot, the Black movement said, "Enough!" As the growing rage looked like it might develop into a real confrontation, "expose" stories about Michael Stewart, Eleanor Bumpurs, and Bernhard Goetz began to appear.

The Coverup Unravels

In January, the *N.Y. Times* ran a four part series exposing the role of the city's Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Eliot Gross, in covering up police violence. The two most striking examples were the Michael Stewart and Eleanor Bumpurs cases. It was disclosed that Gross had lied when he said Michael Stewart died of a heart attack. Gross, in fact, removed the eyes from Michael Stewart's body to hide evidence that his death was caused by strangulation. In the Bumpurs case, Gross altered the autopsy report to back up the police lie that they only fired one shotgun blast instead of two.

The expose of Gross was sensational front page news for weeks. Both the Governor and the Mayor were "shocked" and appointed various blue ribbon commissions (Koch's was headed up by one of his own campaign managers). Charges and counter-charges flew. But the story exposed nothing that hadn't been known to the Mayor, the Governor and indeed the *Times* for over a year, since Gross had already been the subject of two separate lawsuits from Stewart family attorneys. The *Times* scrupulously avoided any criticism of the police who had killed the people to start with.

In fact, what the *Times* series did was



Bernhard Goetz

to move the focus from the police to the Medical Examiner, and pass the torch of reform from the Black community to the state, where it could be safely contained, and indeed extinguished.

This did not wash in the Black community. Official investigations and cynical expressions of regret from city fathers were not enough to pacify a people fed up with killer cops. In January 1985, Stephen Sullivan, the cop who shot Mrs. Bumpurs, was indicted for reckless homicide.

The police mounted a counter-offensive targeting both the Black community and the D.A.'s office which had charged Officer Sullivan, in response to the Black community's pressure. Through their political arm, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA), a massive show of racist force was unleashed on the streets of New York. 10,000 cops marched on the D.A.'s office carrying banners that read, "If Goetz is a hero, Sullivan is a saint." This march was the largest police demonstration in the history of the United States and showed the PBA to be one of the most powerful and fascistic political organizations in the city.

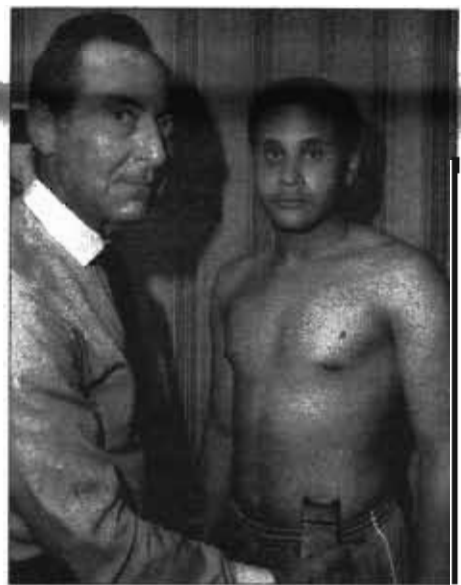
In addition to paying legal expenses for killer cops, the PBA uses the media to glorify them and slander their victims. When Michael Stewart was killed the transit PBA told the press he was a cocaine addict. After the Bumpurs murder, the PBA paid for radio ads portraying cops as heroes in a city of maniacs (such as Mrs. Bumpurs). The PBA unleashes its most vile racism and hatred against Black revolutionaries, whom they call "mad dogs."

Faced with the reality of mounting demands from the Black community and a small but significant outcry from progressive white people, another indictment was returned on February 20th against six of the transit cops who murdered Michael Stewart. Three were indicted, not for killing him, but for allowing others to kill him, and three for perjury in the coverup. This indictment of twice as many cops on half as serious charges, only extended the coverup.

On February 24, an underground organization, the Red Guerrilla Resistance, which has attacked South African and Israeli targets in New York City, bombed the PBA offices. We support this courageous action because it underscored that just like police in South Africa, Ireland or Palestine, police in Amerikkka are part of the colonial military machine—and just as vulnerable to attack. (Their communique is reprinted on page 16.)



Phil Caruso, president of PBA, Stephen Sullivan (white shirt, dark tie) and Emergency Service cops celebrate dismissal of Sullivan's indictment.



Mark Davidson shows burns from stun gun torture.

As the truth about Bernhard Goetz continued to surface, some of those who set the vigilante bandwagon rolling, like the Mayor, tried to distance themselves from this racist. In March, the Grand Jury indicted Goetz on four counts of attempted murder. Once again the city fathers stated their "shock" at the "new evidence" that preceded the indictments. But it wasn't really "new evidence" that forced the indictments; the facts about Goetz were out from the start. The courts were forced to act when the truth about the shooting could no longer be contained or sanitized. It was the outrage smoldering in the Black community that made the Goetz case too hot to ignore.

But the struggle wasn't over. The PBA had shown its strength and in early April the indictment against killer cop Stephen Sullivan was dropped. Eleanor Bumpurs' daughter said, "There is no justice in the courts but there will be justice in this case." Koch's blue ribbon commission exonerated Eliot Gross of any wrong doing, and as we go to press the use of stun guns (electric cattle prods) on Black prisoners is being uncovered by the Black community. When 18-year-old Mark Davidson was savagely beaten and burned 43 times with a stun gun, cops Richard Pike and Jeffrey Gilbert told him, "This ain't TV, n—r."

RSVP

RSVP TO THE FBI
(On being subpoenaed to give information to a Federal Grand Jury investigating revolutionary movements inside the USA)

Thank you for handing me this invitation to talk to you

But I am otherwise engaged.

Thank you for offering me this opportunity to have a heart to heart with the murderers of Martin Luther King and Fred Hampton, not to mention Crazy Horse Michael Stewart and Eleanor Bumpurs and the nameless millions who do have and will have names

But I am otherwise engaged.

Thank you for inviting me to sit down with the brothers of the somocistas (as you describe yourselves) their long knives eager for the blood of teachers the blood of nuns the blood of Sandino which is right now running bright like a river in the veins of young Nicaragua

But I am otherwise engaged.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to spit on the graves of Sacco and Vanzetti to dishonor the memory of the Rosenbergs or of my ex father in law who spent 10 years not being an actor rather than 10 minutes being a collaborator

But I am otherwise engaged.

Thank you for inviting me to run with the hounds howling through the ruined cities trying to hunt down the FALN, the BLA the ten or the hundred most wanted most ready and willing and able to resist with arms and heart and ideology your world wide crimes

But I am otherwise engaged.

And seriously, thanks for giving me this chance to stand fast with the Puerto Ricans who have gone to jail silent since 1936 rather than drink from your bootprints To stand fast with the New Africans who like Nat Turner "never said a mumbly word"

To stand fast with the Palestinians steadfast in Israeli prisons the Irish deep and defiant in Long Kesh, the Africans on Robben Island scorning your offers with songs To stand fast with the children of Lumumba and Che and Malcolm X not to mention my own children and your own as well

Thank you for this chance to stand not with the defeated but the defiant who pick up the gun who pick up the pen who pick up the baby and the struggle Thank you for this chance to stand with humanity against you

Don't mind if I do.

Terry Bisson
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The past months have stripped the democratic liberal-facade from the political volcano that could erupt in New York. Open organized white supremacy on the one hand and the increasing mobilization of the Black community for human rights and an end to police/vigilante terror are splitting the city right down the middle. Anti-racist white people and organizations have been called to get off the fence and stand with the Black community in action. The months ahead are particularly urgent times; times to organize and build solidarity with the Black liberation struggle as confrontations with racist terror heighten.

No to Political Grand Juries! Don't Talk to the FBI!



Grand Jury Resisters Christine Rico, Sandra Roland, Julie Nalibov, and Steven Burke

Two More Resist DC Grand Jury

Six anti-imperialists, five of them members or associates of JBAKC, are defiantly refusing to cooperate with an FBI investigation of revolutionary movements, and are **grand jury resisters**. Four have already been sent to jail, essentially for the "crime" of refusing to give up their right to remain silent and refusing to name names or collaborate with the FBI. The other two are ordered to appear May 14 before a federal grand jury, where they will also uphold the revolutionary principle of **non-collaboration** and expect to be sent to jail. One is an editor of this newspaper, *Death to the Klan!*, and the other is national media coordinator of the New Movement in Solidarity with Puerto Rican Independence and Socialism.

All six have been subpoenaed to a grand jury investigation of the bombing of the Capitol building after the Grenada invasion and related bombings of US Navy installations in the DC area. The attacks were claimed by two clandestine groups, the Red Overalls Resistance and the Armed Resistance Unit.

The grand jury resisters are taking the position of **non-collaboration**—refusing on principle to cooperate with any FBI or government investigation of revolutionary

MARK Won't Collaborate

Birmingham, Alabama—The Movement Against Racism and the Klan (MARK) has taken a strong stance of non-collaboration in the face of government repression.

As part of their anti-Klan work, MARK has shown a slide show entitled, "Unmasking the Ku Klux Klan." One part of the show exposes the well-known affiliations between Coors brewery and "right-wing groups such as the Klan."

Through a libel suit brought against MARK, Coors attempted to determine how many times, where, and to whom the slide show was presented, claiming this information was necessary to determine the extent of damage to their reputation. MARK refused to provide the information, even when faced with contempt of court and a fine.

In a court affidavit, Laurie Thrasher of MARK stated: "We cannot and will not turn over any information which would reveal either directly or indirectly the identities of our supporters to Coors or any of their representatives. To do so would be to betray a trust, to act as traitors against the individuals and organizations that have joined with us in this fight against racism and the equality of rights for all nationalities. The result of such an action would be not only to destroy our organization, but to cause serious jeopardy and harm to the anti-Klan, anti-fascist movement as a whole."

The court awarded Coors a default judgement and \$10,001 in damages. However, the political winner was MARK and the principle of non-collaboration. ■

movements. Period. Although it is technically the grand jury and not the FBI that issued the subpoenas, the FBI directs the work of these "anti-terrorist" grand juries and they are essentially a subterfuge to grant the FBI subpoena power.

In the past ten years many people have gone to jail as grand jury resisters rather than cooperate with investigations of revolutionary movements. Nine Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and North Americans are serving two and three year terms for criminal contempt. Eight Black activists, many with small children, are imprisoned in New York for refusing to cooperate with a grand jury investigating the New York 8+.

Julie Nalibov, Sandra Roland and Christine Rico are in prison in Lexington, Kentucky. Steven Burke is at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Terry Bisson (of JBAKC) and Bob Lederer (of the New Movement) have been subpoenaed to the DC grand jury May 14. Support all the grand jury resisters and all political prisoners by coming to court and writing them. Contact Stop the Witch Hunts, PO Box 406, Struyvesant Station, NY, NY, 10009.

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17 Political Prisoners Protest Torture

March 31, 1985

We, the Political Prisoners currently being held at MCC in New York City, call on all revolutionary and progressive people to actively protest against the U.S. government use of violence and torture against the Ohio 5. In particular, when the Ohio 5 tried to read a statement at their arraignment in a Brooklyn federal court on Monday, March 25, they were physically attacked with stunguns and blackjacks by U.S. Marshals. Upon their return to MCC from court, Ray Levasseur was singled out by U.S. Marshals and MCC personnel.

All movement inside the prison was halted for over an hour while Ray was worked over. He was beaten by one U.S. Marshal and MCC Lieutenant Gonzalez and Unit Counselor Vega, as several MCC correctional officers stood by, including CMC (Central Monitoring Case) Officer Brachman. Ray was then denied medical treatment by MCC personnel. The Ohio 5 have been the target of death threats by various law enforcement officials since their arrest. The Ohio 5 were told "better stop worrying about beatings and start worrying about being shot."

The experience of the Black Liberation Struggle with the murder of Black Liberation Army combatant Mtayari Shabaka Sundiata, and the torture of New Afrikan Prisoner of War Sekou Odinga; and of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement with the murder of Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, and the use of sensory deprivation and isolation of the Puerto Rican Prisoners of War is all the evidence we need that these are not idle threats. These attacks against the Ohio 5 take place in a context of systematic and continuous efforts to isolate, set up and destroy political prisoners and POWs across the country.

Our movements must intensify our vigilance and defend the lives of those comrades captured and in the field.

Free All Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War! Defeat U.S. Imperialism!

Signed, all the Political Prisoners in MCC:

The Ohio 5: Ray Levasseur, Jaan Laaman, Richard Williams, Pat Gros, Barbara Curzi

Susan Rosenberg, Tim Blunk; Anti-imperialist Resistance Fighters

Coltrane Chimurenga, New York 8+ Against Fascist Terrorism

NY8+ Grand Jury Resisters: Wanda Wareham, Olive Armstrong, Dorrie Clay, Jackie

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Captured Revolutionaries Stand Strong

The Ohio 5—Ray Levasseur, Jaan Laaman, Pat Gros, Barbara Curzi, and Richard Williams—are anti-imperialist resistance fighters who, until their capture on November 4th, 1984, were part of the Northamerican underground revolutionary movement. Their capture last fall was an outcome of "Operation Western Sweep," a counter-insurgency project of the FBI-led Joint Terrorist Task Force—a manhunt operation to find the people and destroy the organizations responsible for many armed actions in the Northeast.

Since their capture, the comrades have been beaten and locked down in isolation; their children have been threatened and harassed; they have been used as guinea pigs to "test" the use of the "stun-gun" (a.k.a. cattle prod—a weapon that "stuns" the target by injecting 50,000 volts of electricity). At every point, they have stood strong.

As revolutionaries who had developed through the anti-war and anti-imperialist movements of the '60's and '70's, both Ray and Richard had been sought by the FBI. Ray was on their most wanted list for ten years for various bombings and bank robberies that the FBI claims he committed. Richard was wanted for his alleged participation in the shooting of New Jersey state trooper Philip Lamonaco

in 1981.

The five have been indicted on conspiracy charges and are being charged with ten bombings which were carried out and claimed by the United Freedom Front over the past several years. Their trial is scheduled to begin in New York in July. As they were being arraigned on these charges in Brooklyn Federal Court on March 25th, the Ohio 5 attempted to read a statement (see page 13). While reading the statement, the comrades were brutally attacked by the court officers because the state does not want their politics to be heard or allowed to set the terms for what can happen in the courtroom.

In addition to the joint charges, each of the five faces separate charges, including weapons possession charges, and other charges related to the circumstances of their capture. Pat Gros has already undergone an initial "trial", and was convicted of harboring fugitives. Richard has been extradited to New Jersey to stand "trial" for the shooting of Lamonaco. His safety is an immediate concern. The state is trying to obtain a court order to have incisions made into his body to prove that there are shards of glass lodged in his arms from the windows of Lamonaco's car.

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POLITICAL TRIAL SUPPRESSED

Susan Rosenberg and Tim Blunk are long time political activists who make no bones about being revolutionaries and urban guerrillas. After being underground for several years, they were captured in Cherry Hill, New Jersey on November 29, 1984, while allegedly storing explosives.

Susan was wanted in connection with the 1981 Nyack Brink's expropriation and the 1979 liberation of Black revolutionary Assata Shakur from a New Jersey prison by the Black Liberation Army. Tim had served time for taking part in Kennedy Airport protests against the South African rugby team in 1981. They were tried and convicted in Newark, N.J. in March, 1985 on weapons, explosives and false ID charges.

In a motion to the court, the US attorney asked that the words blanked out above (political, revolutionary, urban guerrillas, Black Liberation Army, South Africa) be banned in their trial. US attorney Thomas W. Greelish asked the judge to ban over 50 words and phrases plus "any and all political, social, religious, racial, ethnic, governmental, diplomatic... views or beliefs of the defendants."

Although the judge denied the motion, he granted it in spirit by instructing the jury to disregard all political statements by Susan and Tim. Both the DA's motion and the judge's instructions are part of a strategy on the part of the US to criminalize political cases. This is the strategy used by the British in Ireland and discussed in counterinsurgency books by British experts Kitson and Clutterbuck, now being studied by US political police (who of course don't call themselves political police). The theory is that if revolutionaries are made into "criminals" no one will support them.

Although they were denied the right to call witnesses and put on a defense, both Susan and Tim addressed the jury. They explained that they are revolutionaries and not criminals. They both spoke of the Nuremberg principles, based on the war crimes trials of the Nazis, which state that everyone has both the right and the duty to resist criminal aggression by their own government. Over the objections of the judge and the prosecutor, they raised issues of international law which the US arrogantly disregards in its criminal aggression in Central America and around the world.

Prior to doing other revolutionary work and going underground, both Susan and Tim were members of the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee. We are proud of their revolutionary stance and the work they have done attacking imperialism from within. We urge everyone to support them. Their statement is printed on page 13 of this issue.

Write to Susan and Tim at MCC, 150 Park Row, NY, NY 10019



Susan Rosenberg and Tim Blunk



Cicero racists oppose Black-led anti-racist demonstration.

CICERO, ILLINOIS: Racists Riot for Segregation

Racist violence is on the rise in Chicago. Last fall, a rash of fire-bombings, a cross-burning and a six hour brick-throwing siege on a Black family's home drew national attention. In 1984 over 80 white-on-Black racial attacks were reported in Chicago—a 25% increase over 1983.

Most of the incidents occurred when Black or Latino families attempted to move into white neighborhoods. As one fair-housing activist pointed out, the attacks in 1984 were not only greater in number, but also more serious and life-threatening than before, forcing a number of families to move out of their homes.

Chicago is one of the most segregated cities in this country. Over the past 100 years, all-white enclaves have been carved and recarved out of this vast and changing city. For every "border" created between Black and white neighborhoods, there is a history of brick-throwing, beatings, and fire-bombings against Black people who tried to move in, travel through or work in those neighborhoods.

In 1919, bombings of Black families' homes were an almost daily occurrence, and during that summer, when a Black youth accidentally swam into the whites-only section of a beach, whites stoned and drowned him. Five days of white rioting ensued. In 1966, Martin Luther King, Jr. and his followers marched through all-white Chicago neighborhoods to protest housing segregation and were greeted by racial insults and violence.

Some of the attacks in 1984:

- In the racially mixed and poor Uptown area of Chicago, about 20 young white men, some dressed in white robes and waving a confederate flag, burned a cross over Labor Day weekend. Most were members of the Rebels, a white supremacist gang that has carried out attacks against Black people, Asian people, and white youth who have Black friends.
- In August, a Black woman who purchased a home in the predominantly white Northwest side, came home to find her front door kicked in, the roof blown off, her personal items stolen and her house burned. A few days earlier a white policeman in the neighborhood had called her "n—r" and told her to "go back to the cotton gin."
- In the liberal Lakeview area, the "Knights of Barry Street" threw a rock with a threatening note attached to it through a Black woman's condominium window, and painted "Leave N—r, KKK" on her door.
- In December, within a two week period, two Black families' homes were fire-bombed and there was an attempted fire-bombing on a Chilean family's home. It was the mob attack on the Goffer/Franklin family in November that drew attention from all over the country.

Spencer Goffer, Patricia Franklin and their 8-year-old son moved into an apartment on Roosevelt Road in November, unaware that this move placed them in "forbidden territory" for Black people. The apartment is in a four square block area called "The Island"—an all-white enclave sandwiched between the largely Black neighborhood of Austin on one side and the segregated town of Cicero on the other.

The first night in the new apartment, a group of white people knocked out the windows of the store below and called them "n—rs", telling them to move out. On the second night, while they sat in their living room, their windows were shattered with a fire iron. A white man claiming to be a Lutheran minister appeared at the door. When Spencer Goffer opened the door, the man told them "n—rs" weren't wanted and they had better move before things got worse.

As promised, things got worse the following night. At about 2:00 a.m., says Goffer, "the mob poured out of two taverns on the street and threw everything they could pick up into our apartment." For the next six hours, a mob of fifteen white men hurled bottles and bricks at the Goffer/Franklin home. Some waved guns.

"They had us trapped inside all night because they were at the front and back doors of the building," recalled Goffer. Because their phone had not yet been installed, the Black family had no way to call outside for help. At dawn, they escaped to a relative's home. They refused to return to the Island. "The incident," says Goffer, "showed me how much some whites hate Blacks."

How could this attack have gone on for some six hours on a main thoroughfare? Where were the police?

As it turns out, the police were there that night—side by side with the brick throwing racists. In all, four Cicero cops were at the scene. One was an off-duty sergeant. Two other cops drove up in an undercover car and unloaded a trunkful of bricks which the mob proceeded to throw at the Goffer/Franklin apartment. One cop drove up in a squad car, conferred with the brick-throwers and moved on. Later, the four policemen said they "didn't see" any disturbance. No Chicago police patrol car passed during any of this time.

The attack on the Goffer/Franklin family got nationwide publicity, and the FBI promised it would investigate to see if the family's civil rights were violated. Four months later, no arrests have been made. An agent of the special prosecution unit for the U.S. attorney's office said he "doubted the case would ever go to trial, because there just doesn't seem to be an outpouring of witnesses." The four Cicero police who were positively identified at the scene of the attack remain free and on patrol duty.

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Bay Area Killer Cops

In the early morning of November 8, 1984, a San Francisco Black family, Gregg and Polly Turner and their four children, were travelling north to Lake Tahoe, a resort in Nevada, for a family vacation. Shortly after 1:00 a.m., they drove into a snowstorm which grew heavier and heavier. Due to the intense storm, the car slid off the road and down a hill where it crashed into some trees. Smoke and fumes were rising from the hood. The family made an emergency exit from the car, fearing it might explode. Leaving their coats behind in haste, and unprotected from the cold, the family managed to climb to the road and tried to flag down help. By this time they were soaking wet and the children were nearly hysterical. Fifteen minutes later a California highway patrol car accompanied by two snow ploughs arrived on the scene.

When the Turners appealed for help, the officer cracked his window and said, "What the hell are you n—s doing out here?" Despite the cop's comment, Mr. Turner attempted to explain their situation. The cop refused to help, saying the family couldn't fit in his car, and that they were all wet. The Turners asked that the officer or snow ploughs at least take the children. The cop's reply was, "You n—s get off the road before you get killed. I'll send a tow truck." The tow truck never arrived.

After walking the road for over an hour, the family was picked up by a passing driver, who rescued them from probable death from exposure.

A San Francisco group of family, friends and supporters, Citizens Against Racist Police Practice, has formed to support the Turners and to mobilize against racist actions by the police.

On March 25, the Turners and their supporters called a press conference and demonstration to announce legal proceedings and a political campaign. They were sup-

ported by representatives from San Francisco's Black community who are active in the Free South Africa movement. Speakers drew parallels between the violence of the apartheid system and racist police terror the Black community faces here.

San Mateo, California—On February 6, 1985, James Patrick Lewis, a 20 year old Black man, was shot in the head and killed as he lay handcuffed and spread-eagled on the ground in this San Francisco bay area city. His executioner was Kam Lee, a San Mateo police officer with a long history of racist violence against Black people.

As news of the cold blooded murder swept through the community, police and local authorities moved quickly to establish their cover-up. With anger at a high point in the Black community, over 400 people gathered on February 7th to hear police chief Lawrence Phillips defend the murder as an "unfortunate accident." Pleading for calm, he promised a thorough investigation. Skeptical that justice would come through police procedures, the crowd jeered him and called for community action.

In the weeks that followed, the police completed an internal investigation which cleared both Kam Lee and the entire department of any wrongdoing. The grand jury refused to indict Lee on March 29th, believing that his gun accidentally discharged as he returned it to the holster, despite overwhelming evidence that this was impossible. The blatant racism of this finding was underscored by the fact that even the police chief had admitted earlier that the gun would have to be cocked consciously and the trigger pulled for it to fire.

The Lewis family has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against the police. The community has come together to demonstrate for the dismissal of killer cop Lee, for the firing of the police chief, and against rising racism in this city. ■

KLAN JOINS CONTRAS

In November, 1984, KKK leader Don Black was released from a federal prison where he had been serving a two year term for the attempted 1981 invasion of Dominica. The Klan had assembled a small force of mercenaries and Nazis to try and take over the tiny Caribbean nation, but the plans were thwarted by the CIA—technically for violating the "neutrality act," but more probably because the CIA had bigger fish to fry. The Klan's plot was used to justify a renewed defense agreement with Dominica, which was then used to justify the Grenada invasion. The Prime Minister of Dominica, Eugenia Charles, "requested" and praised the Grenada invasion, even traveling to Washington to appear with Reagan on TV.

On his release from prison in Bastrop, Texas, Black flew by private jet to Alabama, where he announced plans to form a Klan Brigade to fight in Central America, especially to help the contras, Reagan's so-called "freedom fighters" financed by the CIA to overthrow the revolutionary Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

Black said he was inspired by Civilian Military Assistance (CMA), the Alabama-based organization (see *DTTK!*, Spring, 84) that sent money and weapons to the contras. The CMA made headlines when two members (one a Memphis cop) were shot down over Nicaragua, becoming the first Americans to be officially killed there.

The CMA was endorsed by Reagan in an October, 1984, interview with Scripps-Howard newspaper editors, when he said that "it was traditional" for American volunteers to get involved in such matters. Tom Posey, the CMA Director, said that now such groups will "start up everywhere."

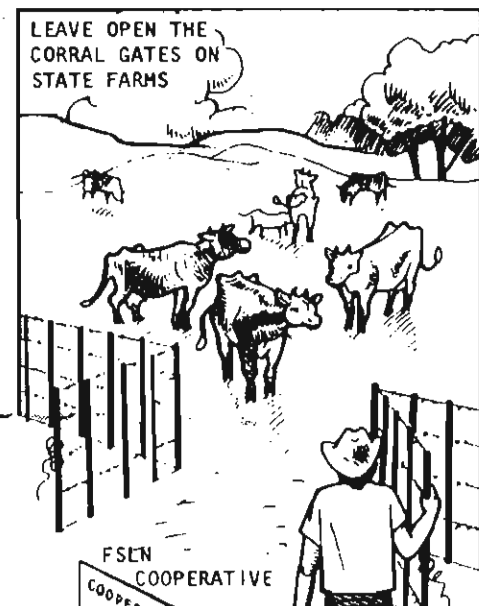
Reagan's statement is true. White supremacists have always found ways to support genocidal US wars. In particular, there is a long tradition of collaboration between the slaveowners of the South and the western expansionists. The first US invasion of Nicaragua, in 1858, led by William Walker, was an attempt to set up a slave society. The annexation of Texas was arranged by slaveowners. In our own century, the mer-

cenaries who were defeated in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) often carried Confederate flags and many were recruited by the Klan.

Today Soldier of Fortune sends "advisers" with the full (but covert) assistance of the US military. The CIA is interested in developing new sources of support for the contras, who now claim they are 77% funded by "private" donations. The Klan Brigade will serve this purpose well. Meanwhile Reagan is seeking more congressional funding and preparing the contras for a full scale invasion of Nicaragua.

"I think the statement by President Reagan that such activity will be considered legal will be a tremendous benefit toward our recruiting drive," Black said. He wants to call his Klan force the Nathan Bedford Forrest Brigade, after the Confederate officer who started the Ku Klux Klan in 1868 to keep newly freed Black people from getting land and using the vote in the South.

How fitting that Forrest's name is evoked today in the effort—led by the US government and implemented by the CIA, and now the KKK—to deny Central American people their right to self-determination. ■



From CIA-authored comic book distributed to organize sabotage against the Sandinista government.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

RACIST KLAN BIRTH CONTROL CAMPAIGN

Harrison, Ark. In the face of starvation and tragedy in Ethiopia, the Arkansas Klan is distributing a flyer asking for donations to buy contraceptives for the people of Ethiopia. Ethiopia, which is suffering from terrible famine is underdeveloped, but not overpopulated.

The flyer, being posted in the Harrison area, asks for donations to be sent to Tusculumbia, Alabama, which is the national office of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Thom Robb of Harrison, national Klan "chaplain," said the campaign is supported by the national KKK organization. "Donations will be used toward the purchase of contraceptives in an effort to stop the ever-expanding birth rate of the Negro people," the flyer said in part.

RACIST ATTACK IN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Ca. Sazon Davis, a Black man, is now a quadriplegic as a result of a racist attack by three white teenagers. The local US attorney's office is "investigating" the incident to see if his *civil rights* were violated when he was beaten and left paralyzed in October, 1984.

Initially the Fontana police department said that the teenage thugs had acted in self-defense and the County District Attorney's Office had found there was not enough evidence to charge them, said Davis' attorney.

Samuel Hart, representing Davis on behalf of the NAACP, said Davis was walking home when three white men drove by and shouted racist threats and made obscene gestures. When Davis returned the gestures Tom Peck, 18, Wade Johnson, 18 and an unidentified 17-year-old stopped their car, got out and attacked Davis.

Later that night police found Davis in a vacant lot lying on his back and unable to move. Hart alleges that Fontana police did not "seriously investigate" the case, failed to disclose that the mother of one of the youths was employed by the police department and that the youths later contradicted their original statement to the police.

Fontana has an active KKK chapter and four years ago a Black technician who was repairing a telephone line was shot by a white man who told police he was "shooting crows".

KTTL—KLAN RADIO

"Thus with violence 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. 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."

This is what you can hear on your radio driving across Kansas these days, thanks to KTTL, the FCC and the Posse Comitatus.

The Federal Communications-Commission has refused to take action against the racist station KTTL (now changed to KCMS) owned by Posse Comitatus adherents Nellie and Charles Babbs. Situated in an area with less than 400 Black people and only a handful of Jewish people, the station plays tapes by leaders of the Posse (quoted above) and the racist Kingdom Identity movement.

In November, 1984 the controversial license renewal was once again postponed by the FCC. The FCC could deny the renewal application to Babbs and grant a license to Community Service Broadcasting, Inc., representing the Dodge City Citizens for Better Broadcasting, and the National Black Media Coalition. These forces are among the many groups and individuals who have urged the FCC to reject the Babbs' license renewal.

The Posse Comitatus gained national attention when its leader Gordon Kahl, his son Yoris, and another Posse member were involved in a shoot-out with federal marshals near Medina, North Dakota in February, 1983. 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.

On June 3, Kahl was killed as police gunfire exploded hundreds of rounds of ammunition he had stored in a Hitler-style concrete farmhouse bunker in northern Arkansas.

Many listeners, in particular Mexican people, have complained about the programs, but the F.C.C. has defended the Babbs' "freedom of speech."

Babbs' current strategy is to change the station's image. Babbs hired a new general manager in early October to modernize the format without making any fundamental changes in content or policy. New general manager, 21-year old Russ Silvey, changed the station's call letters from KTTL to KCMS-FM. In addition, the station changed from country music to top 40 music. Silvey even changed the station's stationery. The station's license expired in June 1983, but under FCC rules, the station can continue operating until the FCC makes a decision.



Glenn Miller, leader of North Carolina Klan

NORTH CAROLINA KLAN POLL WATCHES

Algiers, NC The head of the Carolina Knights of the KKK said some 800 Klansmen across the state were involved in poll watching to prevent older whites "from being intimidated at the voting booths" this past November.

Glenn Miller, North Carolina Grand Dragon said Klan officials had coordinated their efforts with the State Board of Elections. He said 850 Klansmen from his group, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ellenboro and from the Winston-Salem based White Knights of Liberty, were at the polls to provide two services.

He said the Klan wanted to reduce the number of [Black] people who vote more than once, and insure that white people were not "intimidated" when they vote. He said 5-10 Klansmen were assigned to a minimum of 100 precincts across the state and that some were wearing hoods and robes.

While Miller was conspiring with state officials to keep white voters "from being intimidated" we wonder who was protecting Black voters who showed up at their local precincts only to find that their poll-watchers were hooded Klansmen?

KKK CONSPIRACY

Center Point, Ala. William David "Bill" Riccio, 27, a Klan member who had participated in the brutal attack and clubbing of Black civil rights marchers in Decatur in 1979, was arrested recently following a raid at his residence, which turned up a half-ounce of cocaine and a half-pound of marijuana and eight weapons.

Riccio is on parole from a 10-year sentence for a 1981 federal firearms violation. Riccio and nine other Klansmen were indicted last spring, (see DTTK! Fall, 1984) four years after the brutal attack took place, only because the Southern Poverty Law Center, had gathered thousands of pages of evidence and hours of testimony, and finally forced the Justice Department to hand down the indictments even though their own "investigation" had failed to turn up "adequate evidence" for indictment.

The case has not yet come to trial because the local judge is now attempting to suppress the evidence submitted by the SPLC.

Also arrested February 4, 1985, were Gerald D. Smith, 21, and Kevin Cullen Bryan, 18, of Center Point. They were charged with narcotics violations and released from jail on \$500 bail each.

A notebook found at Riccio's home contained the names of state and local people and apparently was intended to be an assassination hit list.

Riccio also had an Aryan Nations identification card and pictures of Adolf Hitler. Recently Riccio and three others wore full Nazi uniforms with machetes on their belts while attending a town meeting.

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA KLAN RALLY TOGETHER

West Columbia, SC In an effort to help the South Carolina Klan build its forces, the powerful and violent North Carolina Klan, infamous for its murder of five anti-Klan demonstrators in Greensboro, in 1979, brought more than 100 of its members to West Columbia, South Carolina to attend an organizing rally and cross burning there.

Keynote speaker at the rally was North Carolina Klan chief and Nazi, Glenn Miller, of Angier, NC who told the crowd:

"They tell us it isn't fair that we want to keep our blood lines pure. N---r crime is out of control in our country." He said white people who don't join the Klan in order to fight crime "ain't nothing but white n---rs." "If you've got it in your mind to go out here and break the law," he said. "just go out and do it, don't tell anybody you're going to do it. Don't tell your wife or your girlfriend and forget about it yourself after you do it."

"Back in the old days, the sheriff was in the Klan, the judge and all them politicians," Miller said. "I wish them days was back, but they ain't going to come back until we bring them back." he said.

The September rally was attended by 200 Klansmen in robes and close to 300 spectators—most of whom were enthusiastic Klan supporters or members.

Miller warned Klansmen and spectators at the rally that police would be taking down license plate numbers, and said that the Klan was doing its own surveillance. A Klansman dressed in fatigues circled the crowd using a video camera to record faces of the spectators, reporters and cops at the rally.

The Klan's counterinsurgency network includes computerized hit lists that are shared with other right-wing terrorist groups like the Aryan Nations.

KKK PLANS VOTER REGISTRATION IN OHIO

Columbus, Ohio 40 Klan leaders from the area met in Columbus, Ohio to discuss one aspect of the Klan's program for the upcoming year.

"The Klan is moving toward becoming a major political voice across the country," said Imperial Klaliff Van. D. Loman of Cincinnati, who heads the state organization. He is the Grand Dragon of Ohio and the national Klan's second in command.

"We're supporting President Reagan as much as we can, and hope other white people will do the same" Loman said. We hope to register thousands of voters, particularly in the Appalachian areas, and there are plans under way to have more Klansmen running for office in Ohio."

NAZI GETS 64,000 VOTES IN MICHIGAN

Michigan Just a few days before the 1984 presidential election, Ronald Reagan visited Michigan and urged voters to "remember all of Michigan's Republican candidates." Many did, and Gerald Carlson, the GOP candidate in the 15th congressional district, an avowed white supremacist who has openly proclaimed his affiliations with the KKK and American Nazi Party, received 64,000 votes.

While other republicans claim that Carlson has no ties to the official Michigan Republican Party, and are quick to point out that "he lost the election" no one can deny that an openly racist and anti-semitic candidate won 40% of the vote.



Bill Wilkinson and Connecticut Klan at their pro-nuke demonstration.

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As news of these operations began to break over the past six months, the FBI and news media have gone to great lengths to portray this movement as a small splinter group, a break-away from the Idaho-based Aryan Nations organization. The government is claiming to have neutralized and crippled the group. However, anti-klan activists and researchers around the country remain skeptical.

The media has gone from posing questions like "will the WAB be able to topple the government?" to its current "irrelevant splinter group" line. From the beginning, the FBI has controlled the flow of information—and all media reports should be viewed in that light. In any case, all the media's various angles have served to portray the FBI and US government as the forces of justice and freedom while at the same time masking the real issues raised by the existence of this movement. It is important to deal with the fact that any group advocating and fighting for an "Aryan" revolution to build an Aryan Nation is planning genocide for the entire Black and Third World population inside the US. This is quite a different story than that peddled to the media by the FBI.

It is a story of a growing movement, which despite its recent losses, has begun to unite the most militant sections of the far-right for a fascist revolution against Black and all Third World people, Jews, gays, communists, and even liberals. Like fascists everywhere, they seek to maintain the capitalist system but want to replace even bourgeois democracy with an all-out totalitarian state. And it is definitely not a "splinter group" but the creation of many organizations and the brainchild of some of this country's most sophisticated racist leaders.

Undoubtedly, a series of errors by the fascists and unplanned confrontations with government agents surfaced the existence of the "underground" before it had time to consolidate itself fully. But it would be a grave mistake to believe media reports that this movement is on its last legs. Not only do several regional bases of the organization remain untouched, but, more importantly, WAB represents a vision and strategy that has been on the rise within the racist movement for a number of years.

Over the past period of time, the white supremacist movement (estimated to embrace 10,000 hardcore members joined by



Alan Berg

hundreds and thousands of supporters) has been searching for a strategy which will allow it to take full advantage of America's move to the right. In the aftermath of the 1979 Greensboro massacre, the struggle over "which way forward" for the racist movement took place in virtually every Klan, Nazi, survivalist and fascist-religious formation in the country. Major fascist ideologues like Tom Metzger argued for increased militarization, decentralization, and clandestinity, while other Klan leaders, like Bill Wilkinson, argued for a 3-piece suit public relations approach. Out of this process has come a new umbrella, or alliance, of forces which gave birth to the White American Bastion as the military extension of the vision.

By now, most people have heard of the Aryan Nations compound in rural Idaho, featured in slick news stories and TV reports. The Aryan Nations is the most prominent, identifiable public group of this movement, but it is by no means the only one. The movement's network currently spans 38 states and several other countries, including South Africa, Germany, and Canada. In addition to their

penetration of Brink's, their network of hideouts, false IDs and counterfeiting apparatus—what is notable about this development is the national scope and organizational alliances involved. While they have decided to work in a decentralized way, maintaining their own organizational identity and integrity, they all share a common ideology, strategy and commitment to the development of race war.

When we look at the following list of major racist leaders, who, in addition to Aryan Nations chief Richard Butler, are in the public leadership of the movement, we can see how far the web extends. Each of these men has his own public and military organization, regional base of support, and propaganda machinery.

Louis Beam: Most notorious leader of the Texas KKK, longtime advocate and practitioner of guerrilla warfare. Ambassador-at-large of Aryan Nations, Beam led the confrontation with the Vietnamese shrimp fishers in the Texas Gulf a few years ago. He runs the Aryan Nations national computer network and TV operation. Beam created the "Point System for Aryan Warriors" which specifies points for killing enemies of the movement.

Robert Miles: Leader of the Michigan based Mountain Church. His newsletter "From the Mountain" links forces in the Midwest and throughout the country. He leads the "spiritual" justification for white supremacy.

Thom Robb: National Pastor of the Ku Klux Klan, a neo-Nazi widely respected by Klan members everywhere, based in Arkansas.

Tom Metzger: Major figure in the California Klan, now leading the White American Resistance. Metzger received 80,000 votes in his run for US Senate several years ago and has compared the relationship of public organizing efforts of the Klan and its military component to "that between the Congress and the CIA—one's public, the other secret." Metzger hosted a cross burning in Los Angeles in late 1983 which brought together the Aryan Nations, the Klan and neo-Nazis.

With the exception of Richard Butler, none of these leaders has been named in the press as having anything to do with the Bastion. Ironically, one of the guests of Tom Metzger's Klan TV show called "Race and Reason" was Frank Silva, now indicted for his role in the Bastion. These people and their followers combine theory with practice, debating strategy and tactics in the pages of their papers.

In "From the Mountain," July-August 1984, months before the news of the Bastion really hit the press, Robert Miles predicted the emergence of the White American Bastion:

"...The Armed Party refers to any individual, or group of individuals who pick up the sword in active and definite resistance to a force in power. It does not necessarily indicate any centrally controlled group, under any central command, although such is possible. It may be an individual such as Gordon Kahl [the Posse Comitatus tax protestor who killed federal marshals and was subsequently hunted and killed by the FBI—ed.] who struck back at the federals in the Dakotas. It might be a Snell, the survivalist in Arkansas who allegedly cut down the first black state trooper hired in that state. It might be a Franklin, roaming the nation at will, and striking where he alone sees fit. It is the clear cut willingness to put one's own life where one has put pen and words. It is action. It is the awareness that the only propaganda that finally awakens a people is the propaganda of the deed. In the days ahead, thanks to the arrogance of the liberals and the blindness of the ZOG [the fascist movement is thoroughly anti-semitic and calls the US federal government a Jewish controlled Zionist Occupation Government—ed.] more Armed Party actions will occur. They are already spreading like mushrooms. They are the first flames of open and armed rebellion. They are the righteous wrath of God's people against the satanic influences abounding in the Sodom and Gomorrah called America."

What is the Aryan Nations?

The Aryan Nations increasingly has become a clearinghouse for a network of paramilitary groups in the US, Canada, and internationally through its national



Richard Butler with bodyguard Gary Yarborough

The Aryan Nations was formed in the 1940s by Richard Butler, a retired Lockheed engineer who left California to set up headquarters in Hayden Lake, Idaho, in 1973, after the death of his mentor, Dr. Wesley Swift. A former Klan member, Swift was an early leader in the racist Christian Identity movement, founding the Anglo-Saxon Christian Congregation in Los Angeles during the 1940s. Today's Christian Identity movement is a loose knit network of "churches" propounding a racist ideology linking so-called Christian churches and many organized racist groups, like the Mountain Church in Michigan; the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord in Arkansas and Missouri; the Christian Patriots Defense League in Alabama and the mid-west; and the Restored Church of Jesus Christ Christian in Idaho.

Identity theology teaches that Aryans (white people from northern Europe) are the true lost tribes of Israel and Jews are imposters—the "seed of Satan" and should be exterminated. Its blatantly racist tracts even say that Hitler's *Mein Kampf* was actually the last book of the Bible. These forces are organizing for Hitler style anti-semitism and must be opposed by all progressive people. They claim that big business and the mass media are controlled by Jewish people who operate them to exploit their white Aryan workers. Their virulent anti-semitism has already led to the murder of Alan Berg. But like anti-semites everywhere, they use Zionism and Judaism interchangeably. Their attack on Zionism and Israel may seem contradictory because Zionism has been condemned as a form of racism by the UN and progressive people the world over. But their anti-semitism is so all-pervasive in their world view that they will attack anything they believe to be associated with Jewish people. (In fact, they consider Reagan and Botha to be "soft" on Black people and Jews because of their ongoing support for the Zionist state of Israel and what they consider their "moderate" approach to governing South Africa.) We oppose Zionism as racism and part of imperialism's strategy to maintain control over the world's resources, and because we support the Palestinian people's right to self-determination. The Aryan Nations is anti-Zionist because they equate Zionism

with Judaism.

Richard Butler met Swift through William Potter Gale, an ex-colonel who directed counter-guerrilla operations in the Philippines under Gen. MacArthur. Gale also ran an "Identity" church in Mariposa, California, and later founded a paramilitary unit, the California Rangers. Today Gale is known as the ideologue and leader

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High-Tech Racism

The fascist Aryan Nations group is using a computer bulletin board to promote its racist ideology and circumvent Canadian censorship laws.

The board, which any computer with a modem can connect through a phone call, operates out of Hayden Lake, Idaho, according to an article in the computer magazine *Infoworld*. A bulletin board (called a BBS in computer lingo) is a computer connected with telephone lines and programmed to communicate with other computers which call in ("log on"). The communication appears on the screen of the caller's computer and can be written materials, programs, or messages and notices. BBSs are very popular with computer users and a number have been used by progressive groups such as California's *Peacenet* or Minnesota's *Communitree*, which sponsor "conferences" or discussions of political issues. The Aryan Nations' board is the first known use by explicitly racist groups and is an ominous harbinger of things to come.

Infoworld described the board's operator (SYSOP) as "computer consultant" Louis Beam. *DTTK* readers will recognize Beam as the Texas Ku Klux Klan leader who has recently linked up with the Aryan Nations.

The Nazi Aryan Nations, part of the racist "Kingdom Identity" movement, is linked with both the Klan and the Posse Comitatus. Their anti-semitic ideology claims that Christians are the "chosen people" and that Jews are an imposter "race" only a step above "non-whites," which they regard as no more than beasts. The Klan is also promotes this racist garbage through featuring priests of the "Odin" religion on Klan leader Tom Metzger's TV talk shows. These "priests" are of course plain old all-American white supremacist thugs.

The Aryan Nations BBS is called the "Computer Liberty Network." Its existence was announced in flyers handed out in Canada in August. The bulletin board transmits racist literature, featuring excerpts from *The Hoax of the Twentieth Century*, a book which claims that the Nazi massacre of the Jews never happened. This book is censored in Canada under a law banning "seditious, treasonable, immoral or indecent" material. Beam claims that his BBS has "ended censorship in Canada." (Once again the Klan dresses up in the robes of "free speech!")

Infoworld logged onto (connected to) the network in September and reported that it included a listing for "race traitors," which required a password and "level 7" security clearance to read. *Infoworld*, the most influential magazine in the computer industry, took a progressive stance by characterizing the book (and the use of the material) as "racist hate literature" and not publishing the number of the Nazi BBS. At least one reader wrote in to the magazine defending the book. Since January, 1985, readers have also reported Nazi and KKK numbers on *The Source*, a commercial public network.



John Brown, Part II:

Harper's Ferry

A long continuous mountain range from 2000 to 5000 feet high, running south and west from Pennsylvania to Tennessee, the Blue Ridge is aimed like a spear into the heart of the South.

The town of Harper's Ferry is situated inside the point of a "V" where the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers join and then plunge through the mountains, which are here about 1800 feet in elevation and, as everywhere, rocky, steep and thickly wooded. In 1859 there was a railroad bridge connecting the town to the Maryland shore, and a rifle factory and a federal arsenal in the town.

John Brown came to Harper's Ferry fresh from his victories in Kansas—a controversial figure widely known as "Osawatomie" Brown, already a wanted man by the federal government and a hero to abolitionists, who funded and sheltered him; and respected even by those who didn't agree with his conviction that only armed struggle could defeat the slave system.

Brown's plan in the raid on Harper's Ferry was to launch a guerrilla force which would move south along the Blue Ridge, using the mountains as a base of operations to strike at slaveowners and draw off slaves. Harper's

Brown's force also had 10,000 pikes (spears), for they knew that most slaves had been prevented from knowing how to use rifles.

On the night of October 17, 1859, after months of preparation and training in which two of his daughters played a major role, gathering and hiding the men and weapons, a column of 20 men marched into town, their carbines hidden under their long coats. Their captain wore a "lucky" hat given to him by an Indian friend in Kansas.

Taking the town with little bloodshed, the abolitionists seized hostages such as the grandson of George Washington, a local slaveowner, and forced him to turn over the sword presented to Washington by Frederick the Great to one of the Black freedom fighters. Brown took other prominent hostages, hoping to use them to bargain with the governor of Virginia and the federal authorities.

His mistake was that he put far too much emphasis on these propaganda moves, and lost sight of the military objectives. The hostages, in particular, kept his force pinned down long after his men had urged him to pull out. Out of concern for the hostages'



Shields Green, John Copeland, John Brown, Edwin Coppoc and Aaron Stevens at their arraignment.

the white supremacy in him as in all white people, even the most anti-racist, he wavered between the war that would arm the slaves, and the vain hope that he could negotiate "peacefully" with the slaveowners' government. In the end, he put more value on his hostages than on his objective or the lives of his men.

It was his fatal error and his defeat is still felt today. It is often said that even in death John Brown was victorious, and it's true that he and his men inspired millions; the Black Union troops used "John Brown's Body" as a marching song five years later.

Yet history would look different if he had succeeded. Even a small army of abolitionists and freed slaves, in those days before the helicopter, would have been untouchable in the laurel thickets of the southern Appalachians. Others might have sprung up, arming the Black masses the US was afraid to arm, hastening the beginning of the Civil War, hurrying its end, and ultimately saving thousands of lives.

And a war fought on an abolitionist terms, with Black liberation the explicit aim, would have changed the balance of power after the war. John Brown went into battle with a constitution drawn up by Black abolitionists calling for a free state for Black people. Instead, the war was fought to unify the white nation rather than free the Black nation. Black soldiers were disarmed after the war, the Klan rode and slavery was exchanged for the new domination of Jim Crow, sharecropping and segregation.

John Brown hesitated too long. The Marines attacked and after a fierce fight the abolitionists were killed or captured. After a spectacular show trial, which gained worldwide attention, all were sentenced to hang for treason. Robert E. Lee, who two years later led a much larger army against the US, is of course still honored for his "treason."

Brown. Osborne Anderson, who escaped and wrote the best account of the raid, was a Black intellectual. He was offered a leadership position but turned it down in favor of Kagi and Stevens, who were more experienced. Harriet Tubman was supposed to be Brown's second-in-command but she got sick at the last minute.

Among the whites, Aaron Stevens was a former US Army officer who had been imprisoned for defending an enlisted man from a beating; escaping, he had lived several years with the Delaware Indians. Will Leeman was a "wild, reckless" factory worker. The Coppoc brothers were Quaker idealists. Brown's own sons were veterans of Kansas.

These men followed Captain Brown because of his proven ability as a military leader. After Kansas, it was widely believed that if anyone in the US had the ability and the will to strike at slavery successfully it was "Osawatomie Brown."

Today these men are maligned as fanatics or, at best, misguided idealists. What a lie! They were revolutionaries, the fighting youth of a revolutionary age, among the best their day had to offer.

THE RESPONSE

Their raid electrified the country as few acts before or since. John Brown and his men were seen as martyrs for freedom, or traitors to the human (white) race. Among abolitionists, the reaction was split between those who stood fast in support and those who fled or shut up. For the most part (though not completely) the split broke down along national or racial lines. Black people liked and understood John Brown and his men. White people had problems supporting them...

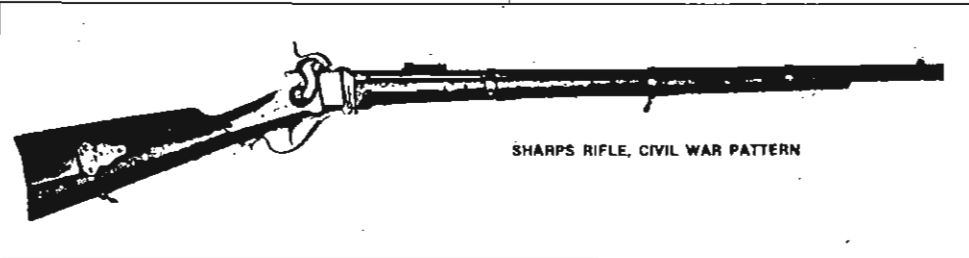
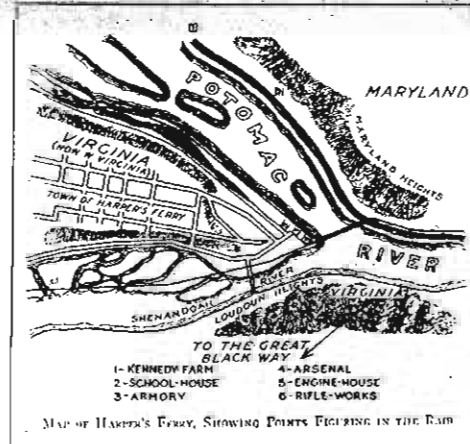
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Harper's Ferry

Ferry was chosen because of its strategic position at a mountain gap; because Brown hoped to deny the Hall's and federal rifles to the slavecatchers and local militias; and because he hoped that a lightning attack on a federal position in the south would heighten the anti-slavery debate already raging in the US government.

His friend Frederick Douglass had urged him to gather his force and slip into the mountains, but Brown had political as well as military goals, and he wanted to start things off with a bang, knowing that a daring raid would embolden the slaves; inspire the



SHARPS RIFLE, CIVIL WAR PATTERN

abolitionist movement "in spite of itself" (for John Brown was well aware of the reformist and pacifist trends in the movement); and strike terror into the hearts of the slaveholders.

The raid was not aimed, as some historians have mistakenly claimed, to get rifles. Although the Hall's rifle works and a federal arsenal were located at Harper's Ferry, Brown's abolitionist fighters were already equipped with the most sophisticated weapon of the day—the breech-loading Sharps carbine. These rifles, brought from Kansas, were faster firing and more accurate than the weapons used by federal troops, and far outgunned the musket-carrying local Virginia militias. Ironically, the Sharps, which was to help make possible the genocide of the Plains Indians, was first used as a wea-

safety, faced with the drunken trigger-happy Virginia militia sniping from barrooms and rooftops, he missed his chance to shoot his way out and get his men up the mountain.

Meanwhile, the federal forces gathered—Marines led by a US officer named Robert E. Lee, later to become commander of the Confederate Army. His second in command was a young officer later to be known as "Stonewall" Jackson.

Brown's most trusted lieutenants, John Kagi and Aaron Stevens, both seasoned Kansas fighters, urged him to pull out. But their captain hesitated. Why didn't Brown strike and withdraw as he had planned? His hostages were distinguished white slaveowners, and Brown treated them politely and tried to justify his actions to them. He mistakenly came to think he could use them

THE FIGHTERS

Most of Brown's men were in their twenties—15 white and five Black freedom fighters. They were not zealots or religious fanatics as many historians pretend. They were revolutionaries, almost to a man—conscious and proud participants in the worldwide struggle for freedom that was shaking the old order in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean as well as the US. In Europe, their counterparts fought with Garibaldi (who refused to aid Lincoln in the Civil War until he freed the slaves) or manned the barricades of revolutionary Paris. In America, the fight was against slavery. Most, including Brown's own sons, were free thinkers, not fundamentalists. Their Captain read them the Bible but they quoted him back Tom Paine, David Walker and Victor Hugo.

Among the Black fighters, Leary and Copeland, educated young craftsmen from Ohio, had fought bounty hunters and US Marshalls to defend escaped slaves. Dangerfield Newby and Shields Green were uneducated former slaves; Green had worked

PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTION AND ORDINANCES FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

PREAMBLE

Whereas, Slavery, throughout its entire existence in the United States, is none other than a most barbarous, unprovoked, and unjustifiable War of one portion of its citizens upon another portion; the only conditions of which are perpetual imprisonment, and hopeless servitude or absolute extermination; in utter disregard and violation of those eternal and self-evident truths set forth in our Declaration of Independence: Therefore,

We, Citizens of the United States, and the Oppressed People, who, by a recent decision of the Supreme Court are declared to have no rights which the White Man is bound to respect; together with all other people degraded by the laws thereof, Do, for the time being ordain and establish for ourselves, the following PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTION and ORDINANCES, the better to protect our Persons, Property, Lives, and Liberties; and to govern our actions:

York 8+ "Conspiring" for Liberation

Fuller (Secretary of Labor in Wisconsin); Bob Law of the National Black Network; family, friends and co-workers. In the face of this broad based community support US Magistrate Grubin denied Roth's no-bail request, but came back with the old weapon of bail so high it was the same as no bail. In addition to family and friends having to put up their homes, businesses and other property as bail, the 8 are under virtual house arrest. Daily check-ins and a 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew are also conditions of the bail. It took over a month for the enormous bail to be raised, but by late November all the defendants except Coltrane Chimurenga were on the streets again.

Grubin refused to set bail for Chimurenga, accepting the FBI's contention that he was "underground" just because they had not been able to locate him for two years. Is Chimurenga a fugitive because the FBI doesn't know where he is for two years? Are the New York 8 terrorists because they struggle for Black liberation? On January 29 Judge Grubin overturned his own previous ruling and said that he would set bail for Chimurenga. As of this writing there is still \$26,000 to be raised. That Roth was unable to make the criminal no-bail law stick for any of these prisoners is an important victory for the New York 8 and all political activists.

Much less sensational, but more insidious, is the use of the Grand Jury in this case. The families, friends, co-workers and defense committee members are being subpoenaed to the Grand Jury investigating the case and preparing the final indictment. Like other political grand juries, this one is just an investigative arm of the prosecution, as well as a method of jailing Black activists who are refusing to collaborate with this broadside assault on their community.

As of this writing, 38 people have been subpoenaed to the grand jury including the NY 8 themselves. Among the 38 are the wives and husbands of the defendants, the 15-year-old daughter of one of the defendants, and a baby sitter of another. If these people are imprisoned for refusing to collaborate as many as 21 small children will be left parentless. On November 29, 1984,

Lionel Jean-Baptiste became the first of the grand jury resisters to be jailed for refusing to testify. On January 21, 1985, Michelle Thomas, Olive Armstrong, Milton Parrish and Jackie Bernard were jailed for refusing to testify, and on January 28, Jean Ford was held in contempt of court for refusing to testify. In addition, on January 21, Coltrane Chimurenga was held in contempt for refusing to give handwriting or voice samples to the grand jury.

Then, on January 29, 1985 the seven remaining defendants were remanded because they too refused to hand over samples of their hair, handwriting and fingerprints.

Most recently, on March 11, 1985 Dori Clay and Wanda Wareham, who are married to defendants Omowale Clay and Roger Wareham, were imprisoned for refusing to collaborate with a new grand jury, which was convened solely to subvert their demand not to testify based on marital privilege. When

they refused to testify before this or any grand jury they were immediately thrown in jail.

In the words of the New York 8 themselves:

"We . . . are eight Black revolutionaries sprung from the depths of our people's historical struggle for freedom. Our entire adult lives have been spent working in all areas of the Black liberation movement—political education, housing, health care, civil rights education, voter registration, anti-war, police brutality, anti-KKK/Nazi work, the Urban League, SNCC, African People's Socialist Party, Congress of African People, African Liberation Support Committee, etc. We are average people with families and jobs who understand that our struggle, like the daily struggle of our people to survive, can only be solved by fighting against the system that is destroying us. We believe, as it was once said, that, 'our duty is to change the world, not observe it.'"

The New York 8 were arrested because they represent various segments of the Black community that are willing to fight, and build ties with groups and individuals that support Black liberation; because they agitate around the legitimate aims of the Black community and against right-wing movements; because they publicly call for self-defense by any means necessary, from martial arts to armed self-defense. They are committed to seeing that there are no more Michael Stewarts, Eleanor Bumpurs or Clifford Glovers.

Because the New York 8, like other Black revolutionaries past and present, have dedicated their lives to the freedom of the Black Nation (New Afrika), they have placed themselves in direct conflict with the US imperialist state apparatus. Their imprisonment as political prisoners is the government's attempt to criminalize the legitimate aspirations of all Black people.

For more information or to make a contribution call or write:

NY 8 Against Fascist Terrorism
Defense Committee
2415 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11223
(718) 998-4336 (service)



The New York 8+ (l. to r.): Lateefah (Ruith Carter), Robert Taylor, Colette Pean, Roger Wareham, Viola Plummer, Omowale Clay, Jose Rios and Yvette Kelly; Rounded up in fascist-like terror raid by rampaging FBI agents and New York police.

nation (New Afrika), they understand that colonial oppression is at the root of Black people's problems. Like other self-conscious New Afrikans around the country, they have been targeted for destruction.

In the face of beatings, murders, imprisonment, Klan attacks and a state grand jury, Coalition members young and old have shown their willingness to do whatever is necessary, regardless of personal hardship. As Joyce Clark said, "I'd rather live five minutes as a Black human being on my terms than live on someone else's racist terms. I will not be controlled."

On November 13, 1984, attorney Chokwe Lumumba, Kwame Kalimara, also an attorney, Malcolm Turner and Albert Tupper were arrested at the Battle Creek City Commission meeting for demanding the right of the Black community to speak about racist oppression. They were assaulted by police officers, choked and then charged with disrupting a public meeting and resisting arrest. This outrageous attack is a violation of their human rights and a further attack on the Coalition to End Police Brutality and Racism.

Write or send a telegram to:
Mayor Maude Bristol, City Hall,
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Demand that:

1. All charges be dropped against Chokwe Lumumba, Kwame Kalimara, Malcolm Turner & Albert Tupper.
2. The Coalition to End Police Brutality and its supporters have the right to address issues of concern to all Black and poor whites without threat of harassment and/or going to jail.

Action Against Klan TV

"The Black Citizens' Task Force is opposed to the airing of six racist Ku Klux Klan programs . . . they constitute official Klan racist propaganda designed to aid in the recruitment to racist white supremacist organizations like the White Camilia of the Ku Klux Klan.

History has shown that massive KKK propaganda is always followed by violent, terrorist actions against Black people. We do not plan to allow any Black person or persons to be killed by the KKK in Austin."

This excerpt, taken from a press release issued by the Austin Black Citizens' Task Force (BCTF), represents the sentiment of Austin's Black community along with many progressive white people in Austin, Texas, where public access cable television has become a battleground between the KKK and all anti-racist forces.

ACTV (Austin Community Television) is showing a six-part miniseries produced by Tom Metzger, California Klan chief, entitled "RACE." Metzger is a major national Klan figure, an ideologue in the white supremacist movement, who appeared at the Los Angeles Cross burnings in December, 1983, founded the White American Political Association, publishes a paper called White American Resistance and runs a racist telephone hot-line in California.

One segment of RACE features Tom Metzger playing host to the national chairman of the racist White Student's Union, one of the California-based white supremacist groups that Metzger

himself created. Although during their discussion there is no mention of the Klan, the program is only a slick forum for the violent, racist propaganda that is heard during Klan rallies and marches.

The leaders of the White Student Union say they are an "affirmative action group" for whites, that they lobby for more "European" cultural days at their school and raise money for cystic fibrosis research because it is a disease that only white people get.

One of the programs is on *Odinism*, a thinly disguised religious front for Klan ideology. Odinism is one of the new white supremacist Identity Movement religions which runs a network of churches that offer spiritual leadership to the various Klan and Nazi organizations.

Responding to the BCTF's demands that the ACTV board of directors use their power and prohibit the airing of the shows, station manager Marty Newell said: "There is no question but that we have to air it. You can't deny them parade permits and you can't deny them free speech. The most that can be done," said Newell, "is to move it to an early morning time slot, as has been done with other offensive programs." One show was aired at 2 PM in the afternoon.

What appears on the TV itself is not the only aspect of this stepped up Klan organizing. A racist newspaper entitled "The White Worker" was found at the ACTV office. When this was brought to the attention of the Commission they

still refused to recognize that the Klan is recruiting through ACTV.

Meanwhile, in Dallas, there are Klan members who are learning television production skills by taking the free courses offered at the public access station there, presumably, to start making locally produced shows. The Texas-based Klan members in charge of these developments are Dan Miller and Louis Beam.

There can be no doubt that Beam in particular has an appreciation for the power of electronic media. He was the first Klansman to allow news reporters to film at a Texas Klan Military Training Camp and he is currently in charge of the Aryan Nations Computer Network (see article on page 6, this issue). That Beam is now branching out into television should be no surprise, but should alert us that the Klan, Aryan Nations and other white supremacist groups intend to use the mass media more and more.

Ms. Dorothy Turner, president of the BCTF, said recently:

"It is the responsibility of Black people to protect themselves from KKK terrorist violent action from which we have suffered for 119 years. To this end, we would struggle to prevent KKK propaganda by any means necessary including protracted opposition to the continuation or establishment of any institution that seeks to destroy our people under the guise of protecting freedom of speech."

ALABAMA GRAND JURIES

Since the end of slavery and the Reconstruction era, state and federal government have prevented Black people from gaining political power. Especially in the south, where Black people are a clear majority in many areas, KKK terror, police power, legislation, and political corruption have been used to achieve this goal. Today, three federal grand juries in Mobile, Birmingham, and Montgomery, Alabama, are part of this history of repression.

The grand juries are attacking a grassroots voting drive in the "Black Belt" counties of the state. So far three leading civil rights activists, Spencer Hogue, Albert Turner, and Evelyn Turner, have been indicted. The 29-count indictment accuses them of falsifying absentee ballots, voting more than once, and mail fraud. They face a maximum of 115 years in prison and \$40,000 in fines.

The target of the government is the use of the absentee ballot as a way to increase Black participation in the local, state and national 1984 elections. Hundreds of Black people who voted absentee in several counties have been questioned and harassed by the FBI. In September and October, at least 55 activists who participated in the campaign to increase absentee ballot usage were subpoenaed to the grand juries. Many were photographed, fingerprinted and asked to submit handwriting samples. The FBI raided the office of one person, Booker T. Cooke, and confiscated various records and voting materials.

The Alabama Black Belt Defense Committee has been formed to expose and combat this massive campaign of political slander and harassment, and to defend the people who have been targeted. The "Alabama Black Belt" consists of ten western counties where Black people are the majority population. According to a fact sheet published by the Defense Committee, prior to 1965, white people controlled all ten County Commissions, eleven Boards of Education, and about 34 towns in these counties. After the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Black people gradually gained control of the governments in five counties: Greene, Sumter, Perry, Lowndes, and Wilcox. Black communities in these areas were supportive of Jesse Jackson's campaign, and helped elect one Black state senator and three Black state representatives in 1983.

It is in these five counties that the grand jury investigations have focused. The Defense Committee explains why the absentee balloting process has been targeted: "The limited success of Blacks in the balloting process has come largely as a result of the absentee balloting process. Many Blacks are old, sickly, work out of county, or are attending college away from home."

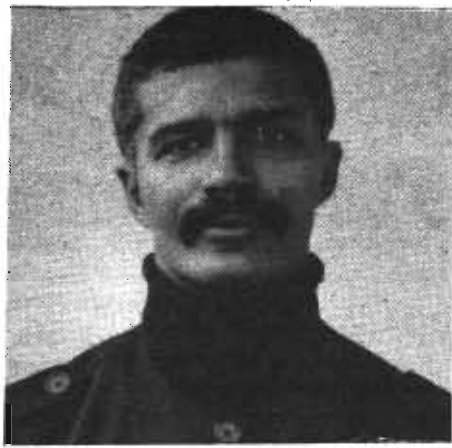
In a similar case in 1981, two Black women, Maggie Bozeman and Julia Wilder, were convicted by an all-white jury of absentee voter fraud in Pickens County.

Every advance in Black electoral power has been met with a racist reaction that Charles Prejean of the Defense Committee says has created a political environment much like Jim Crow. Racist tactics in western Alabama over the past few years have included media slander of Black leaders, criminal charges against Black officials, legislation requiring "re-identification" of county voters, and dismissals of voter registrars working in Black communities.

As we go to press, Hogue, Turner and Turner are standing trial in Selma, and the grand jury investigations continue. The Alabama Black Belt Defense Committee anticipates that up to 40 more people, including key leadership in each county, may still be indicted. There has been considerable local support and the Defense Committee is working to increase awareness of the case around the country. They are in particular need of financial support. To make contributions or for further information, write: The Alabama Black Belt Defense Committee, P.O. Box 5, Gainesville, Alabama 35464



Judge Bruce McM. Wright



Chokwe Lumumba

Champions in the Human Rights Struggle

A Grassroots Tribute to the Hon. Bruce McM. Wright and Attorney Chokwe Lumumba in New York City was attended by more than 400 people on April 26, 1985. Sponsored by the New Afrikan Legal Network, the dinner and tribute was designed to raise money for building a Malcolm X Center for Black Survival in Harlem, New York.

Recognizing the need for a community center in the Black community, especially today when the number of hungry, homeless, unemployed, and besieged Black people skyrockets, the New Afrikan Legal Network, an organization of Black activist lawyers, law students, legal workers and community activists, has undertaken the task of helping to raise funds for the center. Named after Malcolm X, the center will serve as a place where Black people can come together to address their plight in this country and join forces to change their inhuman and intolerable conditions. It will be open to various community organizations who need a forum to carry out the most important work of Black people at this time: Agitate, Educate, and Organize!

This program had been preceded by the very successful Black Nation Day Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, which brought together several hundred Black activists

committed to building a revolutionary New Afrikan Independence Movement to fight for Land and Independence for the Black Nation. In spite of attempts to disrupt the conference by setting up a police raid after cops were told that they could not bring weapons into the conference, the activity went on and completed its business. We look forward to running a complete article about the accomplishments of Black Nation Day 1985 in our next issue.



Malcolm X

Battle Creek Community Fights Back

On September 15, 1984, over 100 people marched through the Black community of Battle Creek, Michigan, and rallied in front of the Hall of Justice downtown to denounce police brutality and racism. Led by Battle Creek's *Coalition to End Police Brutality and Racism*, and co-sponsored by the New Afrikan People's Organization (NAPO), supporters came from as far away as New York City, Detroit and Chicago in the first national demonstration in Battle Creek and one of the most dramatic in the Coalition's six-year history. Residents of the Black community came out of their houses to watch the march and speak with Coalition members. Others joined the marchers to participate in a vigil at the site where coalition co-founder Robert Guy was assassinated in 1981.

The City Commission and Police Department did everything they could to prevent the rally from happening, and the march permit was only issued after the Coalition took the City to Federal Court. Newspaper reports implied that Coalition members were going to initiate violence just because they said they had a right to march, permit or no permit, and that they intended to protect their demonstration.

One week before the march, on September 7, 1984, 8 people, including Coalition leaders Larry Guy, Sr. and Joyce Clark, were indicted and arrested on weapons charges as part of the Battle Creek Police Department's continuing efforts to portray the Coalition as a criminal organization. (See *DTTK!*, Fall, 1984) The police also raided a Coalition member's house in the middle of the night and terrorized the young children who live there. The police broke into the house and ransacked it—with the excuse of having a search warrant for a *thermometer*, which they alleged someone had stolen from work.

This was the third time in 1984 that police raided a Coalition member's home and

pointed shotguns at babies' heads. The children, who were forced to leave their homes without coats, were part of the demonstration the next week.

After the successful demonstration, which received positive media coverage, the police and other city officials once again attacked the Coalition. Two weeks after the demonstration, police went to the home of Larry Guy, Jr., age 18. Officer Reese "Bear" Merrill grabbed him and said, "N—r, I have a warrant for your arrest." Merrill choked him almost to the point of unconsciousness. Three women came to Larry Guy, Jr.'s defense. More police arrived and beat up everyone and charged three of them with assaulting a police officer. They are being forced to represent themselves because the court refused to appoint the attorneys from the National Conference of Black Lawyers (NCBL) they had requested.

In November the Coalition went to the City Commission to discuss the problem of police brutality and Klan activity. There were two cross burnings in Battle Creek in November and Ku Klux Klan newspapers were being distributed at the local high school. The Mayor adjourned the meeting



Anti-police brutality demonstration in Battle Creek.

The New

On October 17, 1984 eight Black revolutionaries and community activists were arrested by the FBI/NYPD Joint Terrorist Task Force in a military operation that employed 400 agents in six simultaneous pre-dawn raids in Brooklyn and Manhattan. The people arrested were Omowale Clay, Lateefa Carter, Yvette Kelly, Colette Pean, Coltrane Chimurenga, Viola Plummer, Robert Taylor, and Roger Wareham. Also arrested was Howard Bonds, who has since turned state's evidence and is now part of the Federal Witness Protection Program, which hides and protects snitches and traitors.

These arrests represented the culmination of what the FBI calls "a 22-month investigation using physical and electronic surveillance, of the Black revolutionary movement." The FBI says these arrests were "preemptive" and were carried out in order to prevent actions it claims these brothers and sisters were going to take. None of the alleged 'crimes,' such as bank robberies and prison breaks, ever happened. The New York 8 have said they are being charged with 'thought crimes.'

In reality these arrests heralded a new offensive on the part of the US government to destroy the Black Liberation Movement. Following the raids and arrests, amid banner headlines screaming about "New Afrikan Terrorists," the New York 8 [Against Fascist Terrorism] were held without bail for nearly two and a half months while US attorney Kenneth Roth attempted to make them the first victims of the only-days-old new Bail Reform (preventative detention) Act, arguing that they were "urban terrorists," a "highly organized cell of dedicated armed bandits" and the "military successor group to Brinks." Roth further argued that the 8 had no roots in their community and that they would flee if released. The stated purpose of the Bail Reform Act was to deny bail to defendants deemed "dangerous to the community," however, thus far it has only been used against revolutionaries and political activists. (See article about Susan Rosenberg and Tim Blunk, page 3, this issue.)

At their bail hearings witnesses on behalf of the New York 8 included New York Judge Bruce Wright; Howard

before this agenda item was discussed, showing the disregard that city officials have for the Black community. Attorney Chokwe Lumumba from Detroit, who is representing the Coalition in legal matters, attempted to question why the meeting was being adjourned early. He was jumped by three cops who choked him. Three other people who came to his defense were also attacked by police and all were arrested (see box).

Why are police trying so hard to destroy the Battle Creek Coalition? For six years, the Coalition has picketed, petitioned and done everything possible to oppose beatings and murders committed by the police and hangings of Blacks and others in the city jail. They have fought the racism of various city institutions and corporations. As a militant Black organization they present a threat to the racist power structure of Battle Creek. As Black revolutionaries, dedicated to the independence of the Black



Lebanese people celebrate Israeli withdrawal.

"Israel's" current "Iron Fist" policy in Lebanon is frighteningly similar to the Zionist's 1948 strategy to annihilate the Palestinian nation, as the "precondition" for "Israel" to exist. When the Zionist movement expropriated Palestinian land, and forced the dispersal of the Palestinian people through murder, terror, destruction of the economy and an international campaign to build support for the Zionist movement, it also tried to destroy the popular heritage, national identity, and true history of the people. "Israel" is now attempting the same thing in Lebanon. The goal of the 1982 invasion and the current occupation is the virtual incorporation of Southern Lebanon itself into the "Israeli" entity, and genocide for the Lebanese nation.

The ten-year-old civil war in Lebanon is a struggle for a democratic, and independent Lebanon. Characterizing the current war in Lebanon as being between "Muslim fundamentalists" (i.e. the Shiites

and the Druse) and the Lebanese government (i.e. Maronite Christians) is a full scale counter-insurgency disinformation campaign, designed to promote support for the Maronite minority government while covering up the real struggle against the Lebanese right wing, the "Israeli" occupation, and US imperialist interests.

An important part of "Israel's" strategy is exploiting the contradictions that have existed within Lebanon since 1943, when the imperialist powers created the "confessional" system of government. This system placed power and privilege in the Phalangist Party (Maronite Christians) and allowed the US government and "Israel" to control Lebanon for their own interests. Since the Maronite Christian/Phalange minority rule meant the oppression of the Muslim majority population and control by foreign interests, there has been constant resistance and civil war for the past ten years.

In the face of this resistance, "Israel's"

Israel's Iron Fist

Iron Fist policy in southern Lebanon has failed. Despite the advanced military technology at "Israel's" disposal, the will, strength and determination of the Lebanese people has prevented the occupying Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) from cementing their control. While two thirds of the Shiite population have been forced to flee South Lebanon due to daily bombings, burning of villages and massacres of women and children, the IDF is the target of daily guerrilla actions that have cost many Israeli soldiers their lives.

International media sources report 180 actions against the IDF forces during the first month of the Iron Fist campaign, as compared to 50 a month during 1984. The struggle is led by the Lebanese National Resistance Front (LNRF), which includes all progressive, nationalist and revolutionary organizations in the country.

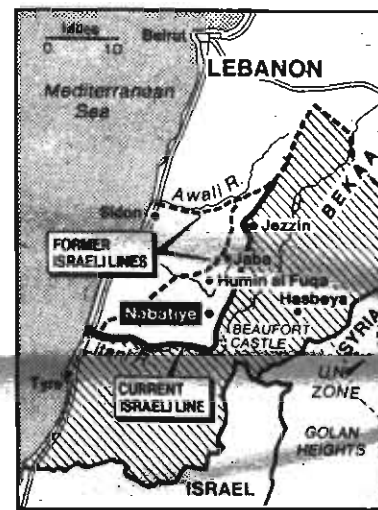
This heightened resistance is the real reason for the stepped up withdrawal of the "Israeli" occupation forces. However, the Lebanese National Resistance Front and the Lebanese people have experienced the reality of "Israel's" genocide for years. They understand that even the victory of forcing "Israel" to withdraw is limited. It will not mean an end to "Israel's" attempts to force the Shiite population out of South Lebanon, destroy resistance, or intervene in the Lebanese national struggle by backing the fascist South Lebanese Army or the Phalangist government. "Israel" is training and financing the South Lebanese Army, made up of Maronite Christians/Phalange, who will do the work of "Israeli" terrorists. It was these forces who worked with "Israel" to massacre Palestinians in Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps in 1982. The LNRF warns that "Israel" is simply redeploying its forces, stepping up its unparalleled terror, and sharpening its tactics to destroy the Lebanese nation.

Day after day the media calmly covers the genocidal atrocities inflicted on the Lebanese people as a result of the "Iron Fist." But they don't tell the total story. *More than 27,000 Lebanese and Palestinian people have been killed since the "Israelis" invaded in 1982.* Pregnant women and young children are being murdered, and thousands of men are rounded up and jailed.

"Israel" could never continue these genocidal attacks without the complete support of the US. The US provides military equipment and also bolsters the "Israeli" economy by awarding military contracts to "Israeli" defense industries.

The US government seems to think polite debate over pros and cons of Israeli strategy in the war in Lebanon can lull people into calmly accepting Israel's active campaign of genocide against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples. To a great extent, people have been lulled.

The stakes in Lebanon are very high. It is way past time that people in this country take up the fight against Zionism and actively support both the Lebanese and Palestinian struggles and expose the "Israeli" and US Zionist strategy.



Book Review:

Zionism in the Age of the Dictators

by Lenni Brenner
Lawrence Hill, 1983, 277pp.
520 Riverside Ave., Westport, CT 06880

Reviewed by S.T. Habib

Few people have any idea of Zionism's roots or its history. There is a vague notion that it is a form of Jewish nationalism culminating in the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. The fact that the vast majority of Jews rejected it at its inception, and that even today many Jews are opposed to it, may come as a surprise. Lenni Brenner takes a hard and detailed look at the record and finds a great deal that ought to be embarrassing to Zionism's sympathizers.

A few years ago, the United Nations passed a resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racism. The outcry from the pro-Zionist media was deafening. The President and members of Congress hastily denounced the resolution and many favoured U.S. withdrawal from the world body. Yet an objective consideration of Zionism's history as well as its present imperialist policies in the Middle East reveal the racist character of the ideology upon which Israel is founded.

When Theodor Herzl (the father of Zionism) conceived the idea of the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine in the late 19th century, the number of Jews living in Palestine was negligible. The Arabs had lived in Palestine since the end of the Roman era. Herzl, a monarchist who had a vision of himself as a Jewish Cecil Rhodes, began agitating the masses of Jews in Eastern Europe to emigrate to Palestine and colonize the country the way European settlers did the southern portions of Africa. It did not matter to him that this was against the wishes and interests of the native population, for whom he entertained the sort of disdain upper-class Europeans felt for third-world

people in general.

Much of the initial motivation for the Zionist movement and its eventual success was due to the pervasive anti-Semitism of Europe and the vicious pogroms to which the Jews were subjected in Tsarist Russia. Zionism insisted that there could be no assimilation of the Jews and that emigration to Palestine was the only solution. This was an idea which appealed to many European leaders, including Mussolini and Hitler, with whom the Zionists secretly cooperated. It is this aspect of Zionist history with which Brenner is most interested, and which constitutes the most original contribution of the book.

That there can be any common ground between Fascists and Nazis on the one hand and Jewish nationalists on the other, may seem unbelievable, given the rabid anti-Semitism of the former. Yet in 1937 Adolf Eichmann (one of the main architects of the Holocaust) visited Palestine, at the invitation of Zionist leaders, and proclaimed: "Had I been a Jew, I would have been a fanatical Zionist."

The year before had seen a massive Palestinian revolt against the increased pace of Jewish colonization (from 1931 to 1936 the Jewish settlers increased from less than a fifth to almost a third of the total population). Eichmann had no doubt noticed that the colonization he favored was not to a barren wasteland, but he was a good Nazi and his anti-Semitism extended to all Semites—the Arabs as well as the Jews.

By 1934 the SS had become the most pro-Zionist element in Germany. A leading Nazi publication, after comparing the Zionists to the hated assimilationist Jews, wrote: "The Zionists adhere to a strict racial position and by emigrating to Palestine they are helping to build their own Jewish state."

The idea, proclaimed by Zionist leaders, that the Jews were not German and therefore had no place in Germany, was grist for the Nazi mill. The *Zionist Federation* became the only party besides National Socialism legally permitted in the Third Reich. German Zionists denounced foreign Jews (particularly U.S. Jews) for launching a boycott against Germany.

As early as 1920 Hitler came to agree with the Zionist objective of colonizing Palestine. Zionism confirmed his conviction that Jews could never be German. It was this commonality of interest that led German Zionists to solicit Hitler's patronage, especially after 1933. In that year *The Zionist Federation of Germany* sent a memorandum to the Nazi Party in which it stated openly that "Zionism hopes to win the collaboration even of a government fundamentally hostile to Jews," adding that a solution of "the Jewish problem" was of special interest to the German people. It denounced the anti-German boycott as "in essence un-Zionist because Zionism wants not to do battle but . . . to build." This document, first published in 1962, is called by Brenner "a treason to the Jews of Germany."

The same strategy is used by the Zionists

of today *vis-a-vis* the Ethiopian Jews. The welfare of these people is not their real concern; they are wanted only as bodies to swell the ranks of immigrants to Israel, in order to colonize the West Bank of Jordan (occupied by Israel since 1967).

The goal of German Zionism became "national autonomy." They asked Hitler to give Jews the right to an economic existence, protection from attacks, and training to prepare them for migration. They collaborated in the hope that "a state which is constructed on the principle of the purity of nation and race can only have respect for those Jews who see themselves in the same way," as the German Zionist leader Joachim Prinz stated.

These same principles—racist in every sense of the word—have been the cornerstone of the policies of Israel towards the Palestinian Arabs, as recent history has shown.

Zionism in the Age of Dictators is full of revelations, important facts dug out of the debris of history (conveniently discarded by mainstream historians) and brought together to reveal an altogether new picture of the period. It is a fascinating book, written in a lucid narrative, not easy to put down, once begun. Above all, it is a courageous book.

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AZAPO Activist Speaks

The interview which follows is with Nick Tucker, a regional organizer with the Azanian People's Organization (AZAPO) of South Africa. He crisscrossed the US in March, bringing the message of the Azanian struggle for national liberation to thousands of people.

In the middle of his tour, as if history was trying to underline the urgency of his message, South African police committed the largest massacre since the Soweto Rebellion of 1976. On March 21, police opened fire on a funeral march of 4,000 Black people in Uitenhage, near Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape, killing over 40 people. March 21 was the 25th anniversary of the 1960 Sharpeville massacre, and is marked by the UN as the International Day of Solidarity with the Struggle of the

South African/Azanian People.

Although the South African government claimed the police acted in self-defense, eye witnesses reported that police "opened fire without provocation or warning." Firehoses had to be used to wash the blood off the streets! When questioned about this latest massacre, President Reagan jumped quickly to the defense of the racist regime stating, "But I think to put it that way, that they were simply killed, and that the violence was coming totally from the law and order side, ignores the fact that there was rioting going on."

Since the killings not a day has passed without mass demonstrations being fired on by police; and nearly 100 people have been killed since March 16th. The number



Azanian people resist relocation from Crossroads.



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of wounded is known to be much higher. Many people refuse to go to the hospital because all victims of gunshot wounds are immediately charged with "rioting" by the racist authorities.

Around the world demonstrations in support of the people are being held, and even the United Nations Security Council voted unanimously to condemn South Africa and commend the "massive united resistance of the oppressed people of South Africa against apartheid."

We spoke with Nick Tucker of AZAPO shortly after the massacre at Uitenhage.

Nick Tucker: "When I received the news, I felt the same way that the comrades who gave me the news felt. We felt that we could no longer tolerate this type of thing. It is an affront to our dignity, that we as a people can no longer let this kind of crime be committed against our people without taking some sort of affirmative action..."

Can you explain why the racist regime would jeopardize their image of making reforms with this kind of murderous action?

Tucker: "They're trying to do two things, all at one stroke. They're trying to test exactly how far the American imperialists will go with their actions. Secondly, they want to make a last-ditch stand in really crushing all forms of resistance in working toward a National Convention."

We understand that the National Convention is a device used by the apartheid regime to bring together liberal and so-called "acceptable" elements from the masses to legitimize reform, co-opt the liberation struggle, and renounce revolution. Can you comment on this?

Tucker: We know this [the National Convention] is definitely going to come very shortly... Reagan made a remark that he sympathized with what was occurring there, but that they must understand that the South African government had a job of law and order to maintain. And later on he made another report, that he was positive that there were certain elements within the Azanian society—well, he didn't say Azanian, he said South African society—who were bent on ensuring that peace and order did not occur within our society. You see from this report that he is prepared to support this illegal government to ensure that that piece of property is forever controlled by imperialism.

But the South African system on the other hand is also attempting to crush any resistance coming from the masses... With regard to co-optation of what they [the South African government and US imperialism] are promoting as popular leadership, they are prepared to link together various elements or cross-sections of the people—they're prepared to deal with those, to have some sort of amicable talks. They've got very few options at this point left. They've spent their whole reserve of options to play with."

Commenting on how US dollars are used in South Africa:

If \$10 is sent to Azania and goes to the arms corporation, a nationalized industry, 25c of the \$10 goes to the Black laborer, who makes one bullet. \$9.75 goes to the soldier, who shoots a nine-year-old child eleven times in the back. That soldier drives the hippo, the anti-personnel tank carrier that they use to move people to the homelands. And then they tell us if you remove dollars, we will suffer!

Now is the time to heighten our solidarity with the Azanian people—to target US imperialism and its murderous policy of constructive engagement. We need to expose the rhetoric of reform. The Azanian people are fighting for nothing less than total liberation and the death of the

"Let Botha Renounce Violence..."

On February 10, 1985, Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress (ANC), issued this statement rejecting president Botha's offer of amnesty. The condition for amnesty required Mandela to denounce armed struggle. His daughter, Zinzi, read his statement addressed to the South African people:

"I am a member of the African National Congress. I have always been a member of the African National Congress and I will remain a member of the African National Congress until the day I die. Oliver Tambo is much more than a brother to me. He is my greatest friend and comrade for nearly 50 years. If there is any one amongst you who cherishes my freedom, Oliver Tambo cherishes it more, and I know that he would give his life to see me free. There is no difference between his views and mine.

"I am surprised at the conditions that the Government wants to impose on me. I am not a violent man. My colleagues and I wrote in 1952 to Malan asking for a round-table conference to find a solution to the problems of our country, but that was ignored. When Strijdom was in power, we made the same offer. Again it was ignored. When Verwoerd was in power, we asked for a national convention for all the people in South Africa to decide on their future. This, too, was in vain. It was only then when all other forms of resistance were no longer open to us, that we turned to armed struggle.

"Let him renounce violence. Let him say that he will dismantle apartheid. Let him unban the people's organization, the African National Congress. Let Botha show that he is different from Malan, Strijdom, and Verwoerd. Let him free all who have been imprisoned, banished or exiled for the opposition of apartheid. Let him guarantee free political activity so that the people may decide who will govern them.

"I cherish my own freedom dearly, but I care even more for your freedom. Too many have died since I went to prison. Too many have suffered for the love of freedom. I owe it to their widows, to their orphans, to their mothers and to their fathers who have grieved and wept for them. Not only that, I have suffered during these long, lonely, wasted years. I am not less life loving than you are. But I cannot sell my birthright, nor am I prepared to sell the birthright of the people to be free.

"I am in prison as the representative of the people and of your organization, the African National Congress, which was banned. What freedom am I being offered whilst the organization of the people remains banned? What freedom am I being offered to live my life as a family with my dear wife who remains in banishment in Brandfort? What freedom am I being offered when I must ask for permission to live in an urban area? What freedom am I being offered when I need a stamp in my pass to seek work? What freedom am I being offered when my very South African citizenship is not respected? Only free men can negotiate. Prisoners cannot enter into contracts.

"Herman Toivo Ya Toivo, when freed, never gave any undertaking, nor was he called upon to do so. I cannot and will not give any undertaking at a time when I and you, the people, are not free. Your freedom and mine cannot be separated. I will return."



Nelson Mandela

Aryan Nations,

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of the Posse Comitatus, which has built a significant following in the populist farmers movement. Gale is currently using his military expertise to guide training sessions for the Posse; and his inflammatory tapes are a favorite on racist radio station KTTL (see story, page 5).

It is noteworthy that forces involved in and around the Aryan Nations are active in the movement against abortion. In Pensacola, Florida (where clinics have been bombed this year) the leader of the anti-abortion movement is a "former" leader of the local KKK. On his telephone hate lines in California, Klan leader Tom Metzger refers to abortion as "white genocide" practiced by "Jewish doctors and lesbian nurses."

The Aryan Nations Church of Jesus Christ Christian is connected to the powerful prison organization, the Aryan Brotherhood. Prisoners' rights activists have known about the racist Aryan Brotherhood for the last 15 years, and it is open fact that in some prisons, like San Quentin in California, they virtually control the entire white population. In Texas, they are believed to be responsible for 25 murders of Third World prisoners and 400 stabbings in the last four years alone. The Aryan Brotherhood provides a steady pool of violent racists to recruit from when the men leave prison.

In the Forest: Hayden Lake, Idaho

The Aryan Nations headquarters covers 20 acres in Hayden Lake, Idaho. Their compound is surrounded by a barbed-wire fence that runs the perimeter of the camp and is reinforced with attack dogs. Armed troopers stand guard in the 40 foot high gun towers. Here the Aryan Nations operates a school for children and hosts its weekly "religious" services. But more importantly, it has been the site of the national Aryan Congresses, attended by 200-300 representatives of at least 13 white supremacist organizations, and fascists from several countries.

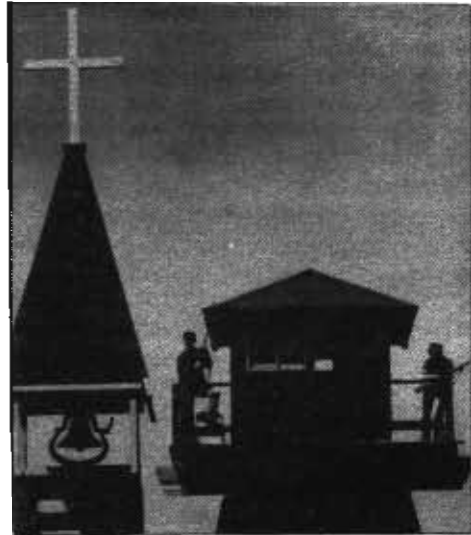
Butler denies any responsibility and knowledge of the White American Bastion, saying his former bodyguards, Robert Mathews (who died in a fiery shoot out with the FBI in Washington state) and Gary Yarborough (recently convicted of another shoot out), left the Aryan Nations over tactical differences. But when Mathews was killed, Butler immediately eulogized him, proclaiming him a new breed of Aryan hero.

Butler made public Mathews' "final manifesto," written shortly before his death, in which Mathews said that he and Yarborough were in the "vanguard of the growing white supremacist movement."

Yarborough was recruited by the Aryan Brotherhood while in Arizona State Prison, and immediately joined Butler in Hayden Lake after his release. He became Butler's personal body guard and captain of their uniformed division. Butler claims he had left the Aryan Nations, but Butler is paying for Yarborough's legal defense.

Mathews' original involvement in the movement dates back to the Virginia

based National Alliance—one of the most sophisticated and well-funded Nazi groups in the US. The leader of this group, William Pierce, is the author of *The Turner Diaries*, the much publicized "thriller" about the Aryan revolution which triumphs in the US. Once again, the media and FBI have distorted the relationship between the White Bastion and the book itself. They suggest that the White Bastion is merely "acting out" the military plot presented in *The Turner Diaries*. This overly simplistic explanation ignores the



Gun tower at Hayden Lake headquarters.

reality that the Aryan Nations, Klan, Posse and Nazis have a sophisticated strategy from which this book flows. The White Bastion was built to carry out a fascist race war, and the book *The Turner Diaries* was written to popularize this strategy. All the media coverage has probably done more to boost the book than whatever distribution the Nazis were able to effect before.

What we are now seeing of the Aryan Nations and the White American Bastion is only what they have made visible or what has been exposed in clashes with the police. Undoubtedly, in the wake of the recent arrests and shootouts, in the midst of rumors and informers, many actual and potential supporters are adopting a wait and see attitude. This may extend to individuals who are being hunted and perhaps to some organizations on the racist right, but one thing is certain: the current round of arrests has not broken the back of the fascist strategy. The majority of forces in the white supremacist and fascist movement remain committed to race war and a long term view involving many years of warfare.

When viewed in the context of the abortion clinic bombings, the violence of Posse "tax resisters" and the overwhelming rise of racist violence across the country, this glimpse of the Aryan Nations and White Bastion shows an operation that continues to threaten every freedom loving person.

We are not looking at the weird machinations of the lunatic fringe. We are watching the first wave of fascism's armed, military brown shirts. This development must be understood and stopped. This is a task the government has never taken on and never will; it is a task that remains for national liberation struggles and anti-racist people in the times to come. ■

Cicero,

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They held up signs with racist slogans and yelled "white power." Some wore shirts that said "spookbusters."

Black people and progressive whites have not sat on the sidelines. Within days of the attack on the Goffer/Franklin family, about 75 people picketed in front of the apartment. A citywide coalition against racism held a rally at a church in the Black community and a march against racist violence downtown during holiday shopping season. In response to the uptown crossburning, JBAKC and other community activists brought together over 125 people to rally and march. JBAKC also organized a "Stamp Out Racist Graffiti" campaign, in which 50 people, paint buckets in hand, covered over swastikas, "white power" and KKK graffiti around the city.

The racist attackers are by no means an isolated few—they have a lot of support in white communities. Many people told the press that the Goffer/Franklin family got what they deserved, that these attacks were necessary to keep Black people out of "their" neighborhoods and "keep the property value from going down." After the attacks, when the demonstration was held in front of the empty apartment, about 80 men, women and children jeered from across the street.

The recent round of violence is one of several signs that racism is becoming more legitimate in the eyes of white Chicagoans.

When Harold Washington, Chicago's first Black mayor, was elected, white politicians formed a power bloc within the city council. They have tried to thwart every effort by the mayor to effect progressive change. Also, since the mayoral election, a new coalition, "Save our Cities, Save our Neighborhoods," has formed. Their stated purpose is to fight for "white ethnic" interests and their first planning conference drew over one thousand people.

With the heightened racist violence, the possibility of participation by racist organizations like the KKK and the Nazis is growing. Among the racist mob that gathered to taunt the Goffer/Franklin family supporters, was Art Jones, leader of the Chicago-based "America First Committee," a neo-Nazi group. Jones, who was leading the "white power" chant, has spoken at numerous Klan and Nazi rallies across the country. The racist activities in the Uptown area, carried out by the Rebels, have been indirectly linked to the Klan. When asked by a TV reporter if he was part of the KKK, one Rebel responded, "no, but as far as we're concerned, it's KKK all the way." A young woman watching the anti-crossburning rally wore a t-shirt with a swastika and the words: "White Power." Racist violence has been reported in suburban Romeoville, where a KKK chapter is known to exist, and in Zion, where KKK activity has been reported. Local police insist that these attacks are just "children's pranks," but the likelihood of KKK involvement is strong. ■

Revolutionaries,

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On April 24th, two other comrades, Thomas and Carol Manning, were captured in Virginia. Thomas had been sought by the FBI also in connection with the shooting of Philip Lamonaco, and Carol was wanted along with Ray on various bombing and bank robbery charges. As we go to press, Carol has been extradited to Maine to begin "criminal" proceedings on these charges, and the state is trying to extradite Thomas to New Jersey to stand trial with Richard in the Lamonaco case. These two were also indicted for conspiracy charges in connection with the United Freedom Front actions.

The John Brown Anti-Klan Committee supports these comrades as we support all forces building clandestine resistance inside the U.S. We can learn from revolutionary struggles the world over that nowhere has the U.S. and its allies been defeated without the people's ability to take the offensive against their enemy through armed struggle. We believe that the development of armed struggle among white people is a necessary advance in our movement's ability to fight alongside the people of the world for the defeat of imperialism.

We urge all progressive people who support human rights to take a stand against the torture and threats to the lives of these comrades. We think that the government would like to set the stage to actually kill them, as this government has already done to many Black, Puerto Rican, Mexican and Native American freedom fighters. They would like to do this out of sheer contempt for what they represent as revolutionaries, and also to set an example, to set a certain precedent for what can happen to political prisoners in Amerikkka. To guard against this, we can write to the comrades and not allow them to be isolated in the prison system, and we can spread the word that they are not criminals but are fighters for freedom, justice and humanity.

"Build a ..."

We are two revolutionary anti-imperialist communist-resistance fighters. We are revolutionaries and we are part of the developing armed clandestine movement in the North American oppressor nation. We have worked as public activists and organizers in the anti-imperialist movement in building political support and material aid for the national liberation movements in Zimbabwe and Palestine fighting to rid their nations of imperialist domination and for self-determination. We have organized against the KKK and Zionism, against killer cops and white supremacist vigilantism and in solidarity with the New Afrikan/Black National Liberation and Puerto Rican Independence movements.

Several years ago, each of us decided to go underground to help establish and build armed clandestine organization in the North American oppressor nation as an important part of developing a strategy for a revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance movement. From our past work we had learned from the national liberation movements that the path to national liberation and the defeat of imperialism lies in armed resistance and revolution. We believed we needed to apply these lessons to our own movement and looked particularly to the examples of the BLA and FALN. As communists, we have begun to build revolutionary organization that can fight against the common enemy and lead many forms of resistance against U.S. imperialism.

The last few years has seen the rise of the revolutionary masses and growing national liberation war from Central America to Azania/South Africa to the Philippines. In response, the North American armed clandestine organizations, the United Freedom Front, Armed Resistance Unit, Red Guerrilla Resistance and the Revolutionary Fighting Group, have carried out a campaign of armed solidarity. We think that the armed propaganda that has taken place over the last three years has played an important role in fighting

Sharon,

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ing scope of counter-media) which would leave the mass media "scooped" and discredited, meant that a little bit of criticism and exposure came out in the press.

The elements now leading the way to new imperialist war don't want even that much of an opening. I doubt that Westmoreland's suit came simply from his own initiative. In fact, a right-wing foundation is paying for his legal costs. There have been other such libel suits, some or all with foundation money: the racist Dr. Shockley (proponent of the theory that Black people are genetically less intelligent than whites) and the moral majority's Rev. Falwell have both waged recent multi-million dollar libel suits. General Sharon claims to be putting up his own house to pay his legal fees, but one must wonder whether

there isn't, secretly, government or foundation money behind him also.

Neither Westmoreland nor Sharon need to win their suits to accomplish their political goals. I don't think that Westmoreland necessarily believed that, even with rallying his loyal confederates to testify, he could prove "malice," given the undisputable reality that there were many more national liberation fighters than Westmoreland's estimates had indicated.

The main point is that the suits will cost CBS and Time millions of dollars in legal fees. That could prove a powerful deterrent to the media doing the slightest such exposures of the military in the future. CBS and Time, after all, are primarily businesses trying to make a profit. Meanwhile, to the degree that Westmoreland and Sharon have marshaled a showing that is accepted as credible, they have shifted the terms of

political debate. The image is that CBS and Time represent the anti-war position and "the truth lies somewhere in between" the imperialist military and the imperialist media.

The Westmoreland trial has revolved around this narrow technicality about whether he intentionally misled President Johnson, when both men were deliberately directing a genocidal war. It is a sign of the disarray of our movement that, at the least, no one stood in the courtroom and, pointing at Westmoreland, said "The only court you belong in is a War Crimes Tribunal".

Regardless of how successful or unsuccessful these suits may prove in pulling in a tighter rein on the media, we can never count on the imperialist press to fight for the truth. We need to build a movement that fights fully, on all levels, to challenge the basic terms of imperialism. ■

WHO WE ARE: THE OHIO 5

March 25, 1985

There is no justice for oppressed people in Amerika. Not when killer cops murder with impunity. There is no justice as long as an occupation army of police terrorists attack Third World communities. There is no justice in the murders of Clifford Glover, Michael Stewart and Eleanor Bumpurs by terrorists wearing the uniform of the N.Y.C. police department.

There has been no justice for revolutionaries and activists shot dead and murdered by police agents: Mtyari Shabaka Sundiata, Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, L.D. Barkley, Sam Melville, Joe Stunz, Anna Mae Aquash, Twyman Myers, Fred Hampton, and Zayd Malik Shakur, to name but a few of those who have made the supreme sacrifice in fighting against the ravages of national oppression and U.S. imperialism.

Oppressed people and nations not only have a right to organize with arms and defend themselves, they have a right to wage war on a government that is guilty of national oppression and trampling on human rights.

There have been many attacks on U.S. imperialism here in the U.S. Armed clandestine organizations have attacked the U.S. capitol, the south african consulate and airways, IBM, union carbide, general electric, israeli aircraft industry, the war college, military facilities, the N.Y. police department and the FBI, as well as many others.

We support these actions because they are a direct and clear attack against U.S. imperialism and because they advance the necessity to support National Liberation Struggles and self-determination as part of a revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance movement, and because they offer a measure of support to the struggles being waged against killer cops.

We support these actions because we

believe it is absolutely necessary to build armed clandestine organizations as part of a developing strategy and building a revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance movement. If we do not develop the determination and the means to wage armed struggle, we are merely creating a support movement for a revolution others will make, but not a revolutionary movement itself. The armed clandestine organizations give concrete significance to a revolutionary strategy that can defeat U.S. imperialism. There must be a development and movement of forces at all levels, public and clandestine, to challenge U.S. imperialism in crisis.

Since the initial massacres of Native-Americans, the institution of slavery and racism and executions of revolutionary workers, there has been a clandestine consciousness of one form or another. The government calls it conspiracy. We call it resistance.

We are revolutionary anti-imperialists. We are not terrorists or criminals and have committed NO crimes. For up to 10 years the government, using extensive counter-insurgency methods and operations—including the targetting of children—has hunted us and continues its operations against other comrades and organizations. However, during that decade, a clear example has been set of how political fugitives extensively sought, could and still, not only survive, but grow and develop, raise children, and continue and further develop revolutionary work.

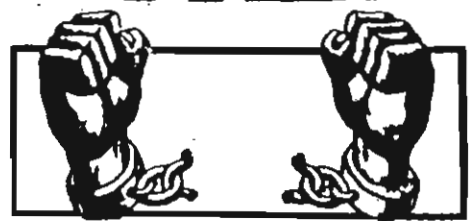
We have been charged by the U.S. government with enough conspiracy counts to put us in prison camps for 115 years each. They are trying to sentence us to a slow death in the isolation units of amerika's federal prison system. They are trying to railroad and criminalize us with their fabricated evidence and propaganda. Since our capture on November 4, 1984, in Ohio,

we have upheld the principle of non-collaboration. We will continue to do so and urge others not to collaborate.

We do not look to the courts for justice because there is none there. Our defense against these government attacks is to put the real terrorists on trial: those who order the indiscriminate bombing of innocent civilians in El Salvador; who organize the contras to carry out their atrocities against the people of Nicaragua; who support the South African fascists; whose corporate profits are extracted from imperialist war, exploitation of the working class, and whose power is built on the backs of starving and oppressed millions of Third World people.

We also want to protest our punitive treatment at the hands of government agents and functionaries which began in Cleveland with the abuse of our children, with our being locked down in isolation

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cells, being chained and shackled in court, the use of the stun gun—not to extract a physical exemplar but to punish political prisoners—physical attacks in open court—

and the continued lockdown in solitary confinement of the five of us—a policy that has continued to this day. Upon our arrival at MCC [Metropolitan Correctional Center—the federal prison in New York City] on Wednesday [March 20], we were locked up in disciplinary cells.

We want to extend our support and solidarity to the NY8+ Against Fascist Terrorism. The use of counterinsurgency operations, grand jury subpoenas and other acts of repression against these Black revolutionaries is a direct attack against the Black Liberation Struggle that must be resisted and opposed by all who support national liberation and socialism. The NY8 must be supported by all who value freedom. We consider it a priority that progressive/revolutionary organizations and the people commit themselves to the defense of the NY8 and "the long march for freedom and independence."

We also support and extend our solidarity to anti-imperialist resistance fighters Susan Rosenberg and Tim Blunk, who were railroaded through a mock trial in which they were denied the right to defend themselves and to expose who the real criminals are. We urge people to increase support for them and attend their upcoming sentencing.

Our defense is a continuing attack against U.S. imperialism.

Build a revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance movement!

Free all political prisoners and POWs!

Victory to National Liberation Struggles!

We extend our support and solidarity to all those who have refused to collaborate with the grand juries and to our comrades in the field!

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... Revolutionary Resistance Movement" Tim Blunk & Susan Rosenberg

white supremacy while maintaining a high standard of proletarian internationalist practice in solidarity with the struggles in Grenada, Azania/South Africa, Palestine, Lebanon and Central America.

• At a time when our movement was unable to respond to the imperialist invasion of Grenada and the bombardment of Lebanon, the armed clandestine movement was most able to give power to our collective anger and resistance in the bombing of the U.S. capitol.

• When the Zionist entity "israel" and phalangists massacred Palestinian refugees at Sabra and Shatila, it was the FALN that responded with the bombing of Bankers Trust while an unclaimed bomb destroyed the New York offices of the jdl [Jewish Defense League].

• In retaliation for daily "israeli" bombing raids against Lebanese and Palestinian civilians, the Red Guerrilla Resistance attacked the offices of "israeli" aircraft industries (IAI). The communique, in fact, criticized the anti-imperialist movement for Zionism and a failure to build solidarity with the Palestinian and Lebanese struggle.

• when the U.S. war machine mobilized its forces to "practice" an invasion in Central America, the armed clandestine movement destroyed the naval officers' club at U.S. naval command headquarters in Washington, D.C. and attacked U.S. recruiting stations.

• When the Azanian people rose up in rebellion against the racist South African regime, the RGR and United Freedom Front's attacks against the South African consulate in New York and Union Carbide were a correct response and anticipated the upsurge of the anti-apartheid movement.

These armed attacks, in retaliation against imperialism and in solidarity with the national liberation movements, marks a qualitative advance in our movement's commitment to fight with arms to defeat U.S. imperialism. As communists, we fight for the right of self-determination and national liberation, to defeat white supre-

macy and Zionism, to defeat male supremacy and fight for the liberation of women. We fight for socialism and the final defeat of U.S. imperialism.

Our Current Situation

On November 29, 1984, we were captured in Cherry Hill, N.J. We were charged with transporting explosives and weapons and false identification. We were charged with conspiring to possess materials to be used against the U.S. government. We say the U.S. government represents the system that is the most terroristic and criminal, violent and dangerous the world has seen—comparable only to the German Nazi regime. We say it can be resisted and this is the right and responsibility of all progressive people.

Since our capture, we have been held under maximum security conditions at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York City. We are currently being held in preventive detention with no bail because the U.S. government has concluded that we are "a danger to the community." We are the first people to be held in New Jersey under the new bail law of 1984. We have been classified as "terrorists/extremists" and subjected to on-going political harassment along with other captured freedom fighters and political prisoners.

On March 4, we went to trial in Federal Court in Newark, N.J. The judge, Frederick Lacey, did not allow us to conduct a political trial, and did everything possible to maintain the U.S. government lie that we are criminals.

The U.S. imperialist state will not recognize that there are Prisoners of War, political prisoners or freedom fighters in U.S. prisons—because to do so means to acknowledge that: 1) there is an undeclared war against the internal colonies and Puerto Rico, and 2) there is organized resistance, both from the national liberation movements and the beginning of armed solidarity from the oppressor nation. The government's strategy against us is to get a quick conviction, sentence

us to long prison terms, tightly control all information about us so that our politics and actions can be misrepresented and later, inside the prisons, isolate us and attempt to destroy our political identities. This is called criminalization.

Judge Lacey was handpicked to try our case. He is a Reagan appointee to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. This is a court that sits in secret in Washington, D.C. to determine CIA requests for international electronic surveillance monitoring against "subversive elements." Lacey was the attorney for the Newark Police Department throughout the 1960's. He has an active and long history in suppression and repression.

Fighting Repression/ Building Revolutionary Resistance

We believe it is the responsibility of Northamericans to resist and fight imperialism at every level. We are a part of this developing resistance—from the thousands of people who have pledged to engage in acts of protest in the event of a U.S. invasion of Central America, to the daily protests against racist South Africa to the developing resistance in Third World communities against racist attacks. We ask all progressive people to support us and all the Prisoners of War, political prisoners, resistance fighters and grand jury resisters. We ask you to support our case, as a legitimate and important aspect of building resistance to U.S. imperialism.

We ask you to learn about and support the anti-imperialist comrades who were captured in Cleveland in November, 1984, Ray Levasseur, Richard Williams, Jaan Carl Laaman, Pat Gros, Barbara Curzi. It is especially important now to support the recently captured Black comrades, the New York 8+ Against Fascist Terrorism. The attack on them is a direct attack by the U.S. imperialist state in its attempt to destroy the revolutionary New Afrikan/Black National Liberation Struggle.

We think that as anti-imperialists and

anti-klan activists it is important to support the armed clandestine movement as a legitimate component of an overall revolutionary resistance movement. If we think and work creatively, we can unite the public and clandestine work within one strategy that can strike real blows against the enemy, heighten the level of our solidarity with the national liberation struggles and answer some of the questions about how we really can fight for "Death to the Klan."

For us, the last few years in the underground have been some of the most difficult, but also the most rewarding. Difficult, because we took all of our individual struggles with us—against our own racism, male supremacy, bourgeois ideology and of necessity had to ruthlessly confront this "enemy within" to be equal to our tasks. The road to becoming a communist guerrilla fighter is an arduous one. But with collectivity, dialectical materialism, a commitment to criticism/self-criticism and an identification with the revolutionary masses, it is possible.

These years have been rewarding because we've seen the ability within ourselves and our comrades to change, taking the first steps towards becoming revolutionary women and men capable of taking up our responsibilities to the world revolutionary struggle. We have seen that it is possible to fight imperialism—that even here in the enemy's stronghold it is vulnerable to attack. Far from feeling defeated by our capture, we have tremendous optimism for the growth of our revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance movement.

The spirit of revolution lives within us and we know that our struggle in prison will make us stronger revolutionaries, more determined, more combative and better communists. Our strength comes from the belief that others will follow, from the example of the millions of people all over the world fighting to win and from our own participation in that revolutionary process.

FROM THE NEW AFRIKAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT

The "Criminalization" of the Black Community

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You know amerika is in trouble, because when you look at the economy you see that it's shrinking, that the participation is shrinking, that the way profits are gained now is not by more consumer participation but by laying more people off—so they don't have to pay the wages they used to have to pay to the people who no longer work in the city of Detroit or in Harlem, and who will never work again. We know the amerikan economy is in trouble because when we look around we see that most of the people working are watching somebody else, right? In other words, most of them now are becoming part of the police or military apparatus, if they can find work at all. They have all kinds of police jobs in amerika. There are the 35,000 that work for the city of New York, there's the Transit Authority, the Port Authority, then there are the people that work in grocery stores and department stores watching the people that buy stuff, watching the people that sell stuff, and then some people watching the people who watch the people that buy and sell stuff. There are private police and the public police. There are the guards in the prisons and the guards on the street. There are the parole officers and probation officers and the people who join the military because they are trying to survive. In fact, in the educational institutions now they have to create whole courses in police education. They call it criminal justice or criminalization, and what they have done is create a whole network to facilitate the building of the police state.

And then there are the lawyers and the judges—there's a whole group of people who walk around talking about how

they're trying to stop crime, but there's no way in the world you can trust them to stop crime, because if they stopped crime they wouldn't have a job. They wouldn't have anywhere to work. This is what they do for a living. They live off crime, and they say crime doesn't pay. Crime is paying better than anything else in the country today. Crime pays everybody except the petty criminal—and those who develop the criminal pathology because of the tremendous economic strain put upon them and the indignities placed upon them in our community.

The criminalization of the Black community is a manifest part of the police state. There is not only a criminalization of Black revolutionaries which began a long time ago with the counterintelligence program, with applying RICO (racketeering laws) to freedom fighters like Sekou Odinga and Kuwasi Balagoon, with the criminal conviction of Assata Shakur and ignoring our political rights and our rights to struggle and wage war against those who wage war against us—but the entire Black community is being criminalized, with the TV sets, with the media, with the posters, with the images which they draw of our youth. Everybody who is a parent has a son or daughter, right? All these parents' sons and daughters are being made to look criminal. It affects people all over. Every white person who gets on the subway nowadays, when they see a Black youth, they look at him as a potential criminal. Everywhere I go in the country, when I tell people I come from Detroit, they say: Oh, Detroit! Detroit is a code word for Black people, and Black is a code word for crime, right?

The criminalization of the Black community is not only in the concepts which are propagated in relationship to our

people. At the same time they have set the FBI upon the true leadership of our youth and deflected them from the education they need and the direction they need to attack the system which is attacking them; they have created alternative images which leave nothing but the criminal pathology. It was back there with Superfly and it's here today: nothing but low down criminal images which are being taught to our youth, dope, and quick ways to success. And youth are easy prey to these things.

They tell me that something like 73% of Afrikans in Harlem will not finish high school in their lifetime. I know that something like 60-70% of our kids in Detroit don't have jobs, 50% of the men don't have jobs. In 1954 70% of Black men had jobs; in 1984 only 59% of Black men had jobs. By 1989 they're bold enough and brash enough to predict that only 40% of Black men will have jobs. And Black women and Black children, contrary to popular myth, are worse off yet. They don't even have it as good, if you want to call it good, as Black men. So this is the situation our communities are in. In a situation where you have grievous and wretched repression and oppression, one of two things or both, will result. Repression and oppression breed both crime and revolution. It breeds crime from those who are unguided and who respond with their individual acts to attack that which they see attacking them, in order to maintain some sense of personal dignity. It is pure folly to tell a young brother selling dope on the corner in Detroit that he is going to be a lawyer or a doctor some day—when he can't even finish the 8th grade! It is absolute folly to tell the young brother or sister in Harlem that they shouldn't sell dope at the same time you show them Rolls Royces on TV and you



show them that people who don't have a lot of money don't have a lot of dignity either. How are we going to tell the young brother, the young sister, that sweeping the floor is just as important as Koch, who drives around in a limousine? It doesn't make sense, they don't think it makes sense; and in spite of all the social democratic moralistic nonsense that we can come up with, the reality is that this will not register. And so, normally and naturally without proper leadership there will be crime.

It is important, and we do understand in the New Afrikan Peoples Organization, to comprehend that history is not something that just happens but is something that is made, and if you don't make it then somebody else will. History is being made today in relationship to the Black movement. Goetz, the killer of Bumpurs, the killers of Michael Stewart, the 10,000 police officers protesting in the street, they are making history, they are calling for and opening the doors to the escalation of genocide, and they are getting popular support.

It is important for us to make a bit of history of our own. To do this the New Afrikan Independence Movement is about the business of laying the foundations and building and educating the cadres that will be necessary to electrify the masses of our people around national independence.

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FROM THE JOHN BROWN

Editorial

Black history is the history of everyone in the United States. For 400 years the struggle of Black people for freedom and justice has shaped the lives of everyone living in this country. A part of this history is the systematic violence of the police, the Klan and white citizens against Black communities and leaders. Today history seems to be repeating itself. But it's not a repeat. A qualitative heightening of racism and right-wing reaction is a defining part of America in 1985.

A unique feature of Black/white history is the recurrent theme of an alleged threat of attack by Black people against white people. The government and racist organizations have whipped up fear among whites time and time again to create a climate of near hysteria used to justify brutal repression. Racist mobilizations followed every slave rebellion in the 18th and 19th centuries. When Black veterans returning after the first world war played a militant part in the struggle for Black human rights, they were forced to defend their communities across the country from racist mobs. The Scottsboro frame-up of the 1930s projected the specter of Black rapists attacking white womanhood. Now, it is Bernhard Goetz and the fury of his racist supporters.

Today, in the face of evidence that Goetz carried out a pre-meditated shooting, that he checked his victims and fired again, millions of white people continue to defend his blatant racist attack.

But why has the Goetz case become a national and international issue? His known racism, his public statements like "I could tell just from looking at them [the Black teenagers] that they were vicious savages," his previous attacks on Black people are swept aside.

The Goetz spectacle is a modern day version of the hysteria which led to lynch-

ings of Black people for centuries in this country. It is an outrage that the Black community has to even attempt to convince people that this is about racism—let's remember who's been murdered and shot and who's done the shooting.

In the right wing climate of Reaganism and law and order, murder and oppression of Black people all over the country is becoming more and more acceptable to white society. The white people who love Bernhard Goetz because "he fought crime" aren't concerned about the murders of Eleanor Bumpurs, Michael Stewart, or Eula Love (killed by cops for not paying her utilities bill in Los Angeles). There is no mass outcry from the white community about the mob murder of William Turks (a Black subway worker who was beaten to death for shopping in a white neighborhood of Brooklyn) or against the rise of the Klan from coast to coast.

In an effort to appear impartial, now all the various law enforcement agencies from NYC to the federal government, are scurrying to "investigate" the murder of Michael Stewart. However, their investigation is being conducted like a "Watergate" coverup. The Chief Medical Examiner was investigated, while at the same time the tracks which lead from his office to D.A. Morgenthau's office to the grand

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New York Post: voice of white New York.

Goetzmania

jury and ultimately to the killer cops themselves are being carefully covered up. In all this controversy the fundamental issue is getting lost—that eleven transit police beat Michael Stewart to death and that they will never be brought to justice.

In the midst of all this has come a chilling mobilization of the police which has all the earmarks of fascism. The powerful NY Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) aided by the media turned loose a demonstration of 10,000 cops against the indictment of Stephen Sullivan, demanding the right to murder Black people with total impunity.

Anti-racist white people can and must take a stand against this. With police terror on the upsurge we need to support the right of Black people to defend themselves against official and unofficial white supremacist attacks. We should understand and welcome actions like the bombing of the PBA. We need to build a political con-

sciousness in our own communities that fights every racist attack and demands true justice so that racist killers know they aren't getting a green light from the people, even if they are getting one from the government.

These are not simply skirmishes in the struggle between the Black community and the police. We are watching a qualitative leap in the mobilization of all white people in support of white supremacist violence and reaction.

The past three months of political struggle over the issues of racism, crime and naked police power in New York are significant for the whole country. There have been qualitative changes: a growing mobilization of the Black community against police terror; the increasing politicization of the police (always a prelude to fascism); and the conscious use of the press to mobilize mass white supremacist sentiment.

The work done by the family, lawyers and friends of Michael Stewart has confronted everyone in New York City with the need to stop killer cops, and win justice for Black people. It is an example of how demonstrations, programs and day-to-day organizing can have a real impact on the conditions of our lives.

Similarly, supporting Black political prisoners like the New York 8+ is a concrete way to fight the attempts by the state to destroy Black leadership under the guise of labelling revolutionaries as criminals and terrorists. Exposing the true nature of the US and heightening our struggles against this racist system is the challenge faced by all of us who do not want to make peace with racist Amerika, but want to be part of making a new history.

Harper's Ferry, from page 7

In the first weeks after Harper's Ferry, the abolitionist *Liberator*, a white-owned reformist newspaper, called the raid "misguided, wild and apparently insane, though disinterested and well-intended." They did admit that Brown had "struck terror into all Virginia." The racism of this white centered view was coolly exposed by the leading Black paper, the *Weekly Anglo-African*:

"John Brown did not frighten all Virginia. There were in that state some half million of slaves and we have no reports that they were terrified..."

Radical Black ministers such as Henry Highland Garnett spoke out immediately. Garnett told his congregation that anyone who could not support the captured raiders had "better keep still."

Others were apparently more timid. An open letter to Black ministers from New Haven reminded: "You are expected to do your duty in pressing this matter home to the hearts and consciences of our people. Do not let us hear any uncertain sound from you on this point..."

The highest form of support was, of course, a rescue attempt, and this was actually planned. Blueprints of the jail were printed in northern newspapers to encourage the idea. A spy was sent to Virginia as part of Brown's legal team. An armed force was gathered, including 100 European socialists, exiled veterans of the 1848 revolutions. But Brown knew how closely he and his men were guarded and discouraged the plan.

Another form of material support was raising money for the widows and orphans of the fallen fighters. Black women led this work, and thousands of dollars were raised at church suppers and socials around the country. White people also contributed. A white man named Hyatt raised \$6150 in six months selling a photograph of "Old Captain John Brown." He explained his work, saying: "It places in the hands of every contributor a likeness of one of the great men of the world—the man of the 19th century. Secondly, (it places) the family of the noble old man beyond the place of want, so that the icy finger of tyranny may point at them in vain."

Hyatt was also a grand jury resister of his

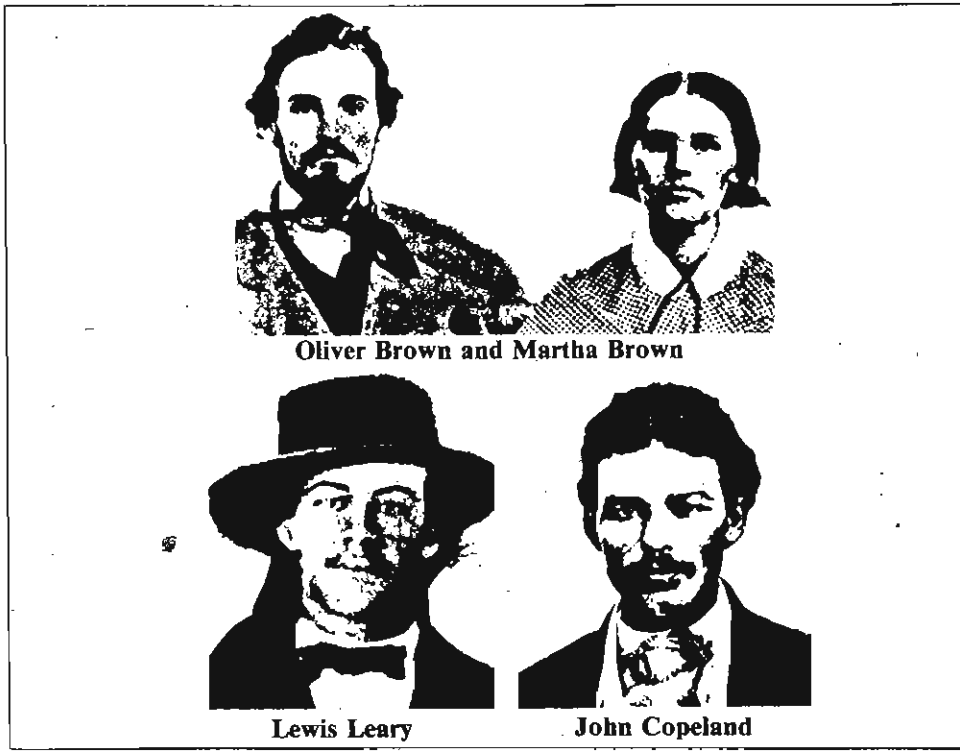
day, spending a year in prison for refusing to cooperate with a Senate Committee investigation into Harper's Ferry.

At first the Brown family received almost all the relief funds, but this was criticized by the *Weekly Anglo-African*, and funds were distributed to the families of the Black fighters and the others as well. Ten years after the raid, supporters were financing Leary's daughters' education at a private school.

December 2, 1859, the day John Brown

scaffolds as the abolitionists were hung. The only voice to break the silence was that of an old Black woman, the only civilian allowed within miles, perhaps unnoticed because she was so old. "God bless you, Old Man," she shouted defiantly. "If I could help you, I would."

One of the burning issues of the day was the question of Black participation in the rebellion. Osborne Anderson wrote that several slaves joined them. Some were able to



Oliver Brown and Martha Brown

Lewis Leary

John Copeland

was hanged, was called Martyrs Day and ceremonies were held in 12 cities and Canada. Black people were the main organizers; businesses were closed and black armbands were worn in mourning. At Yale, students broke into the chapel and draped it in black, too late for school officials to remove it before Saturday service. In Albany, New York, thousands gathered and a four minute ovation greeted the declaration that in a just society the Virginia governor, and not John Brown, would hang. In Detroit the church bells tolled all day.

The day was also observed by the slaves. In Virginia three plantations were torched, and three of the jurors that found Brown guilty were poisoned.

Two thousand troops surrounded the

escape and melt back into the population, others pretended they were "kidnapped." Those killed were secretly buried in a common grave, since it was vital to the South to maintain the lie that no slave wanted, or would fight for, freedom.

The Black abolitionist press took on directly the lies of the media:

"The early boast of Judge Parker that not a slave or a free man of color had joined John Brown is contradicted by the fact that Colonel Washington's coachmen was found among the slain insurgents (armed with Washington's own shotgun—Ed.); and Virginia's Governor Wise, who knows much more than he publishes, has been ominously silent on this point of late;

and the many slave owners who no longer dare sleep on the plantations, the many who have fled all the way to New York and may be seen any day on Broadway; and more than all, the selling off South within the next six months of nearly all the slaves from Jefferson and the adjoining counties in Virginia..."

For 125 years history has been rewritten to make us think John Brown was mad and his men were misguided fanatics. Why? Because nothing is more subversive to imperialist law and racist order than the idea that white and Black people, oppressor and oppressed, could share a common humanity based in revolutionary ideals. It undermines the whole structure of white supremacy built so carefully in every white American youth from the time he or she first learns to play "cowboys and indians."

John Brown was far from mad. Frederick Douglass, the greatest and most influential Black abolitionist of the day, disagreed with Brown often and heartily, but defended his comrade in a famous essay, *Captain John Brown Not Insane*:

"Not only is it true that Brown's whole movement proves him perfectly sane and free from merely vengeful passion, but he has struck the bottom of the philosophy which underlies the abolitionist movement. He has attacked slavery with the very weapons precisely adapted to bring it to the death. Moral considerations have long been exhausted upon slaveholders. It is vain to reason with them."

100 years later, another great Black leader and one of the leading anti-imperialists of our century agreed. "If a white person wants to help our cause, ask him what he thinks of John Brown. Do you know what Brown did? He went to war."—Malcolm X

Far from being mad, John Brown and his men represent the revolutionary ideals and practice that flourish in times of change, for their age like this one was a revolutionary time. Then as now, revolutionaries were slandered by the ruling powers as fanatics and criminals. Then as now, white people who fought in solidarity with the Black struggle were seen as "traitors." Then as now, revolutionaries are humankind's future. This is why we honor them. ■

The Sharon-Westmoreland Show

In September 1984, Ariel Sharon, former Israeli minister of defense, brought a libel suit against Time magazine. This action was in response to an article Time published, entitled "The Butcher of Sabra and Shatilia," stating that Sharon was responsible for the massacres by right-wing Phalangists at two Palestinian refugee camps, Sabra and Shatilia, in southern Lebanon.

Sharon's court battle was financed largely by conservative American and Israeli Zionist businessmen, including the owners of Jordache, the chairman of Occidental Petroleum, and the chairman of Rapid-American Corp., a multi-billion dollar conglomerate.

In November 1984, William Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, brought a libel suit against CBS. CBS, in a 1982 documentary, had revealed that during 1967 Westmoreland's official reports of National Liberation Front and North Vietnamese troop strength were significantly below the actual numbers. This enabled Westmoreland to stand by his assurances to Washington that the U.S. was winning the war. Both of these cases came to an end in February, 1985.

While Sharon and Westmoreland claim victories, the results of the two trials are not so dear. In the Sharon case, the jury found that the Time article did defame Sharon and that it was untrue. However, they did not agree that Time had published the story knowing that it was false. It is this last point that is the legal base for libel and any cash award. From interviews with jurors after deliberations it became clear that many believed that Sharon must have been instrumental in the massacres taking place, but felt that the evidence brought by Time in the trial did not prove his role. Sharon has returned to Israel, indebted to his American friends, prepared to rebuild his political base in his drive to become Prime Minister.

In Westmoreland's case, an out of court settlement was reached. CBS issued a state-

ment saying they did not believe Westmoreland had been unpatriotic or disloyal, but did not retract any of their original report and did not apologize. There was also no financial settlement. This is interesting given that prior to the trial, CBS had offered Westmoreland the same statement plus a large financial settlement. It would appear that CBS, knowing the trial could be long and costly, would have been quite happy to pay off Westmoreland and avoid the publicity of the trial. In addition, by the time the settlement was reached it was clear that Westmoreland's case was so weak that, had the case gone to the jury, he would have suffered a resounding defeat.

While it was clear that the jury was siding with CBS, there was opposition from another corner. In the midst of the trial Jessie Helms, arch conservative and Republican senator from North Carolina, launched a campaign via the Fairness in Media organization. His goal is to have conservative forces buy enough CBS stock to have controlling interest in the network. Clearly this is an attempt to exercise even more explicit reactionary control over media which is already the voice of the imperialist state. DTTK! is pleased to print a political analysis by freedom fighter David Gilbert of the Sharon and Westmoreland cases.

The last couple of years has been a period of not only increased repression but also a time where many measures and standards have been put in place to lay the foundation for future repression. We have seen the use of criminal contempt (for refusal to talk to grand juries) become a regular tactic for political internment; there have been new executive orders giving the F.B.I. and C.I.A. much wider latitude; there has been a series of reactionary Supreme Court decisions, in particular those violating protection from unreasonable

search and seizure; there have been new "anti-crime" and "anti-terrorist" laws passed and others in the works.

We have a tendency to go "EEK! The repression is coming" and then swing back and forth between feeling overwhelmed and proceeding as though nothing has changed. Just because the broad trend now is to the right does not mean that the government will automatically triumph in all its designs.

The history of work against COINTELPRO (the counter intelligence program of the U.S. government -ed.), to defend freedom fighters, against grand juries, has laid out some of the broad political basis of the repression. The government's main goals have been to try to destroy the internal national liberation movements and attack allied white anti-imperialists; in particular the focus has been on trying to wipe out the armed clandestine movements and to use grand juries to dry up support, and for broader political intimidation.

To the above we must add another major ruling class goal as they strive to rebuild the ability to wage imperialist war. They (more than many in the movement) have learned lessons from Vietnam. They understand that domestic opposition was a big obstacle to what level and length of genocidal war they could wage. This time around they want to be able to nip an anti-imperialist movement in the bud, before it gets big and militant. A lot of the measures and proposals going on now are to have such an apparatus or means in place.

Their commitment to prevent the re-emergence of such a movement does not mean that their tactics will be purely repression and brutality. There will also be cooptation and more sophistication about causing splits. In particular, they will want to split off and isolate a militant, anti-imperialist sector from influencing a broader, spontaneous liberal/pacifistic anti-war conscious-

ness. All this, I'm sure, is very conscious among ruling class strategists. It means an ideological/cultural strategy along with a program for repression.

The Westmoreland and Sharon libel suits may look like bizarre sideshows. Certainly there is something more than grotesque about these mass murderers, dripping with blood and gore, running into court to cry "foul" because some one told a tiny bit of truth about them. But I feel that these suits are very conscious. They form a whole cloth, strate-



gically, with the repressive measures discussed above. Part of the apparatus the now leading imperialists are putting in place is to assure a press where even the mildest criticism and/or exposure of lies and atrocities does not become public. The handling of the press around the Grenada invasion was another experiment or step in this direction. Of course, it is an imperialist press in the first place. But by the late 60s, as the U.S. was suffering setbacks and disreputes, strategic differences within the ruling class as well as the growing potential for other outlets (such as grow-



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REMEMBER MALCOLM X
FEBRUARY 21, 1965

Tonight we attacked the Patrolman's Benevolent Association to support the demand of Black communities across the country to STOP KILLER COPS.

Right now in New York City we are experiencing a white supremacist offensive. Bernhard Goetz shoots 4 Black youths, becomes a white folk hero, lauded by Koch, and exonerated by D.A. Morgenthau. 10,000 armed racists demonstrated their support for the killer of a 66 year old Black grandmother and tried to intimidate those who have fought to bring him to justice.



PBA chief Phil Caruso

Phil Caruso is right when he says that Steven Sullivan was just doing his job. His job—their job—is to control oppressed peoples, using violence or the threat of violence. Malcolm X, the Black Panther Party, the Black Liberation Army, named and fought the police for what they are: imperialism's occupying army in the Black community.

Why do cops kill? Why do heavily armed shotgun carrying, bulletproof-vested men shoot down 10 year old Clifford Glover or 66 year old Eleanor Bumpurs?

Because they're racist and put no value on Third World people's lives.

Because some of them are outfront fascists, and love the sense of power and know they will get away with it.

Because they're afraid. Not fear of Eleanor Bumpurs' knife or Clifford Glover's Afro pick, but the kind of fear that the slaveholders and their overseers had of a slave rebellion. The fear that the oppressor has of the righteous anger of the oppressed. The fear that some day they will be brought to justice.

The cops are the frontline enforcers of a system of colonization of Black, Puerto Rican, Mexicano-Chicano, and Native American peoples. They are backed by that system. The PBA is the organizational and ideological leadership within the NYPD. They provide the funds and the legal defense of killer cops; they work hand in hand with



Koch to mobilize racist hysteria and consolidate a base of support among white people. Overwhelmingly they are protected by the DAs and the courts and have been indicted on minor charges only when the pressure by Third World communities is intense and unceasing. The evidence against them is distorted and destroyed by Medical Examiner Eliot Gross who was originally brought in by Koch to cover up Arthur Miller's murder.

Police power is part of imperialist violence—violence against Third World people—which will continue to rise as imperialism's crisis deepens. What can we expect from u.s. imperialism in Central America but more violence, when Reagan calls the contras "freedom fighters" and his "brothers"? The months and years of protest by Black people against the South African consulates in the u.s. wouldn't be necessary if the u.s. didn't fully back the violent white colonialist South African government. Within the borders of the u.s., Black people—on whose labor u.s. imperialism was built—have been completely written off. There is no longer even the pretense that the system will offer Black youth a chance to grow up to an education, a job, even a home. The programs of pacification have ended. In 1985, the u.s. government's main program of "social welfare" is to cut back the minimum wage for Black teenagers. To the imperialist state, Black people's lives are expendable.

The struggle against killer cops and police terror is a struggle against the naked brutality and inhumanity of a system that deprives Third World people of the most basic, fundamental human rights. When "democratic america" systematically denies human rights to Black people, they have the right to fight for human rights, as Malcolm X said, "by any means necessary." When the police, the courts, the politicians don't protect but instead attack Black people then Black



people have the right to organize their communities for self-defense. Black communities organized for self-defense is the only way white supremacist violence like that of the klan and the cops has ever been held in check.

The struggle against killer cops is not a struggle against the excesses of this system but against its fundamental nature. It's a struggle against colonialist domination and national oppression, against imperialism and white supremacy. The only way that will end is through a struggle for power: the struggle of oppressed nations for self-determination and national liberation. Black people have led the struggle for human rights for years—in the courts, in the schools, and in the streets. They have also led by developing the struggle of the New Afrikan/Afro-American Nation for land and independence—the only way that killer cops will really be brought to justice, police terror against Black people ended, and the right to survive, grow and prosper as a nation be won.

Every struggle for human rights and self-determination by New Afrikan/Afro-American, Native American, Puerto Rican, Mexicano/Chicano peoples—every confrontation with u.s. imperialism—has meant dealing with the police as the frontline of reac-

tion. Before the army, before the National Guard was called out, the cops were there with dogs and cattle prods in Birmingham. Their purpose was to stop the march of Black people for freedom. When the Black Panther Party organized people to defend their homes and their children and to begin waging a struggle for power, police SWAT teams were formed and opened fire on Panther headquarters throughout the u.s. The imperialist strategy is to terrorize the masses through police brutality and killer cops, to threaten those who protest with imprisonment or physical attack, and to imprison or assassinate the conscious leadership of the national liberation struggle. This is why Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and Fred Hampton were assassinated. This is why hundreds of Black/New Afrikan Prisoners of War and Political Prisoners—40 combatants of the Black Liberation Army alone—remain imprisoned in u.s. jails. This is why 500 police agents of the NYPD/FBI Joint Terrorist Task Force arrested 8 New Afrikan revolutionaries in October 1984. The New York 8 Against Fascist Terrorism are a part of the development of a full revolutionary strategy for self-determination and socialism.

Progressive white people have to face the fact that, overwhelmingly, the masses of white people have gladly played their role in this strategy. How else can we explain the massive outpouring of support for Bernhard Goetz—even among supposedly liberal white people? Instead of supporting the Black community's demand to STOP KILLER COPS, and of recognizing the police as our enemy as well, our movements have too often turned to the police for protection—against rape, against the klan, for security at demonstrations and picket lines. We in the oppressor nation have a decision to make about whether to continue to rely on the police, or whether to join with Third World people in fighting the police as our enemy.

The struggle against killer cops is one of the main ways that masses of Third World people are fighting and challenging the very nature of the system. When white people take up this struggle, it is a real step towards changing our relationship to the system and becoming a part of the fight for power. Fighting white supremacy is the only basis on which an alliance can be built with the national liberation struggles which are leading and advancing the struggle against imperialism. Supporting the just demands for human rights, self-defense and self-determination and making these demands our own is the way that we can challenge the degradation and brutality of the system. If our movement will take on this struggle, we can begin to build effective revolutionary resistance.

Fifteen years ago, our movement fought the cops to stop imperialism's war against the Vietnamese people and in support of the Civil Rights and Black Power movements. Today we are going to have to do the same if we want to help stop imperialism—whether



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it's in Central America, South Africa, Lebanon, or within its own borders. If we are not willing to fight the police, then we'll be letting the state define what is an acceptable level of protest for our movement.

As revolutionaries in the oppressor nation, we choose to struggle for power rather than to beg for change. We hope our action tonight will aid the struggle that is being waged in the Black community against killer cops. We have learned much from this struggle about who the enemy is and what it will take to defeat it. We are glad to be able to do some damage to the white supremacist pigs in the PBA, and we hope our action helps to build an anti-imperialist resistance movement that fights in support of national liberation struggles, upholds the right of self-determination, and organizes itself as an effective force to help to STOP KILLER COPS.

With this action against the PBA, we send a message of solidarity and support to those heroic enemies of all u.s. police forces: the POW's and Political Prisoners of the New Afrikan/Afro-American National Liberation Struggle, of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement, of the Native American and Mexicano/Chicano Liberation Struggles, and of the North American anti-imperialist movement.

Fight White Supremacy—Stop Killer Cops!
Human Rights, Self-Defense and
Self-Determination for the
New Afrikan/Afro-American Nation!
For the Liberation of All Oppressed Nations!
Free All Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War!
Defeat u.s. Imperialism!
Build a Revolutionary Resistance Movement!

We dedicate this action to Don Juan Antonio Corretjer, great Puerto Rican patriot, whose revolutionary character, commitment and clarity inspire us. He lives wherever oppressed and exploited people fight for freedom against u.s. imperialism!

¡DON JUAN ANTONIO CORRETIER
ESTA PRESENTE!



Juan Antonio Corretjer, the head of La Liga Socialista and the national poet of Puerto Rico, died on January 19, 1985. His funeral brought together every part of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement, which mourned the loss of one of the most admired Puerto Rican patriots since Don Pedro Albizu Campos. An outspoken supporter of the armed clandestine movement, he was honored by the clandestine Macheteros with the posthumous title of "Comandante."

Don Juan's funeral in his home town of Ciales was attended by more than 20,000 people. The John Brown Anti-Klan Committee joins La Liga Socialista, the Puerto Rican Independence Movement and the Puerto Rican nation in mourning the loss of this great leader. The path that all progressive and revolutionary people must walk will be easier because Don Juan Antonio Corretjer has walked it before us.