

## U.S. Workers: Smash War on Nicaragua!

American imperialism has now declared war on Sandinista Nicaragua. The Senate vote of \$100 million in aid to the CIA's counterrevolutionary terrorists, following the House vote in June, is a green light for a direct U.S. attack. Naturally exultant, Reagan told a Mexican paper that the "only alternative" is for the contras "to have their way and take over" (*Excelsior*, 17

August). Two days later the Pentagon announced plans to send Green Berets to Honduras as "advisers" to this gang of hired killers, torturers and rapists. And as we remember from America's savage war in Indochina, after the advisers come the U.S. troops...and soon the body bags start coming home.

Memories of Vietnam come to everyone's mind. As one Democratic

Senator predicted: "There are going to be ugly scenes on nightly television of dead and maimed civilians, destroyed schools and hospitals, school buses blown up by mines." A U.S. invasion of Nicaragua will be no Grenada-style walkover, however. Sandinista president Daniel Ortega told a group of fighters in Managua last June: "We don't want to kill North American

youth. But if they send them to kill us, whether they come as advisers or with invading Yankee troops, they will die here." No one should doubt the courage and spirit of self-sacrifice of the Nicaraguan masses.

Ever since taking office the Reagan gang has viewed the radical nationalist Sandinista regime in Nicaragua as the spearhead of "Soviet expansionism" in the Western hemisphere. They thus made this small Central American country the front line of Cold War II. For some time past the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) and their fellow travelers in the U.S. have looked to the Democrats in Congress to stop Reagan from turning Nicaragua into another Vietnam.

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## Reagan, Democrats "Free World" Narcs Drug Witchhunt

"It's turning into Drug War Summer," editorialized the *New York Times* (5 August) after Ronald Reagan's speech declaring a "national crusade" against drugs. Already, they're dispatching cops, troops and spies to police the locker rooms, classrooms and bedrooms of America. Companies are expected to do their bit to keep a "drug-free workplace," with mandatory drug testing for millions and mass firings of those who fail the test. Internationally, this "world war on drugs" is supposed to be waged by a vast network of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) narcs, with U.S. special forces squads flown in for the hit, Bolivia-style. Naturally, "there will be no legislation of this type," said White House spokesman Larry Speakes. The president orders it, so be it: it's "national security."

"Starting today, Nancy's crusade to deprive the drug peddlers and suppliers of their customers becomes America's crusade," Reagan proclaimed. In his Orwellian vision of post-1984 America, legions of latter-day Carrie Nations will "pressure the user," busting up "crack" houses like they used to go after speakeasies. They're building a witch-hunt atmosphere reminiscent of the dark days of McCarthyism. And in the words of the old '50s ditty, "If your mommie is a commie, turn her in...": so on August 13, California teenager Deanna Young turned in her parents to the police for using cocaine and marijuana. And after putting mom and dad behind bars, this teenage snitch was lionized by the First Lady herself ("she



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"Miami Vice": drug busts and cop takeover of cocaine trade.

must have loved her parents a great deal"!).

This sordid story of snooping and finking captures the current anti-drug hysteria in a nutshell. Deanna Young did her duty for god and Reagan. After returning home from a Bible study class, the 13-year-old "freedom fighter" filled

a garbage bag with small quantities of drugs and turned them over to the Orange County cops. She herself was sent to a state home—which should have taught the nasty little brat a lesson. But a dozen movie companies immediately bid for the rights to Deanna's story, for which she is promised a six-figure sum. Still, some Hollywood producers were uneasy, saying it "smacked of a Big Brother environment," and had "vaguely fascist undertones." Vaguely? One is reminded of stories of Hitler Youth turning their parents over to the Gestapo.

This government-instigated uproar over drugs, sex and "terrorism" has turned into a full-scale assault on individual freedoms. Meese's crusade against pornography and the Supreme Court assault on consensual sex are part of an attempt to impose the mores of the fundamentalist religious right on the

American people. This drive for ideological conformity is cloaked in rhetoric about a return to "traditional values," but it is enforced by the mailed fist of an increasingly bonapartist state.

The "new patriotism," union-busting, a resurgence of the KKK and racist terror, bombing abortion clinics, the drug/sex/porn witchhunt: they're all part of the domestic side of the anti-Soviet war drive. For the past decade both capitalist parties have been fixated on overcoming U.S. imperialism's stinging defeat in Vietnam. They remember an American army that wouldn't fight, and instead sat around in hootches smoking dope and talking about "fragging" officers. They vividly recall the streets full of antiwar protesters, and know that this war-wary country could quickly become war-weary if body bags start coming home from Central America. They're seeking not only military but also "moral rearmament."

The "Moral Majority" owes its influence not to some TV evangelist preachers and New Right fund-raisers but to the fact that their agenda is the cutting edge of U.S. ruling-class opinion. At home, "discipline" is to be re-established in the workplace while racist cops brace for a new round of terror in the ghettos. Abroad, under the guise of the "drug wars," U.S. troops are once again slashing and burning their way through Third World countries. Then they get upset when Mexican cops arrest one of their DEA agents and rough him up in the usual style. They fume when the Mexican president refuses to let the feds fly 100 miles into Mexico in "hot pursuit" of drug

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# Transit Workers Come Through for James Grimes

We reprint below excerpts from a 12 August leaflet issued by the Committee for a Fighting TWU representing militants in Transport Workers Union Local 100. More than 900 NYC transit workers as well as a dozen workers from other industries contributed to the fund drive for the courageous black subway clerk James Grimes.

The emergency fund drive for Brother James Grimes has surpassed its goal. Over \$2,300 was raised, mainly from his fellow transit workers but also from other working people in the New York area. A retired merchant seaman from New Jersey learned of the fund drive from *Workers Vanguard* and sent in \$100. The fund drive was launched by the Labor Black League for Social Defense. The League was founded the night of the victory party on July 18 for Grimes and his family celebrating the dismissal of gun charges stemming from his courageous act of armed self-defense against muggers last January. The fund drive was to help the Grimeses replace things stolen from their home in a burglary the night of the party. But James Grimes remains in poor health due to the January mugging and subsequent victimization by the courts, DA and TA. We must continue to demand that James Grimes' medical bills be paid and that he receive a full medical pension and compensation for what he has gone through.

## The Shameful Act of a Sonny Hall Hack

Even after the victory for James Grimes, the spiteful Sonny Hall [TWU Local 100 president] gang was still trying to put the screws to the brother.

During the fund drive, we ran into some opposition from various union officials. We expected this from the class-collaborators. But none went so far as one John Meehan so-called Depot Chairman of Hudson Pier Bus Depot. Acting more like the Gestapo than a workers leader, he ranted and raved and ran to management, insisting that management stop the collection unless "approved" by the Hall gang. Driving Meehan up the wall and over the class line, the good drivers of Hudson Pier gave their approval of the collection effort by continuing to give generously even under these banning orders.

The subordination of the union leadership to the Democratic Party and the capitalist class is keeping workers defenseless against the anti-union "take-back" campaign. The "take-back" campaign in this city is reinforced with attempts to legally terrorize minorities by anti-drug raids by Koch's racist cops and attempts to undercut the victory won in defending James Grimes by intensifying attacks against the right of armed self-defense. Reagan and Meese want to have the cops and courts invade the bedroom and dictate anti-homosexual and anti-sex bigotry. In addition the cops and the courts are carrying out and covering for racist terror laying the basis for the crystalliza-

James Grimes and daughter Cynthia celebrate hard-won victory at founding meeting of NYC Labor Black League, July 18.



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tion of a fascist core in this city. Willie Turks was beaten to death by a racist mob in the Gravesend section of Brooklyn and Democrat Liz Holtzman gave the killers a slap on the wrist. So the racist killers have struck again, beating the black bus driver Phillip Patten [in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn]. The TWU must mobilize flatbed trucks filled with thousands of black, white and Hispanic worker militants and drive this racist scum from the streets! Labor must mobilize to prevent the crystallization of a fascist base! For labor defense guards to stop fascist terror! For the right of armed self-defense! Defend the democratic rights of homosexuals!

Along with the likes of Sonny Hall, the supporters of the fake-socialist *Bulletin* oppose the fundamental need for the mobilization of labor power to stop racist attacks concretely. The *Bulletin's* coverage last year of the Philadelphia

MOVE massacre incredibly does not even mention that the bombing was racist. For the *Bulletin*, racism does not exist in Reagan's America.

The May 6th issue of the *Bulletin* fingered James Grimes for not following "required" procedure and echoed the Sonny Hall leadership's demand for more escorts, that is the same TA cops that murdered Michael Stewart, the son of a retired transit worker, and chained James Grimes to a bench for nine hours!

For our part, the Committee for a Fighting TWU will continue to tell the truth about the deep racial and ethnic divisions that weaken our union's fighting ability. And when we are able, as in the James Grimes case, we will lead political mobilizations of transit workers for the class-struggle defense of the rights of labor in general and against the special oppression of blacks, women, foreign-born workers and other minorities. ■

## Darwin and Marx



TROTSKY

In a 1923 speech commemorating the fifth anniversary of Sverdlov University, Leon Trotsky called attention to Darwin's contribution to Marxism and a materialist worldview, aiding the emancipation of man from the bondage of superstition so that he could emancipate himself from the bondage of class exploitation.



LENIN

It is only the inner connection between Darwinism and Marxism that makes it possible to grasp the living flow of

existence in its initial connection with inorganic nature; in its further particularization and evolution; in its dynamics; in the differentiation of the necessities of life among the first elementary varieties of the vegetable and animal kingdoms; in its struggles; in its changes; in its growth, as it became more sophisticated in form; in the appearance of the "first" human or humanoid creature, taking up the first tool-like objects; in the development of primitive cooperation, these creatures putting to use tools that they made themselves; in the further stratification of society on the basis of the development of the means of production, that is, of the means of subjugating nature; in class warfare; and finally, in the struggle for the abolition of classes.

To comprehend the world from such a broad materialist point of view signifies the emancipation of one's consciousness for the first time from the legacy of mysticism, securing both feet firmly on the ground. It means knowing that for the future one has no inner subjective hindrances to the struggle, but that the only resistance and opposition is external, and must be undermined in some cases, circumvented in others, smashed in still others—depending on the conditions of the struggle.

—Leon Trotsky, "Tasks of Communist Education" (June 1923)

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## Canadian Trotskyists Demand Political Asylum for Tamils

# Tamil Refugees From Sri Lanka Flee Germany

For 155 Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka (Ceylon), after a trip of horror and despair Canada was the end of the line. Originally escaping from the murderous state terror of the Lankan government of J.R. Jayewardene, more immediately they were fleeing West Germany, where they had been placed in virtual concentration camps with little hope of obtaining asylum. From the starvation conditions on their overcrowded lifeboats, they were rescued off the coast of Newfoundland. Canada is granting them asylum for one year, though in true Reagan style Ottawa threatened to deport any refugee found to be a "terrorist"—i.e., who supports "Tiger" guerrillas fighting for a Tamil Eelam separate from the majority Sinhalese Lanka state. Meanwhile they have become the targets of racist outcry in Canada.

The exodus of this group of Tamil refugees has received wide publicity, coming to symbolize the plight of thousands of dark-skinned Third World refugees who increasingly find the borders of the imperialist countries closed to them, and who, if they manage to get past the borders, fall victim to virulent chauvinism and discrimination.

The Tamils paid \$340,000 to West German captain Wolfgang Bindel to take them to Canada. Like the mercenary, racist slave traders, Bindel kept them like animals in the cargo hold of his ship. One of the refugees described the conditions: "We were fed tinned soup, liquidy rice, mouldy bread and dirty water from two barrels aboard. Inside the boat was a nightmare.... We slept crowded together in lifeboats and on the floor" (*Toronto Sun*, 17 August). After 16 days in these hideous conditions the 155 men, women and children were crammed into two lifeboats and left to drift on the icy waters of the North Atlantic for three days before they were picked up by Canadian fishermen.

When they arrived there was none of the warm welcome given to Nazi war criminals, Polish anti-Communists and all manner of counterrevolutionaries who have found safe haven in Canada. Instead, the Tamil refugees were met with a backlash of white racism. Fomented by the bourgeois media with headlines screaming "Send them back," "Close doors to phony refugees" and "Canada's a sucker for illegals" (all from the *Toronto Sun*), this chauvinist hysteria has been picked up by the fascists. A former leader of the paramilitary Western Guard, now with the anti-Soviet "Canadian Coalition for Peace Through Strength," has called a race-hating anti-Tamil demonstration in Toronto.

These racist terrorists have us *all* lined up in their crosshairs! Yet Ed Broadbent, leader of the social-democratic New Democratic Party, scandalously called for "a tougher look at all our immigration procedures" to prevent "abuse" by "quick-buck artists." The Trotskyist League of Canada issued a press statement demanding: "The labor movement, socialists, blacks, East Indians and other minorities must mobilize together with all fighters for social justice and opponents of racist terror to demand: full, immediate and unconditional political asylum for all Tamil refugees and full citizenship rights for all foreign-born workers!"

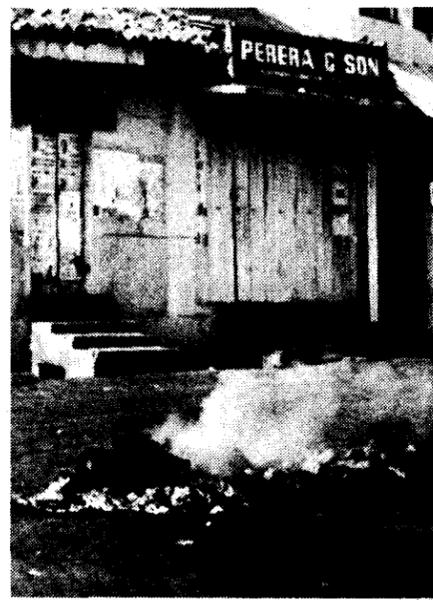
Since 1983, when hundreds of Tamils

were burned and hacked to death by the racist mobs and troops organized by the Jayewardene government, over 300,000 have fled Sri Lanka. Many took one of the few means of escape from the island that exists—a Soviet Aeroflot flight to East Berlin and then traveling by subway across the open frontier to West Berlin. They did not run into Western patrols as the dividing line between the two halves of Berlin is not recognized as a border by the American, British and French NATO allies who still share with the Soviet Union occupation rights over the city. In the first half of this year alone, some 40,000 political refugees fleeing terror in Iran, Turkey, India and Ghana have made use of the West Berlin loophole.

However, passing through this "gateway to the Free World" they are met with contemptuous treatment showing that the West German successor state to the Nazi Third Reich has forgotten nothing of its Hitlerite past. At first they were dumped on the streets and in train stations; later it was tent camps and boxcar-like barracks. From there they are shipped to special camps for political refugees, where they are effectively imprisoned. They are not allowed to leave city or (in most cases) village limits, and applicants for political asylum are routinely prohibited from working. West German citizens are banned from entering these heavily guarded stalags without special permission. Refugees have been attacked on the streets and camps have been fire-bombed by skinheads and neo-Nazis.

The West German state obviously hopes that this barbaric existence will force refugees to leave "voluntarily" to return to torture and death at home. Alternatively, it is common to force refugees to sign statements in a language they do not understand agreeing to deportation. According to *Der Spiegel* (11 August) this method was used by the Bonn government to get rid of over 400 asylum seekers in the month of July alone. Also in July, Francis Asare, a refugee from Ghana, hanged himself in his prison cell after signing such a statement claiming that he was not a political refugee, but had just wanted to escape poverty.

The plight of these refugees highlights the intersection of Cold War anti-Sovietism and racist terror. For the desperate Tamils, the seemingly generous constitutional provision granting



Colombo, Sri Lanka, July 1983: Victim of anti-Tamil state terror.

Driven from Sri Lanka by racist terror, Tamil refugees fleeing German camps arrive in Canada after ordeal at sea (right). Third World refugees seek asylum in West Germany (below), face racist immigration laws.



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the right of asylum to "all political refugees" is a cruel hoax. The frontier is only meant to be "open" to anti-Communist refugees fleeing the Soviet bloc. No East German or Pole is ever rejected, and 72 percent of Afghans are accepted—but those fleeing "Free World" terrorism need not apply. The 25th anniversary of the Berlin Wall, a bureaucratic measure to stem Western attempts to drain the East German economy of skilled labor, led to an orgy of anti-Sovietism from the Vatican to the White House. West Berlin mayor Diepgen demanded: "Berlin's border has to become more penetrable." This is the same man who, as part of the right-wing German nationalist backlash against "foreign infiltration," complained about open borders!

Others are even more frank. *Der Spiegel* (28 July) quoted a woman saying, "We should re-open Bergen-Belsen," the Nazi concentration camp. The ruling Christian Democrats (CDU) and Bavarian *Führer* Franz-Josef Strauss are playing with the resurrection of this brownshirt nationalism to bolster their chances in the 1987 elections, calling for restrictions on the right to asylum proclaimed in the West German constitution. This is opposed by the Social Democrats (SPD), but not out of any concern for or defense of the political refugees in West Germany's camps. The SPD government of Helmut Schmidt deported over 800,000 foreign workers. The SPD shares the revanchist appetites of German imperialism, the *Drang nach Osten* (Drive to the East) which was Hitler's battle cry. The Social Democrats seek to pose as the "democratic" alternative to the Stalinists with the aim of "rolling back Communism" through counterrevolution *from within*.

The Stalinist rulers of the German Democratic Republic (DDR), meanwhile, have struck a treacherous and criminal deal with Bonn, which the SPD hails. In July 1985, in return for an interest-free "swing credit" from West Germany of \$404 million a year, the East German government agreed to prevent Tamils without valid visas from entering West Berlin. This outrageous action is part of the reactionary logic of "socialism in one (or in this case, half a) country," in which the lives of refugees

from racist terror are traded off in the narrow nationalist interests of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

The West German left and petty-bourgeois radicals like the Greens, themselves standard-bearers of German nationalism, offer no effective opposition to the chauvinist persecution, harassment and violence against political refugees. The social-democratic-led West German DGB trade-union federation has been largely silent. But it is the organized proletariat, with its sizeable immigrant component, that has the power to defeat the racist, nationalist backlash. What's needed to mobilize this power is an internationalist Trotskyist party, recruiting heavily among foreign-born workers; unconditionally defending the DDR and the rest of the Soviet bloc degenerated/deformed workers states against imperialism; and raising the banner of revolutionary reunification of Germany, through socialist revolution in the West and political revolution against the Stalinist bureaucracy in the East, as part of a Socialist United States of Europe.

Under Lenin and Trotsky, Red Russia established the principle of extending citizenship rights to all foreign workers in the land of the Soviets, and to all refugees from rightist persecution. Only international workers revolution can forever end the bloody rule of capital that breeds racist terror from Sri Lanka to Europe and North America. ■

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# Young Spartacus

## Harvard's Filthy Fête

*Young Spartacus* would be remiss if we did not comment on the upcoming Harvard celebration of its 350 years devoted to "Profitas." The guest list for this occasion naturally reads like a Who's Who in counterrevolutionary terror: key speakers include War Secretary Weinberger, Secretary of State George Shultz, the Nicaraguan congressman of *La Prensa* and, for comic relief, the chinless wonder of the British monarchy, Prince Charles. How many pigs does it take to blow out the candles on Harvard's birthday cake?

Students will not have the opportunity to present Harvard the gift it so richly deserves: mass, militant protest against the war criminals converging on the Yard. The Corporation has seen to it that this fête takes place before classes begin, thus removing the nuisance of young people running around embarrassing the guests. Or reminding any of the alumni of their salad days. As *Boston Globe* columnist David Nyhan wrote, Harvard is:

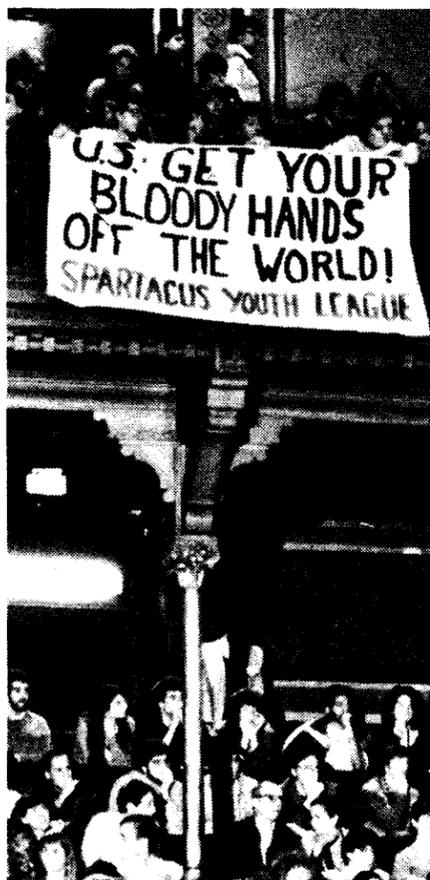
"... putting the clamp on all its photos of The Bust, the episode in 1969 when helmeted state troopers swept through the Yard at dawn and collared the student protesters occupying University Hall. That may have been the darkest day of Harvard history, ushering in the Red Guard era of student incivility... Harvard says it's not trying to hide the pictures. It wants to protect the privacy of those hellions, now distinguished alums who presumably vote Republican and tithe regularly to Fair Harvard."

—*Boston Globe*, 24 July

Student "incivility" has plagued Harvard more recently than '69: the last time Weinberger showed up on campus, in 1983, he was heckled by over 600 student protesters. (In a vindictive frenzy, Harvard waged an unsuccessful attempt to witchhunt two Spartacus Youth League members as "examples" after the Weinberger protest.) The South African consul-general, Abe Hoppenstein, was also "welcomed" by angry anti-apartheid students in an SYL-led protest in 1985. On May 20 of this year, Reagan's top cop Edwin Meese III was picketed by the SYL and supporters when he was being honored by Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Now Harvard is arrogantly parading its war criminal pals to prove "who's in charge" in Cambridge.

Even having dispensed with possibly troublesome students, Harvard has had

its problems with the filthy fête. For one, a number of faculty, alumni and students gaged on giving Reagan an honorary degree, so Reagan declined the invitation to appear at all. In his stead, Shultz will be there. "I knew we couldn't go without some representative



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War Secretary Weinberger's last visit to Harvard (November 1983): hundreds of students heckle, "War criminal!" and "Murderer!"

of the Reagan Administration,' said Agassiz Professor of Zoology Richard C. Lewontin, [class of] '50, who led the protest against Reagan"—as for Shultz himself: "I don't think he tells untruths more than anybody else in his business" (*Harvard Crimson*, 25 July).

Then there was the possible strike by campus workers in Local 26 of the Hotel and Restaurant workers. A settlement was effected. Harvard's approach to the "laboring classes" was captured in a muckraking piece in the *New England Monthly* (June 1986): "In December 1930, during the depths of the Depression, the university tries to save money

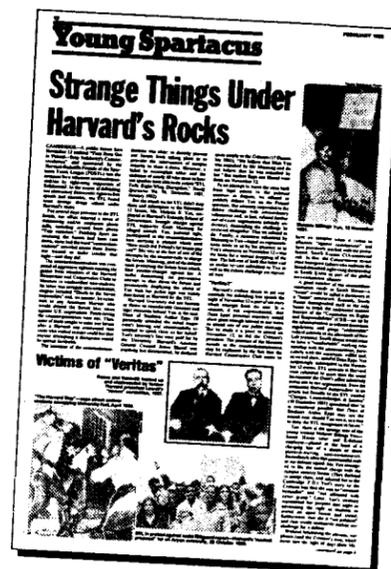
by withholding \$3,880 in back pay due the scrubwomen of Widner Library." But squeezing every last hour and penny from its abysmally underpaid staff is hardly the main source of Harvard revenue. Its \$3.7 billion endowment comes in part from well-heeled alumni (e.g., David Rockefeller, class of '36, who was among ten Harvardians to donate \$5 million each to the anniversary fund drive). There is also the "Washington-Cambridge link."

No more prestigious think tank for U.S. imperialism exists than Harvard. For its services in this regard, the Corporation is handsomely rewarded. We do not simply refer here to Harvard's contributions to the losing, dirty genocidal war against the Vietnamese people—Professor Louis Fieser's invention of napalm and Henry Kissinger's (class of '50) orchestration of that bloody adventure. During the First World War, Harvard's chemistry department developed poison gas. Indeed, from the Spanish-American War to the present insane bipartisan drive toward a thermonuclear anti-Soviet World War III, Harvard has done a bustling business. Kennedy School dean Graham Allison is a paid consultant to Weinberger, dubbed an "intellectual strategic reserve" by the Pentagon, and spends—as many Harvard profs have been encouraged to do—at least one day a week working for the government.

"Unlike the tacky Wolperization of New York ["Liberty Weekend"], Harvard won't have 200 imitation Elvises," *Globe* pundit Nyhan writes. But, in its discreet charm, the bourgeoisie certainly hasn't overlooked the possibility to make a quick buck on the "350th." For the last year, Harvard has "been licensing the rights to 350th commemorative merchandise, ranging from \$3 flags to \$1,500 art prints" (*Boston Globe*, 3 August).

With students, campus workers, and the odd dissenting faculty member presumably out of the way, the "gentlemen" of Harvard and their madams from Washington can get down to business. Over champagne and cheese balls, they can discuss how best to slaughter workers and peasants around the world. Harvard may, however, have overlooked the Boston homeless as a source of trouble. In January Harvard installed grilles over the outdoor vents to prevent homeless people from using the escaping heat to keep warm. Widespread outrage and exposure forced Harvard to remove the grilles. If a petit-four or two happen to disappear from the trays, it's because people are starving just outside Harvard's ivied walls.

An awkward moment might also occur should a black person of some rank come across Harvard's own Robert Klitgaard (former special adviser to President Bok) holding forth on his theory that black students are inherently inferior and would be better off at "lesser" institutions where they might enjoy a "greater overall perceived feeling of equality." Subjects we doubt will be discussed include: Harvard alumnus John F. Kennedy's use of the Mafia to cook up numerous failed plots to assassinate Fidel Castro (as well as hustle women for him); Harvard's former president (1909-1933) Abbott Lawrence Lowell's key role in executing worker-militants Sacco and Vanzetti; Ernst "Putzi" Hanfstaengl (class of '09) who turned a Harvard fight song into a Nazi march for his friend Adolf Hitler—this was the march played on the day



**Better Red Than Crimson! Young Spartacus (February 1982) exposed Harvard's role as brain truster for U.S. imperialism. Harvard's logo should be "Profitas"—not "Veritas."**

Hitler's brownshirts took power in Germany ("rah, rah, rah" was changed to "Sieg Heil"). To their credit, Harvard students "rioted" when Hanfstaengl turned up at Harvard in 1934.

There's plenty of dirt in Harvard's 350 years of whoring for capitalism (see "Strange Things Under Harvard's Rocks," *Young Spartacus* No. 97, February 1982). We revolutionary youth seek to recruit *class traitors* from Harvard, people like the heroic American Communist John Reed (class of '10) who gave his life in defense of the Russian Revolution. We also work toward the day when elite schools like Harvard are *nationalized*, admissions are open to all and those ivied walls and mahogany-filled rooms will be available to anybody—no matter what their race, last name or neighborhood of origin. Join us in the fight for a socialist future and the smashing of imperialist filth so typified by Harvard. ■

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Henry Kissinger ('50): Dr. Strangelove architect of imperialist mass murder in Vietnam. Napalm, too, was a Harvard "contribution" to "civilization."

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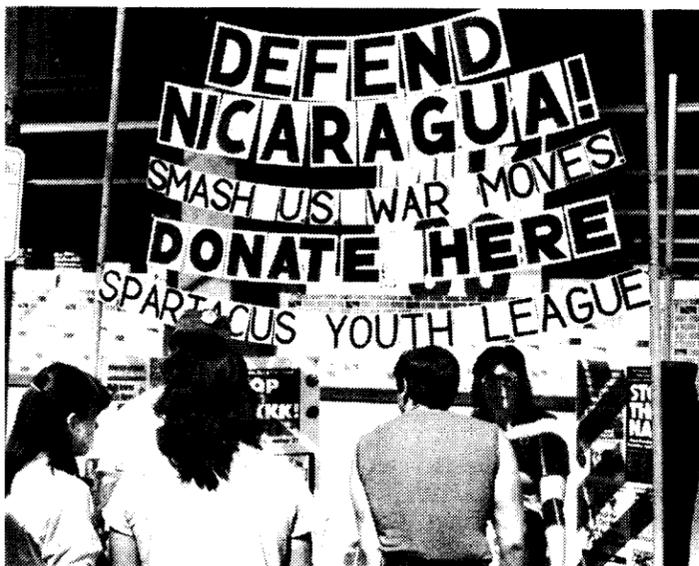
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# Donate Dollars! Crush the Contras!

When the U.S. announced its trade embargo against Sandinista Nicaragua in the spring of 1985, the Spartacus Youth League began a fund drive to aid the urgent defense of Nicaragua. An extremely enthusiastic response on the part of workers and youth across the country resulted in over \$25,000 being collected and turned over to the Sandinista government.

Now with the recent approval of \$100 million in aid to the contras, Congress has given Reagan the green light to invade Nicaragua. Meanwhile the U.S. trade embargo contributes to shortages of basic foodstuffs and medicines. We say: defend, complete, extend the revolution! Now, more than ever, dollars are urgently needed by the Sandinista government, to buy everything from anti-aircraft missiles to spare parts to medicine. We are again asking people to donate generously. Crush the contras!

Here in the belly of the beast we have a special responsibility to take a side in defense of the Nicaraguan Revolution. The Reagan administration has announced plans to use Green Berets to train contra commanders in their campaigns of assassination, torture and sabotage against the Nicaraguan workers and peasants. Defend Nicaragua! Donate dollars! Make checks payable to Student Committee to Defend Nicaragua and send to Box 3118, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10008. ■



Young Spartacus Spartacist comrades collect urgently needed funds for Nicaragua at Cleveland street fair, 1985 (left); Sandinista soldier outside hospital on Jinotega front wears popular SYL "Nicabutton."



Spartacist Canada

## Supreme Court Gags Students

The Supreme Court is at it again. Coming on the heels of its recent upholding of Georgia's anti-sodomy law, on July 7 the Court upheld a Spanaway, Washington high school's two-day suspension of Matthew Fraser for making a so-called "lewd and indecent" speech to a school assembly in 1983. This sinister ruling effectively removes First Amendment protection from students and gives the go-ahead to school administrations to quash any student activity deemed "inappropriate" or "disruptive."

In April 1983, Fraser—now a student at the University of California at Berkeley—made a campaign speech for a friend running in student elections. Fraser described him as "a man who is firm—he's firm in his pants, he's firm in his shirt, his character is firm" and as someone who "takes his point and pounds it in... a man who will go to the very end—even to the climax, for each and every one of you" (*New York Times*, 8 July). The speech was arguably tasteless, but evidently Fraser's fellow students liked it. The candidate for

whom he spoke won by a wide margin. Suspended from school for this speech—which contains not one "four-letter word"—Fraser fought back in court, arguing that his First Amendment rights had been violated. Two federal district courts agreed, awarding Fraser \$278 in damages and \$12,750 in litigation costs and attorney's fees.

Then the Reagan administration stepped in on the school district's side. Attorney General Edwin Meese's "Justice" Department argued that "student speech could be restrained 'if officials have a reasonable basis for the regulation grounded in the maintenance of an atmosphere of civility or the transmission of basic societal values'" (*New York Times*, 8 July). So Reagan/Meese "went all the way"—to the Supreme Court. As the verdict against Fraser came down, "Education" Secretary William Bennett crowed: "The decision reminds us that schools must possess the moral authority to prepare our young people for citizenship."

"Citizenship" here may be roughly translated as docile cannon fodder for the next imperialist war move. What really gets the Reagan administration's goat is not so-called "obscenity" but student political activity outside the straitjacket of the Reaganite/Moral Majority worldview. From Meese—whose position on anti-Vietnam War protesters was that they deserved to be shot down—to Bennett, the administration has targeted the universities in particular for its campaign of regimentation for war. Right-wing frats can torch anti-apartheid "shantytowns," "right-to-life" bigots can bomb abortion clinics, but any political opposition to the policies of the Reagan administration that goes beyond a polite professorial letter to the *New York Times* is branded "criminal."

Reagan & Co. are pissed as hell that during the last few years students have militantly protested certified mass murderers and war criminals like "Dragon Lady" Jeane Kirkpatrick, war secretary Caspar Weinberger and top cop Meese. In a May 14 speech to the American Jewish Committee, Bennett,

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Don Kechely

Inspired by Southern civil rights movement, Berkeley students massively demonstrate for free speech rights, 1964.

## Northwestern U. Witchhunts InCAR Prof

### Defend Barbara Foley!

CHICAGO—Barbara Foley, an assistant professor of English at Northwestern University and an outspoken supporter of the Progressive Labor Party/International Committee Against Racism (PL/InCAR), is being victimized in a blatant political purge by the NU administration. Foley was denied tenure last May by NU provost Raymond Mack—despite the strong positive recommendation of the English Department, two faculty committees and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences—because of her role in a successful protest against murderous Nicaraguan contra leader Adolfo Calero in 1985. If the denial of Foley's tenure is not reversed, she will have to leave her job on 1 September 1987. This dangerous McCarthyite assault must be defeated!

When Calero was invited to speak by ultrarightists on campus in April 1985, he was driven from the stage by militant protesters at the urging of PL/InCAR supporters. We hail this just blow against the counterrevolutionary scum, whose organization has murdered thousands of Nicaraguan workers and peasants in the last four years. Such a blow contributes to the defense of the Nicaraguan Revolution, and helps frustrate the U.S. imperialists' attempt to regiment the campuses as part of their war drive aimed at obliterating the remaining gains of the Russian Revolution.

The Northwestern administration went into a frenzy about the denial of Calero's "free speech," and set up a faculty committee to punish those responsible. The committee found Foley guilty of "grave professional misconduct" and a letter of "reprimand" was placed in her file. But Mack and NU president Arnold Weber are out for Foley's blood, and having failed to get her suspended for the Calero incident they are now using the tenure process to fire her outright. Many faculty members, and the American Association of University Professors, have taken up Foley's case—while cravenly denouncing her role in driving out Calero—in the name of defending



Daily Northwestern

Barbara Foley, InCAR supporter and NU professor.

tenure rights. But it will take a broad-based political campaign, not a narrow procedural dispute, to win back Foley's job.

Unfortunately the crazed Stalinist reformists of PL/InCAR do not believe in solidarity in defense of even their own supporters, often engaging in physical violence against their political opponents on the left. This stupid sectarianism makes difficult the task of united working-class defense, now especially urgent in the case of the eleven PL/InCAR supporters who face charges for their brave attempt to stop the Klan from marching into Chicago's Marquette Park on June 28 (see article page 12).

For years the Northwestern administration has been content to drape the mantle of academic respectability over Arthur Butz, an associate professor of engineering who authored the fascist propaganda tract *The Hoax of the Twentieth Century* and who has addressed audiences of Klansmen and Nazis with his vile apologetics for the slaughter of six million Jews in Hitler's holocaust. NU president Arnold Weber is a personal friend of Secretary of State George Shultz, to whom he presented an honorary degree at the last graduation ceremony. And recently it was revealed that NU's Traffic Institute has been training some of the most infamous Salvadoran death squad leaders and torturers, personally responsible for thousands of murders, in "anti-terrorism" techniques. This blatant use of the university as a Pentagon annex must be opposed. Keep the butchers on the run! Stop the witchhunt against Barbara Foley!

# Spartacist Brief Against "Creationism" in the Classroom

# IN DEFENSE OF SCIENCE

"A tidal wave of enforced intolerance is sweeping America," states the *amicus curiae* brief filed by the Spartacist League and Partisan Defense Committee in the U.S. Supreme Court August 18 against the teaching of biblical "creationism" in the public schools. The brief was filed on behalf of the Louisiana Board of Education in its opposition to the State of Louisiana's "Balanced-Treatment Act" mandating the teaching of "creation-science" whenever scientific evolution is taught.

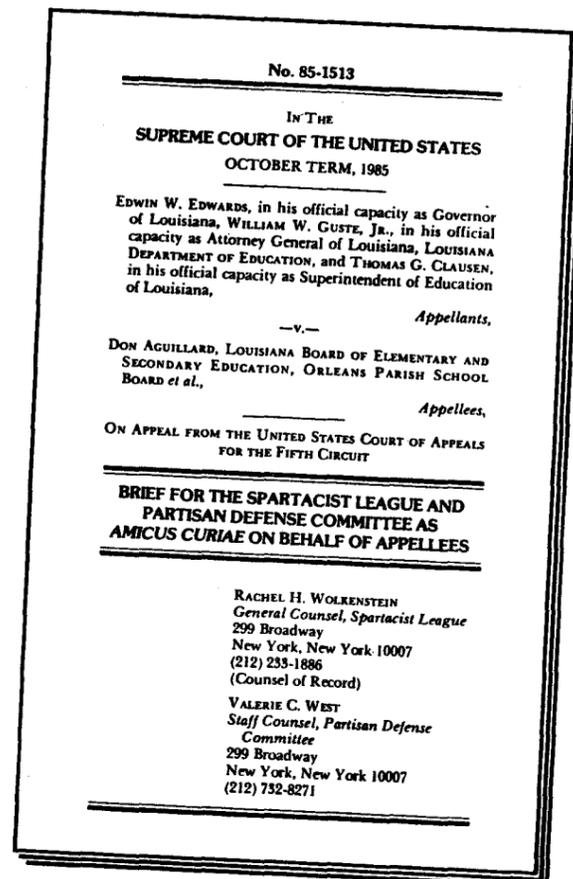
The act is part of a sinister nationwide campaign by the Moral Majority and fundamentalist far right to parochialize public education. Twenty-one state legislatures have considered or are considering similar legislation. Four months after the Louisiana Act was signed into law in July 1982, federal district court judge Adrian Dupaltier struck it down as unconstitutional. Again in January 1985, Dupaltier issued a summary judgment that the act violated the First Amendment.

This decision was narrowly upheld on appeal by the full Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in an 8-to-7 decision. Ominously, the Supreme Court denied a motion to affirm that decision and agreed to hear the state's appeal.

At issue, the SL and PDC brief states, "is the preservation of separation of church and state, the gains of the Enlightenment, and the education of future generations." Turning the slogans of "religious freedom" and "academic freedom" into their opposite, the creationists are waging war on the gains of the American bourgeois-democratic revolution of 1776 and the defeat of slavery in the Civil War. This First Amendment case has evoked widespread support from major scientific, religious, educational and civil rights groups, including a brief submitted this past week by 72 Nobel laureate scientists and 24 scientific organizations.

The separation of church and state has been a fundamental component of proletarian revolutions from the Paris Commune to the victorious Soviet republic of Lenin and Trotsky. Marxism has as its foundation the gains of the Enlightenment and bourgeois revolutions which freed scientific and social development from the shackles of feudalism, particularly the contributions of Charles Darwin, by which man as part of nature, in social struggle to master nature, became a field of scientific inquiry. Scientific evolution, the Spartacist suit underlined, definitively destroys the myths of racial superiority.

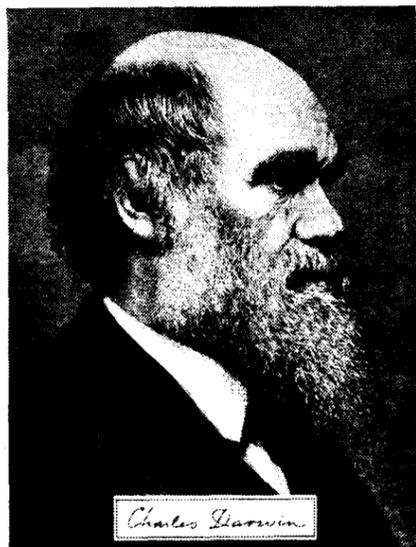
This case, particularly in its social context, invites comparison to the 1925 "monkey trial" of John Thomas Scopes for teaching evolution in Dayton, Tennessee. Reconstruction had been defeated in the South as the KKK enforced Jim Crow segregation with lynching and cross-burnings, reaching their height the year of the trial when a white-robed rabble of 40,000 poured through the streets of the nation's capital. In the North a draconian anti-red and anti-immigrant witchhunt jailed tens of thousands, while Sacco and



Vanzetti were sent to the chair. Today's bible-thumping bigots crusade against "atheistic evolution" as a stalking horse for a political and social agenda shared with reactionaries from the warmongering White House and anti-Bill of Rights Supreme Court to abortion clinic firebombers, the cop mass murderers of the black MOVE commune in Philadelphia and the resurgent Klan and racist murderers across the country.

The decay of capitalist society is dramatically demonstrated when the men who have their fingers on the button of the most advanced nuclear technology and weaponry have minds filled with the worst superstitions, ignorance and bigotry of the Dark Ages. They believe man's history is to be found in the literal interpretation of the Book of Genesis, and mankind's future is spelled out in the Armageddon of "Revelations," as they are preparing to plunge the world into a fiery end in an apocalyptic battle against the "Evil Empire" of "godless" Russia. The only future for humanity in which man may realize his full potential unfettered by dark obscurantism and social oppression must necessarily be a socialist one.

We reprint below in its entirety the Spartacist League/Partisan Defense Committee *amicus* brief.



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**Charles Darwin, founder of the science of evolution.**

## QUESTION PRESENTED

WAS THE COURT OF APPEALS CORRECT IN FINDING THAT THE LOUISIANA "BALANCED-TREATMENT ACT" VIOLATED THE ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION?

## SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

The Louisiana "Balanced-Treatment Act" violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution because it is in furtherance of religion in that it propagates biblical creationism in the public schools. The essential starting point is that "creation-science" is religion. There is no secular purpose to this Act.

At issue is the preservation of separation of church and state, the gains of the Enlightenment, and the education of future generations.

## BRIEF OF THE SPARTACIST LEAGUE AND PARTISAN DEFENSE COMMITTEE AS AMICUS CURIAE

Pursuant to Rule 36.1 of the Rules of this Court, the organizations named above file this brief in support of the appellees. Consent for the filing of briefs *amicus curiae* has been granted to all interested parties by both the appellants and appellees. Letters to that effect have been filed with this Court.

## INTEREST OF AMICUS CURIAE

The Spartacist League is a Marxist political organization with a history of over twenty years of activity in the United States, including running candidates for public office, holding classes and public

forums on Marxist history, international and domestic politics, and publishing a biweekly newspaper, *Workers Vanguard* and a theoretical journal, *Spartacist*.

The Partisan Defense Committee is a class-struggle non-sectarian legal defense organization in accordance with the political views of the Spartacist League. It gives aid and support to cases and causes in the interest of the whole of the working people.

Before this Court is a challenge to a fundamental principle of the American republic and one of the most basic gains of the American Revolution of 1776—separation of church and state. The battlefield on which this is being fought is the public schools. The weapon being used is the religious dogma of biblical creation against scientific theorizing about evolution. The potential casualty is not only the separation of church and state, but the education of masses of children in the science and culture of the world.

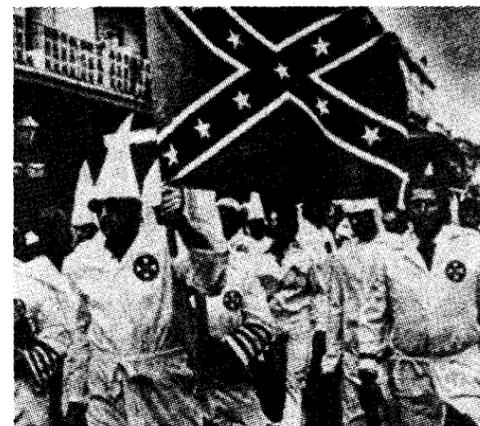
The gains of the American bourgeois democratic revolution of 1776 and the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and

Fifteenth Amendments, codifying the defeat of slavery during the Civil War, were progressive developments in the history of mankind. They are part of the outcome of a long and complicated, and in the case of the Civil War, bloody struggle during which feudal fetters on political freedom, economic freedom, religious freedom and scientific freedoms were broken or transcended.

During the Age of Enlightenment the basis was laid for the eradication of medieval superstition by scientific knowledge—for defeat over the forces of obscurantism. The current battle poses the defense of the gains of the American Revolution, Civil War—and the Enlightenment.

A tidal wave of enforced intolerance is sweeping America. Government is pandering to the religious fundamentalist movement, politically bellicose with its program of action to rejuvenate the "moral fiber" of a demoralized and economically declining nation. Simultaneously, in the current social climate in the United States, the terrorist ultra-right flourishes as

**Crusaders for ignorance, bigotry and war on Soviet Union: fundamentalist preacher Jerry Fallwell, Reagan and Ku Klux Klan.**

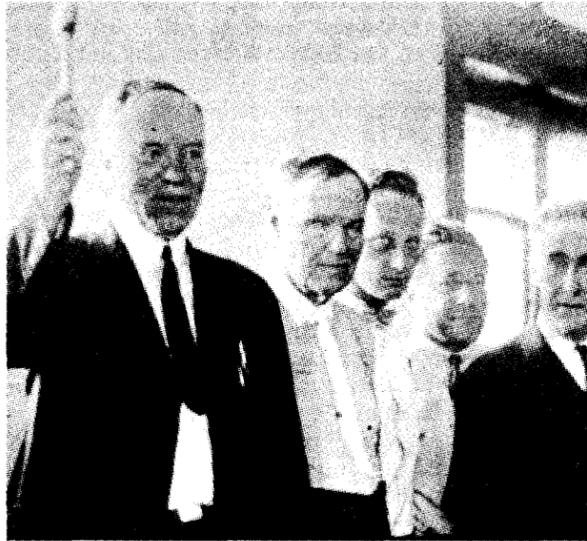


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seen in the bombing of abortion clinics, Ku Klux Klan mobilizations and attacks on blacks and Asians. Thus the attacks on the First Amendment and the growing reactionary terrorist threats are reflections of the tendency towards state bonapartism, part and parcel of the drive towards war.

War has been declared on "secular humanism." The dictionary defines humanism as "a doctrine, set of attitudes, or way of life centered upon human interests or values: as a philosophy which rejects supernaturalism, regards man as a natural object, and asserts the essential dignity and worth of man and his capacity to achieve self-realization through the use of reason and scientific method." *Webster's Third New International Dictionary*, p. 1100 (1976). To the fundamentalists and Moral Majority everything from atheism to the United Nations, the writings of Hawthorne and Hemingway, from sex education to the theory of evolution are anathema as examples of secular humanism.

Evolution, the science of man's "descent with modification," is the particular object of the fundamentalist religious attack. The reasons for this lie in the fact that evolutionary theory deprives man of a mythical "special" status in nature, and exposes the lack of scientific basis for the various religious and other justifications for belief in racial inferiority. The not so hidden agenda of the proponents of teaching



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1925: Clarence Darrow (second from left) defended Tennessee biology teacher John T. Scopes (third from left), tried for teaching evolution.

creationism in the schools is to enforce the destructive and dangerous dogma of racial inferiority.

To the organizations here filing as *amicus curiae*, the study of scientific evolution is fundamental to man's quest for a materialist understanding of our world and human society, not the least because it provides material evidence that we are all part of the same human race, definitively destroying the myths of racial superiority.

As Marxists, *amicus curiae* are profoundly committed to education and knowledge. One of the hallmarks of any struggle for social emancipation is the struggle of the oppressed against the internal, mental stripes left by the master's whip: the fight for knowledge and for access to the culture hoarded by the privileged classes.

This country used to be notable for the relatively democratic nature of public education—largely a product of the Civil War and struggles by an ethnically diverse working class for social reform. Today there is an all sided assault on public education, of which the current attack, if successful, will render future generations ignorant and prey to the superstitions of our ancestors.

The fundamental principles of the First Amendment—the free speech and press as well as the religion clauses—are intertwined with the progress of mankind. Some thirty years ago, on the occasion of a proposal to appoint a United States ambassador to the Vatican, this point was succinctly made by James P. Cannon, veteran American Trotskyist:

"Under...the First Amendment, free thinkers and atheists, heathens and public sinners, who are very numerous in this country, have had a chance to breathe and spread enlightenment without fear of the dungeon and the rack. The First Amendment has been a protecting shield for the Children of Light and has enabled them to make their great contributions to literature, art and science. A breach in this provision of the Constitution, leading to its eventual repeal, would be an unspeakable calamity aiding and strengthening the forces of reaction and obscurantism here and all over the world."

—*Notebook of an Agitator*, "Church and State," pp. 282-283 (Pathfinder Press, 1973)

For the reasons set forth above the Spartacist League and Partisan Defense Committee are compelled to submit this Brief *Amicus Curiae*.

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The State of Louisiana's Balanced-Treatment Act, La. Rev. Stat. Ann sec. 17:286 (West's 1982) mandates

the teaching of creationism under the rubric of "creation-science" whenever evolutionary science is taught. The Act declares that its purpose is "academic freedom" and demands the establishment of state and local boards to develop a curriculum guide and provide college level faculty to assist. Penalties are imposed for any discrimination against a teacher of "creation-science," but not for a teacher of evolutionary science.

The majority of the Court of Appeals affirmed the district court's judgment that the law is unconstitutional. "Notwithstanding the supposed complexities of religion-versus-state issues and the lively debates they generate, this particular case is a simple one, subject to a simple disposal: the Act violates the establishment clause of the first amendment because the purpose of the statute is to promote a religious belief," (765 F.2d 1251).

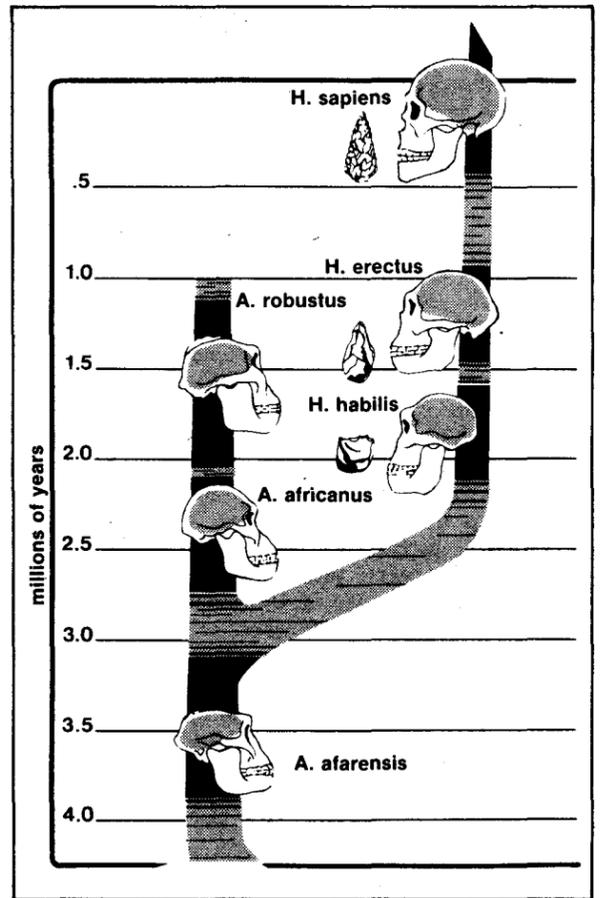
*Amicus* adopts the statement of the case as set forth in Appellees Brief, particularly as it sets forth the legislative history of the Act.

There is a historical context to this issue—and it begins long before the Scopes "Monkey Trial" in Dayton, Tennessee. The battle being fought originated during the Enlightenment. On the ideological plane it was the forces of religious reaction against humanism and the development of science. It was not only the fight of Darwin, but that of Galileo two hundred fifty years earlier. On the political plane it was the monarchy and church united against the democratic republic. In short, the period is identified in materialist historical terms as that of the bourgeois democratic revolution.

The Balanced-Treatment Act is part of a campaign by the fundamentalist religious right to impose their program on the totality of American society. Having failed at promoting and defending state laws which directly outlaw the teaching of evolution, the proponents of the Louisiana law attempt to justify the teaching of creationism by a definition of it as "science." The essential starting point, however, is the fact that creationism is not science, but religion.

The advocates of the "Balanced-Treatment Act" have tried to buttress their claim with pseudo-scientific affidavits and assertions of the scientific basis for creation. But the description of "creation-science" as "abrupt appearance in complex form" discloses all. The creationists assert they deny *only* the fact of "macro-evolution" (evolution of all species from simple one-celled animals, originating in the primordial soup), while affirming that "micro-evolution" (evolution within a species, type or family) does occur. This pseudo-scientific jargon means that they deny the descent of man from earlier forms of primate life—since the days of Charles Darwin this has been the central aim of the religious opponents of evolution.

Creationists trade on semantic unclarity and willful ignorance when they argue that scientists refer to evolution as a "theory." The term theory as used by scientists means "a coherent group of general propositions used as principles of explanation for a class of phenomena." *Random House Dictionary of the English Language*, p. 1471 (1967). This is quite the contrary of the popular use of the term theory, e.g. "a mere hypothesis, conjecture, or guess." Scientific theories are proved through research and experimenta-



Steve Misencik

Depiction of man's evolution by anthropologist Donald Johanson, discoverer of famous "Lucy" skeleton.

tion. Since codified by Charles Darwin in *The Origin of Species* in 1859, the scientific theory of evolution has been more than amply proven to be a fact. That evolution happened is a fact. The exact process by which it happened continues to be one of the most vital, controversial areas of scientific research.

The scientific ferment surrounding evolutionary theory does not mean that scientists are doubtful about the theory of evolution. Quite the contrary: unlike religion, science accepts nothing as dogma. The ability to test the theory through research and experimentation is what makes a theory scientific rather than mystical or religious.

The creationists' use of controversy among evolutionary scientists to discredit evolutionary theory is dishonest. They attempt to use the works of Harvard biologist and geologist Stephen J. Gould—a vocal activist on behalf of evolution—as "evidence" to support creation. Gould explicitly denounced the creationists' attempt to distort his theory of punctuated equilibria into support for their religion. "Evolution as Fact and Theory," *Hen's Teeth and Horse's Toes* (W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1984). Gould's theory, propounded in collaboration with Niles Eldredge in 1972, argues that evolutionary change occurs in "bursts" of rapid speciation, followed by longer periods of stable existence. This theory has

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Counterclockwise from top left: Galileo tried by Catholic church in 1633 for declaring Earth revolves around the sun; Rembrandt's "The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp" (1632), depicting one of first public autopsies; Delacroix's painting of Liberty marching in French Revolution.

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nothing to do with creationism.

In addition to distorting the work of current evolutionary scientists as support for the "scientific basis" for creationism, the appellants rely in part on "eminent 19th century scientists," Louis Agassiz, Georges Cuvier and Sir Richard Owen. Owen was in fact an evolutionist; Cuvier's creationism "disproved the linchpin of modern fundamentalist creationism: an age of but a few thousand years for the earth." See, Gould, "The Stinkstones of Oeningen," *Hen's Teeth and Horse's Toes*, p. 104. Agassiz was widely ridiculed in the scientific community for his opposition to Darwin's theory of evolution; Agassiz was also a notorious racist who subscribed to the theory of polygeny (separate creation of human races). When asked by a member of President Lincoln's Inquiry Commission in 1863 for his considered opinion on the role of blacks in American society, Agassiz replied: "they are incapable of living on a footing of social equality with the whites..." Gould, *The Mismeasure of Man* (W.W. Norton & Co., Inc., 1981), p. 48.

The Balanced-Treatment Act will inhibit the teaching of evolution, intellectually impoverish future generations of children and rob them of scientific understanding. Whether or not a creator or some other religious or mystical power had anything to do with the history of life on our planet is a matter for the individual as his own private beliefs and not a matter for the public schools.

## LEGAL ARGUMENT

### THE LOUISIANA "BALANCED-TREATMENT ACT" MANDATING THE TEACHING OF CREATIONISM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS VIOLATES THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION IN THAT IT IS IN FURTHERANCE OF RELIGION

The First Amendment is the "keystone of our Government... the freedoms it guarantees provide the best insurance against destruction of all freedom," Mr. Justice Black dissent in *Dennis v. United States*, 341 U.S. 494, 580 (1951).

The First Amendment primarily consecrates the political and legal theory of the Enlightenment, a criticism of general feudal arbitrariness. It and the



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**Harvard biologist Stephen Jay Gould, defender of evolutionary science against "creationist" obscurantism.**

other texts of the Bill of Rights are "historical texts, and as such constitute a precis or summary of the abuses of feudalism throughout Europe.... [D]irected against feudalism, it was the philosophy of enlightenment in opposition to the philosophy of obscurantism." Mitchell Franklin, "Infamy and Constitutional Civil Liberties," *Lawyers Guild Review*, Vol. XIV, No. 1, Spring 1954.

The First Amendment is a unified totality, the "text is indeed both general and absolute. In one sentence it separates church and state and guarantees free opinion." *Id.*, at 5.

It is long established that the First Amendment is unified in its various clauses by the central liberty of freedom of conscience. *Cantwell v. Connecticut*, 310 U.S. 296 (1940), *Wooley v. Maynard*, 430 U.S. 705, 714-715 (1977), *Widmar v. Vincent*, 454 U.S. 263, 269 (1981), *Wallace v. Jaffree*, 105 S. Ct. 2479, 86 L. Ed2d 29, 39-40 (1985).

The legal force and continued applicability of the First Amendment rests with the fact that the Constitution of the United States is in reality three



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constitutions, each of which states in legal formulations the outcome of vital historic changes in American social history. The First Constitution, that of 1787, justified an American separation between national or general power and state or particular power. This was called federalism; and behind the shield of it American slavery existed and developed for several decades until such servitude was destroyed by the Civil War.

Within two years, the First Constitution was subordinated. The Second Constitution was introduced in 1789 through the Bill of Rights consecrated in the first ten amendments of the Constitution.

After the defeat of slavery on the battlefields of the Civil War, the Third Constitution was initiated. It is grounded on the Reconstruction Amendments, the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Thus the Third Constitution codifies the completion of the U.S. bourgeois democratic revolution creating a democratic, national American State, founded on the hegemony of the first ten amendments and of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, appropriately subordinating the so-called federalism of the First Constitution.

The import of this constitutional history is that the Constitution and particularly the Bill of Rights is a living document, infused with flexibility by the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment, subordinating the state governments to these democratic principles. See, *Gitlow v. New York*, 268 U.S. 652, 666 (1925), *Cantwell v. Connecticut*, *supra.*, *Everson v. Board of Education*, 330 U.S. 1, 15-16 (1947).

The principle of separation of church and state was the most radical of these rights. Henry Steele Commager explained:

"We tend to forget that separation of church and state and rejection of religious establishments were, in the 18th century, the most revolutionary experiment on which the new United States embarked. It commanded more attention, applause and censure than the creation of the new nations or the rejection of colonialism. No other Western nation had ever tried so reckless an experiment."

—*New York Times*, 16 September 1984

The fundamental concern of the Religion Clauses of the First Amendment is the relationship between religious expression and the state. The underlying historical perception is that a union between religion and government leads to persecution and civil strife, *Everson v. Board of Education*, *supra.* and "tends to destroy government and degrade religion," *Engel v. Vitale*, 370 U.S. 421, 431 (1962).

In *School District of Abington v. Schempp*, 374 U.S. 203, 215 (1963) the Court approvingly quoted *Board of Education v. Minor*, 23 Ohio St 211, 253 (1872), which stated:

"The great bulk of human affairs and human interests is left by any free government to individual enterprise and individual action. Religion is eminently one of these interests, lying outside the true and legitimate province of government."

Citing Thomas Jefferson, the rigour of this principle has been described as, "intended to erect a wall of separation between church and State." *Everson v. Board of Education*, *supra.*, at 16. Furthermore, as the Court held *Everson*:

"The 'establishment of religion' clause of the First Amendment means at least this: Neither a state nor the Federal Government can set up a church. Neither can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or



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**Left: Heroic Massachusetts 54th, first black regiment in the Civil War, charging Fort Wagner, South Carolina, July 1863. Right: Jubilant ex-slaves and Union army veterans celebrate Congress' approval of 14th Amendment to Constitution establishing citizenship for blacks. Racist "creationists" seek to roll back gains of the Civil War, the Second American Revolution.**

prefer one religion over another." 330 U.S., at 15.

The First Amendment "requires the state to be neutral in its relations with groups of religious believers and non-believers," *Id.*, at 18; *School District of Abington v. Schempp*, *supra.*, at 216. And, as stated in *Wallace v. Jaffree*, "when the underlying principle has been examined in the crucible of litigation, the Court has unambiguously concluded that the individual freedom of conscience protected by the First Amendment embraces the right to select any religious faith or none at all," *supra.*, at 41.

As applied to the American schoolroom, the Court is compelled to protect against violations of the First Amendment, *Epperson v. Arkansas*, 393 U.S. 97, 104 (1968), including laws respecting a particular religious belief, *School District of Abington v. Schempp*, *supra.*, at 215. The state's right to prescribe its public school curriculum is limited to the extent that it may not compel or prohibit the teaching of a theory or doctrine for religious reasons. *Epperson*, *supra.*, at 107. The vigilant protection of the First Amendment is nowhere more vital than in American public education. *Id.*, at 104.

Mr. Justice Brennan, concurring in *School District of Abington v. Schempp*, *supra.*, at 230 stated: "Americans regard the public schools as a most vital civic institution for the preservation of a democratic system of government. It is therefore understandable that the constitutional prohibitions encounter their severest test when they are sought to be applied in the school classroom."

The instant law, mandating the teaching of creationism in the Louisiana public schools, cannot survive constitutional scrutiny. The standard applied in testing the violation of the Establishment Clause was set in *Lemon v. Kurtzman*, 403 U.S. 602, 612-613 (1971): (1) whether the statute has a secular legislative purpose; (2) whether the principal or primary effect of the statute advances or inhibits religion; and (3) whether the statute fosters an excessive entanglement with religion.

With the recognition that creationism is a religious belief and in cognizance of the weighty social history surrounding the battle between science and religion—the Enlightenment and obscurantism—it is indisputable that the Louisiana Act is in furtherance of religion and serves no secular purpose.

## CONCLUSION

For all the reasons set forth above, the decision of the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit should be upheld.

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# Drug Witchhunt...

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traffickers. Washington reacts like they did when Qaddafi fired off missiles at U.S. warships which had brazenly invaded Libyan waters: how dare you claim we can't be in your territory!

So what the hell was a federal narc doing there in the first place, staking out a house in downtown Guadalajara, with no ID, in a car with false plates and an Uzi machine gun in the trunk? How would the Reaganites like it if East German agents were swarming all over the U.S. looking for drug traffickers? The DEA is notorious for "plucking suspects off the streets of foreign capitals and shoving them onto airplanes or across border frontiers" (*Los Angeles Times*, 17 July). Just who gave the U.S. the right to claim extraterritoriality around the globe? U.S. troops out of Bolivia! U.S. narcs and feds and spies out of Mexico and the rest of the world!

## Bipartisan Drug Wars

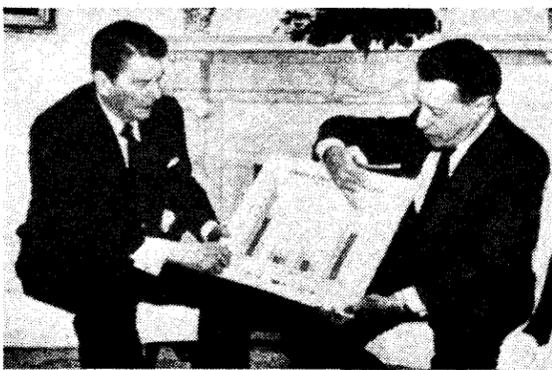
While the White House normally leads such things, on the drug front the Republicans are scrambling after the Democrats. From House Speaker Tip O'Neill's multibillion dollar anti-drug bill to Jesse Jackson's obscene grandstanding on Len Bias' grave, the Dems are trying to out-Reagan Reagan. It was the outcry over the cocaine death of the black basketball star which convinced the Democrats they could run against Reagan in the mid-term elections on a cynical, safe, flag-waving anti-drug campaign. As the *New York Times* (10 August) noted, "Democrats and Republicans... have been trying to outperform one another all week, and the White House raced to catch up with Democratic plans to spend billions of dollars in the fight on drugs." Presidential contender Mario Cuomo wants life sentences for pushers. NYC mayor Koch calls for concentration camps for "drug abusers."

If it weren't so sinister, the drug crusade would be a theater of the absurd. Gung-ho U.S. attorney Rudolph Giuliani and New York Senator Alphonse D'Amato donning shades and cruising Manhattan's Washington Heights to cop a couple of vials of crack. Reagan announcing the whole Cabinet will "voluntarily" take drug tests. The gross hypocrisy, and the grotesque spectacle of White House staffers peeing into Dixie Cups, publicly displaying their urine samples in the campaign for compulsory drug testing, even got to Nixonite flack William Safire. Why doesn't Nancy Reagan undergo urinalysis too, he asked: "Does she have something to hide?"

"Of course not. Mrs. Reagan is not in the urinalysis parade because it would be unladylike and distasteful. She must know, too, that if she joins 'jar wars,' she will be asked about visits to the White House workplace by Ron Reagan Jr. He's under 30 and writes for *Penthouse*. Will he be denied entry at the gate without proof of nonuse?"

—*New York Times*, 11 August

Last March when the Meese Commission report on organized crime came out for mandatory drug testing, there was an uproar over the threat to civil liberties. But now such a vigilante atmosphere has been whipped up, the liberals have all jumped on the bandwagon. Gone are the concerns about the high rate of "false positives" in the inaccurate urinalysis. The *New York Times* (12 August) editorialized: "When is testing justified? The presumption of innocence applies automatically only in the case of criminal prosecutions." Evidently everything else is just fine—expelling kids from school, arbitrary firings, etc. There is a bourgeois consensus to stamp out porn, pot and privacy in the service of god, the family and imperialist war. The Spartacist League says: Government out of the bedroom!



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**Drug Wars: Reagan and Weinberger map out campaign to "clean up" U.S. military for dirty wars. Anti-popular front for Reagan/Koch at NYC City Hall, July 21: (from left) Senator D'Amato, state prosecutor Sterling Johnson Jr., Dick Gregory, city councilman Wendell Foster and Ossie Davis.**

Down with laws against "crimes without victims"!

## From the Moral Majority to Hitler

What is all the hullabaloo over getting high, looking at girlie magazines, watching "adult" videos, "sodomy," and god knows what else people do? And what right do these all-round bigots with state power have interfering in our private lives? Mandatory drug tests? How about mandatory alcohol tests after a White House dinner? Out in the land of bean sprout totalitarianism, liberal states like California and Minnesota have legalized veritable terrorization of cigarette and cigar smokers. What it's about is witchhunting. The Marxist position on such questions was outlined in the Spartacist document *Youth, Class and Party* (1971):

"... we call for an end to all laws against what are known as 'crimes without victims' (e.g., prostitution, pornography, gambling, drug addiction, anti-liquor laws). In calling for an end to laws against 'crimes without victims' we do not believe that these practices should be a matter of indifference to the socialist movement. Rather we maintain that such practices should not be subject to the repressive arm of the bourgeois state, where they often serve as a source of police corruption and individual victimization. Widespread drug addiction and alcoholism sap the revolutionary energy of the working class and other sections of the oppressed. However, the social milieu producing widespread alcoholism and drug addiction should be fought through the moral authority of the proletarian socialist movement, and not through state coercion. Further, prostitution and drugs spawn a group of social parasites (pimps, pushers, etc.) who generally act as the shock troops of reaction in periods of intense social struggle. On the other hand, laws against gambling and various sexual practices reflect official puritanism allied to organized religion, which acts as an important ideological pillar of capitalism, convincing the masses there can be no happiness this side of the grave."

Right now, there's an uproar over the explosion of "crack" in the ghettos. This potent and highly addictive cocaine derivative has become popular because it's smokeable and relatively cheap. Crack is a cheap street drug—the high is too fast and jagged, the low is a sharp crash that drives kids to get back up as soon as possible. So they end up needing money fast. It's abundant now because the big drug dealers switched from marijuana to more easily transportable coke when the DEA got on their tails, and now they're trying to dump a big glut on the market without lowering the price of cocaine. So crack is flourishing from gutted apartments on New Lots Ave. in Brooklyn to the freeway "drugstores" in L.A.

Crack is a bad trip, but it's hardly new. Earlier there was PCP, or "angel dust"; before that, the hallucinatory drugs of the '60s, and the tremendously debilitating heroin, the leading addiction in the '50s. Not to mention gang fights, teenage suicides, etc. Black parents are anguished at the sight of their teenage children's lives wasting away. But the cause is not the particular form that escapism takes in this period, but the vicious cycle of joblessness, drugs and crime, promising a future of despair for a generation of ghetto youth. What kind of life is it where the "alternatives" are welfare, jail, or the army? No wonder kids are desperately

searching for a euphoric high.

Besides, this ruling class and its cops aren't going to clean up the dope trade. The cops are frequently the *main* source of supply! Prohibition turned everyone who took a drink into a criminal and made big bucks for the gangsters, the cops and Joe Kennedy. Today's billion-dollar cocaine/police corruption rings make Al Capone's operation look like chicken feed. In real life, "Miami Vice" is not just car chases and drug busts in which hip cops without socks terrorize the black community. In the wake of the 1980 ghetto explosions in Miami's "Liberty City," they thought they could cool things out by hiring some minority cops. So they got a bunch of Cuban Marielitos who promptly went out and assassinated the coke dealers and took over the trade (see Pete Hamill's "White Line Fever," in the *Village Voice*, 26 August).

The Moral Majority campaign to dictate puritan social values finds an eerie echo in Hitler's ravings in *Mein Kampf*. The Nazi *Führer* vituperated against Weimar Germany as "a hot-house for sexual ideas and stimulations," and whipping up the AIDS hysteria of his day he went on for pages ranting about combating syphilis as "the task of the nation." A premature anti-porn crusader, he proclaimed:

"This cleansing of our culture must be extended to nearly all fields. Theater, art, literature, cinema, press, posters and window displays must be cleansed.... Public life must be freed from the stifling perfume of our modern eroticism."

All in order to "preserve the race." Then he went out and killed six million Jews, a million leftists, hundreds of thousands of homosexuals and Gypsies, and launched a war on the "Bolshevik Anti-Christ" (read: Russia) that resulted in 20 million Soviet dead.

## Drugs and the Ghetto

As always, the current furor over drugs is laced with racism. The witch-hunting of sports figures spearheaded by baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth targeted particularly black athletes, as well as being aimed at breaking the players' unions. And it was Len Bias' cocaine death which sparked calls for a

crackdown on crack. Nothing could be more obscene than Jesse Jackson at Bias' funeral, telling hundreds of mourning black people that drugs were more dangerous than the Ku Klux Klan because "ropes never killed as many of our young people as the pushers of drugs" (*New York Times*, 24 June). What a disgusting apology for the racist terror which threatens black people today, from nightriding attacks on black homes on Chicago's Southwest Side to the official government bombing of the black MOVE commune in Philly! Will Jesse show up at the next lynching to explain how this is not nearly so bad as crack?

Jackson's capable of just about anything (remember how he embraced Alabama governor George "Mr. Segregation" Wallace in '84, in the name of "unity" of the racist Democratic Party?). But the whole spectrum of black capitalist politicians has jumped on the "crack" down bandwagon, making common cause with the biggest racists in America. Bronx city councilman Wendell Foster held a joint press conference on the steps of City Hall with Senator D'Amato where they enlisted in the war on drugs. Even so-called radicals have lined up behind this campaign to police the ghetto. On July 19, prominent New York Eight member Coltrane Chimurenga and former CORE activist Sonny Carson led a vigilante mob through the streets of Brooklyn, smashing candy store windows, breaking glass vials and crack pipes. In Harlem, vigilante sprees led by Rev. Al Sharpton have been fueled by poisonous chauvinism against Arab storeowners.

Carson/Chimurenga have launched a "Black Men's Movement" seeking to "Close the Crack Houses by Any Means Necessary," with a lot of Panther-type military posturing and chants of "Black Power." But the Black Panthers wanted the cops *out* of the ghetto; these guys are doing their best to keep the cops *in*! The Panthers never found the road to workers power, but they certainly wanted to fight a revolutionary struggle against the racist capitalist state. But here we have self-styled leftists, under the guise of "smashing crack," bringing out shock troops for Reagan and Koch's

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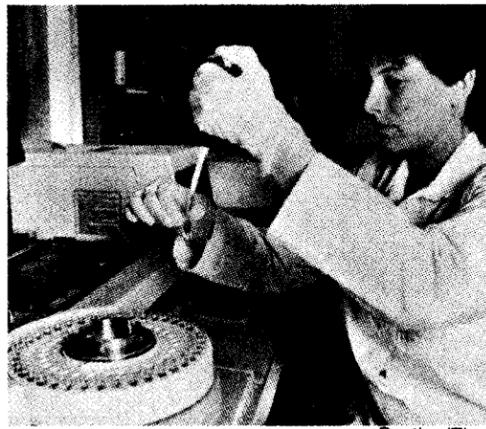
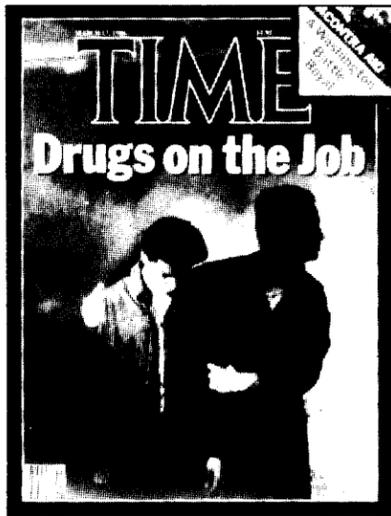
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"war on drugs." Their vigilante antics will serve to strengthen the repressive apparatus of the viciously racist capitalist state.

The state of black America is worse than at any time since the Great Depression of the 1930s. And a major reason why is the absence of any black struggle against the deep racial oppression rooted in the bedrock of American capitalism. Today black misleaders are pushing racist theories about "black-on-black violence," "babies having babies," etc., which blame oppression on the oppressed rather than the oppressors. Astronomical rates of school dropouts, teen pregnancy, drug addiction—these are part of the social pathology of an oppressed population that is forcibly ghettoized, lumpenized and terrorized. While sociologists wring their hands over black illiteracy statistics, recall that when World War II opened thousands of industrial jobs for blacks, illiterate people learned to read in a few short weeks. And teen pregnancy will cease to be a "problem" when there is full employment, 24-hour day care and free abortion on demand. It will take revolutionary struggle to break the cycle of despair.

What is the road to black freedom in America? Ever since the Civil War there has been a sharp battle between "self-help" schemes for "survival" and a revolutionary fight for social equality. The call on the black man to "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" was epitomized by Booker T. Washington's peanut capitalism. Black socialist W.E.B. Du Bois, following in the tradition of the great black abolitionist Frederick Douglass, denounced Washington for "shifting the burden for black oppression from the nation as a whole to the shoulders of black people," and "counseling submission to oppression" (Robert Allen, *Black Awakening in Capitalist America* [1969]). And in more than a century since the abolition of slavery, the "black capitalist" program has come to naught: the only goober farmer who ever made it big in America is Jimmy Carter.

Today Booker T. Washington's program is embodied by Jesse Jackson and Louis Farrakhan. While Jackson prattles his inane "hope, not dope" rhymes, he's also out there PUSHing coke—Coca-Cola, that is, which pieced him off by signing on a few black distributors. Farrakhan, while proclaiming "Hitler was a great man" and building alliances with the KKK, is building a ghetto base on virulent anti-Semitism and appeals



Bentley/Time  
**Big Brother at work: U.S. rulers want to regiment workforce through mandatory drug tests.**

to buy black shampoo. The Black Muslim leader has got his, and he's off to Phoenix, moving into Elijah Muhammad's old mansion. In contrast, the Trotskyists of the Spartacist League fight in the tradition of Frederick Douglass, for *revolutionary integrationism* and black liberation through socialist revolution. Speaking at a Harlem community group last August, Spartacist candidate for NYC mayor Marjorie Stamberg responded to questions about the ghetto syndrome of drugs and school dropouts:

"Our starting point is that we cannot reform, in any kind of piecemeal way, the system—the whole system is set up to exploit and oppress the working people and minorities. We need a socialist revolution that overturns the whole basis of the oppression in this society. You see, you're going to want an education if you have a job out there. If you don't have it, and you have no possibility of doing anything, except being drafted into the army and being cannon fodder in some damn war against your class brothers in Nicaragua or Vietnam, what life is there for you? That is what we want to change. That is what we're fighting about."

## The Only Solution: Socialist Revolution

At the heart of struggles for democratic rights in this society is always to be found the fundamental contradiction between capital and labor. And predictably the unions are being heavily targeted by the Meese police in the current drug witchhunt. Ironically, tops on the list are air traffic controllers. On August 22, dozens of controllers in the Los Angeles area were removed from their jobs because of suspected drug use. Reagan considered his firing of 13,000 air controllers, in order to break the PATCO union, the high point of the first year of his administration. But now even the scabs of 1981 are again talking union, so great are the job pressures. So the government tries to enforce labor discipline with cocaine busts.

In fact, use of coke by controllers is endemic just as it is in every high-stress

industry, where stimulants are widely used to cope with the pounding pressure and need for quick action. College and professional athletes often turn into speed freaks from all the pills they're fed by the trainers. Over-the-road trucking wouldn't exist without drivers popping bennies in order to meet impossible schedules. And Wall Street stock brokers keep as high as the market from the moment the bell rings. Their bosses on the Big Board never complained until they discovered that their yuppies were engaging in insider trading scams to feed their habits!

With millions of government workers facing the threat of random drug testing, a number of public employees unions have mounted legal challenges. In Plainfield, New Jersey, Judge H. Lee Sarokin (who freed Hurricane Carter) ruled that surprise urine tests were an invasion of privacy and raised "serious constitutional questions." In Los Angeles, the Machinists have gone to court over drug testing at General Dynamics. A judge ruled favorably on the baseball players union's suit against Ueberroth's mandatory drug testing plan, holding that it was indeed an illegal attack on the contractual grievance procedure. But what is the upshot? The labor fakers are not objecting to victimization by drug testing per se, but only to its being used without their involvement.

One would-be bureaucrat and renegade, Howard Keylor, in the San Francisco longshore union has called for "union control of drug testing"—that is, union narcs. This should endear Keylor

to Stalinist puritans of the Progressive Labor ilk. Declaring that "the U.S. has become the land of drugs and greasy hamburgers" (*Challenge*, 23 July), PL has been stomping around Brooklyn trying to shut down crack houses like junior G-men. In Detroit, they reportedly extended this pernicious vigilantism to smashing the windows and doors of a local resident while shouting "child molester."

Marxists are fighters for scientific socialism, not bluenosed Mrs. Grundys who pawn off prudery as progress. In the industrial revolution in Britain in the 1840s, Karl Marx's associate Frederick Engels wrote about the hullabaloo of those Reaganite bigots of the age, the temperance troops who used to go around attacking pubs:

"The working-man comes from his work tired, exhausted, finds his home comfortable, damp, dirty, repulsive; he has urgent need of recreation, he *must* have something to make work worth his trouble, to make the prospect of the next day endurable.... His enfeebled frame, weakened by bad air and bad food, violently demands some external stimulus; his social need can be gratified only in the public-house, he has absolutely no other place where he can meet his friends. How can he be expected to resist the temptation?... Drunkenness has here ceased to be a vice, for which the vicious can be held responsible;... They who have degraded the working man to a mere object have the responsibility to bear."

—*Condition of the Working Class*, quoted in Peter Fryer, *Mrs Grundy: Studies in English Prudery* (1963)

Spearheading the drive for global counterrevolution, the Moral Majority and Reaganite New Right target everything from abortion clinics to the legacy of the hippie drug culture, in order to instill in the youth the "traditional values" so necessary to serving as cannon fodder. In the process, they end up targeting just about everybody.

Now they have declared a "war on drugs." It's pure hypocrisy: practically every one of their Third World puppets—Batista, Somoza, Duvalier, Stroessner—is a big-time drug trafficker. The real aim is enforced social conformity in preparation for war. And the battle against the sinister anti-democratic "anti-drug" campaign is intricately bound up with the struggle against imperialism and for socialist revolution. ■

## Court Gags Students...

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gearing up for a witchhunt on the campus, declared:

"Just as a fortress under siege does not invite enemy spokesmen to address the troops, so too have campus radicals prevented Jeane Kirkpatrick, Caspar Weinberger and other Administration spokesmen from presenting their point of view to the student body."

—*New York Times*, 15 May

We of the Spartacist League and its youth group are proud to have been among the hundreds who tried to drive Weinberger off Harvard in November 1983, to have initiated a protest this past May against Meese at the Harvard Law School, to have solidarized with those who sent Kirkpatrick packing at Berkeley several years back. Imperialist war criminals will continue to be protested as long as their vile system continues to exist and waste entire generations on the altar of profit (nowadays, the "free world").

Even the stodgy Fred Hechinger pointed out in his column (*New York Times*, 15 July), 15 years ago no one would have raised an eyebrow at Fraser's sexual innuendo and the idea of taking the case to the Supreme Court would have been absurd. Matthew Fraser was caught in the cross hairs of a ruling-class offensive against elementary democratic rights so unrestrained that the one-minute speech of a high school student is seized upon to further their reactionary crackdown. But

even in Reagan's America, newspapers across the country printed Fraser's entire speech—more than can be said for the pronouncements of Richard ("Expletive Deleted") Nixon. Even some members of the Supreme Court found nothing to blush about in the speech. One of the two dissenting justices, John Paul Stevens, wondered whether "a group of judges who are at least two generations and 3,000 miles away from the scene of the crime" were qualified to define what was "offensive."

Burger found himself perfectly qualified. Borrowing a leaf from the Moral Majority feminists, he wrote that by "glorifying male sexuality, and in its verbal content, the speech was acutely insulting to teen-age girl students" and "could well be seriously damaging to its less mature audience, many of whom were only 14 years old and on the threshold of awareness of human sexuality." Who elected Burger—or for that matter the government as a whole—to decide what might be "good" for teenagers? We have long opposed draconian "age of adulthood" laws which oppress youth. With this court ruling this takes on even greater significance. The decision against Fraser accompanies the attempt to legislate "morality" and the most intimate personal relations by the state—with the additional aim to "get 'em while they're young." The powers that be are seeking to impose a profound social/sexual counterrevolution on America (see the SL/Partisan Defense Committee "friend of the court" brief against creationism in the classroom, page 6). Down with Reagan/Supreme Court gag rules! ■

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already paying the price in blood and terror for the fact that the Klan has not been dealt a decisive blow.

Down the street from the Waheeds a Hispanic family faces a campaign of violence and threats from racist neighbors and self-described KKKers who object to the family's black friends coming into the almost all-white neighborhood. On July 19 Raymond Reed, a 24-year-old black man, was attacked by a gang of racists after he left a barbecue at the home of his friend, Jesse Carrizales. After Reed retreated to the Carrizales house, cops arrived on the scene and arrested Raymond and Jesse for defending themselves against the racist scum! One cop told Reed, "You don't belong in this neighborhood." Both now face a year in jail for battery. Meanwhile the bigots have repeatedly threatened to firebomb Carrizales' home, forcing the family to stand guard every night.

Looking to black Democrats or the racist cops to stop the KKK/Nazi terrorists is a dead end. The race-terrorists will not disappear if they are ignored; they must be smashed through decisive working-class action. PL-style actions of small groups of anti-KKK militants, no matter how courageous, are not enough. Above all the power to stop the fascists lies with Chicago's integrated labor movement. A year ago

**Shirley Waheed and children, target of repeated firebomb attacks on their Chicago home by nightriding racists.**



some 700 black and white transit workers displayed some of that power when they defied their union leaders and successfully staged a mass protest at police headquarters demanding freedom for David Johnson, the victim of a racist frame-up growing out of a tragic accident. On Gay Pride Day in 1982, a substantial labor/black mobilization initiated by the Spartacist League brought out 3,000 trade unionists, minorities, leftists and gays who spiked a Nazi provocation in Lincoln Park.

Militant Chicago transit workers, members of predominantly black Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Locals 241 and 308, are fighting to mobilize these key unions for such labor/black defense. At an August 4 meeting of Local 241, union militant Kevin Quirk

raised a motion stating: "This ATU Local commends the [PL/InCAR] anti-fascist demonstrators. We demand that all charges against the anti-KKK demonstrators be dropped and that we donate \$500 to their defense." This motion was seconded by black bus driver and InCAR supporter Danny Bishop.

But PL wouldn't dream of trying to mobilize the union to defend their own supporters, since they consider all unions (not to mention the Soviet Union) "pro-boss organizations [that] must be smashed" (*Challenge*, 28 June 1983). PL believes strongly in *anti-solidarity* even when it comes to defending their own people (although they did accept a \$100 donation made by the Partisan Defense Committee for the

legal defense of the Chicago anti-Klan protesters).

The leaders of ATU Locals 241 and 308 are closely tied in with Democratic mayor Washington, who is facing reelection in the spring. Militant struggle is a curse to these bureaucrats, who want blacks, Hispanics and all working people to keep their heads down so as not to upset Harold Washington's political apple cart. But the racists' drive in Chicago targets all minorities and organized labor. The struggle for labor/black defense must be part of a fight for a militant leadership to break the unions from the racist Democratic Party and build a multiracial, class-struggle workers party.

Defense of victimized anti-fascist militants is necessarily linked to mobilizing the unions to smash the fascist threat in the streets. Speaking at his Local 308 union meeting August 12, militant Damon Lewis put the issue squarely: "How long must we wait before we mobilize to crush these racist attacks.... Do we wait until they are knocking in that door with the power to kill us, destroy our unions, put Jews, blacks, Catholics in concentration camps? It has happened before. Now is the time to stop these hooded killers. Now is the time to mobilize the power of labor and minorities to crush the fascist threat."

Donations to defend the PL/InCAR supporters arrested on June 28 may be sent to: InCAR Legal Defense Fund, GPO Box 904, Brooklyn, NY 11202. ■

# Steel Strike...

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administration building, Jackson hustled votes for the Democrats. He called for "protecting" American industry, which means defense of steel bosses' profits while steel workers' jobs go to hell. Anti-Japanese, chauvinist protectionism of the Democratic Party and the labor fakers is the cutting edge of their support to U.S. imperialism's war drive, and feeds racist terror against blacks and other minorities.

While the capitalists' labor lieutenants preside over the decimation of one of the key industrial unions, phony leftists have their own bailout scheme for decaying American capitalism. After the steel barons have squeezed the mills dry and left the blast furnaces to rot, the reformist Communist Party and the dubious Workers League come to the rescue of American "national interest" with the demand to "nationalize" steel. This has nothing in common with the revolutionary program of *expropriation* of the bourgeoisie, under a workers government that can achieve the socialist reindustrialization of America. These pseudo-socialists are trying to divert the hard class struggle necessary to defend steel workers into pleas to Democrats in Congress. Their call for nationalization under a capitalist state is a call for the working class to pay for the collapse of the American steel industry.

In "The Death Agony of Capitalism and the Tasks of the Fourth International," Russian revolutionary leader Leon Trotsky answered those who rush to bail out the bosses:

"The workers answer that they are not interested in the bookkeeping of individual bankrupts or semi-bankrupts but in the account ledgers of all exploiters as a whole. The workers cannot and do not wish to accommodate the level of their living conditions to the exigencies of individual capitalists, themselves victims of their own regime. The task is one of reorganizing the whole system of production and distribution on a more dignified and workable basis....

"The difference between these demands [expropriation] and the muddled-headed reformist slogan of 'nationalization' lies in the following: ... we link up the question of expropriation with that of seizure of power by the workers and farmers."

Steel workers desperately need a fighting class-struggle leadership to oust the flag-waving, pro-capitalist union

tops. From Mon Valley in Pennsylvania to the "rust bowl" of the Midwest, hundreds of thousands of steel workers have no chance of a union job, or any job, under capitalism. If the steel bosses try to liquidate the plants they have run into the ground, there had better be union sitdowns holding those assets hostage. Some hard class struggle, against the steel bosses, Reagan and the strikebreaking Democrats, is the only way USWA members can defend their jobs and forge a revolutionary workers party which will fight for a socialist future for the working people. ■

# Nicaragua...

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However, in the name of anti-Communism the Democratic-controlled House lined up behind Reagan on contra aid.

Florida Democrat Claude Pepper declared: "We will not tolerate communism to be the dominant character of any state in any part of the Western Hemisphere." It is a telling indication of this bipartisanship that the Senate vote on contra aid was a trade-off for sanctions against South Africa. Thus, while the liberal Democrats seek to bolster the "moral mission" of U.S. imperialism by posturing against apartheid, the Pentagon war machine is gearing up to invade Nicaragua.

The contras are losers and everyone knows it. The Sandinistas, armed with Soviet-supplied helicopter gunships, have driven these defeated terrorists into the U.S. base of Honduras. The additional \$100 million they're getting will end up like the previous millions in Miami condos and Swiss bank accounts. The real meaning of the contra aid vote is a big step toward a direct U.S. attack on Nicaragua. As Nicaraguan president Ortega told the UN last month, Reagan "is promoting another Vietnam in Central America." Vietnam was a humiliating defeat for imperialist aggression as the Vietnamese toilers fought for and won independence and social revolution.

But as Nicaragua prepares to resist Yankee aggression, the petty-bourgeois FSLN continues to preach and practice "national unity" with the Nicaraguan bourgeoisie, the internal contra front. Sixty percent of the economy remains in

private hands. And despite the long overdue closure of the CIA organ *La Prensa* and some stepped-up actions against the Catholic church hierarchy, the Sandinistas allow Reagan's capitalist "fifth column" to continue to operate in Nicaragua, sabotaging the economy and preparing to welcome an American invasion. To defend the Nicaraguan Revolution it is necessary to complete it by expropriating the bourgeoisie.

However, Nicaragua—a poor, largely peasant country of three million—cannot in isolation defeat the Pentagon war machine. The revolutionary struggle must be extended beyond the borders of Nicaragua. This means not only driving the contras from their lairs in Honduras and Costa Rica but also linking up with the Salvadoran workers and peasants in their civil war against the death squad regime and Reagan's bought-and-paid-for president Duarte. A revolutionary conflagration throughout Central America could well spark the powerful industrial proletariat of Mexico, now hit by a severe economic

crisis of falling oil prices and massive debt to foreign bankers.

However, the *decisive factor* which can stop U.S. aggression against Nicaragua is class struggle in *this* country. Despite all of Reagan's anti-Soviet ravings over Central America, polls show that an overwhelming majority of the American people still oppose support to the contras. Fear of another Vietnam—a long, bloody, dirty and losing colonial war—is very much alive. Only the Trotskyist program of international socialist revolution can give direction to the workers movement, black and Hispanic poor and radical student-youth in opposing the Pentagon war machine.

Material aid to Sandinista Nicaragua; "hot-cargoing" military goods bound for U.S. puppet regimes and mercenaries; labor political strikes against escalation of American intervention in Central America; militant mass mobilization against the bipartisan anti-Soviet war drive—these are the urgent tasks of the American working class. ■

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## Chicago: Labor, Blacks Must Crush Racist Terror

CHICAGO—The courts and cops are framing up two anti-racist militants here on outrageous charges of “attempted murder.” They were among several dozen supporters of the Progressive Labor Party (PL) and the International Committee Against Racism (InCAR) who on June 28 courageously sought to stop the Ku Klux Klan at the staging area for its motorcade to Marquette Park, where the KKK fascists staged an obscene “white power” rally. Defending the hooded Klansmen, cops attacked the anti-racists, beating and arresting eleven PL/InCAR supporters. Nine face misdemeanor charges, with fines totaling \$4,500, while two have had felony assault charges *upped* to attempted murder of a police officer! They now face massive jail terms—and potentially worse at the hands of the racist trigger-happy cops and prison authorities. Drop all charges against the PL/InCAR militants!

PL's *Challenge* (20 August) reports:

“The three cops claiming that we made an attempt on their lives are Thomas Caughlin, Bruce Johnson and Robert Griecus. They were among the most vocally racist cops of those protecting the KKK on June 28. After we were arrested, Johnson was walking around the police station quoting Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. Caughlin called one of the anti-racists charged with attempted murder a *yid* (a derogative term for Jewish)...”

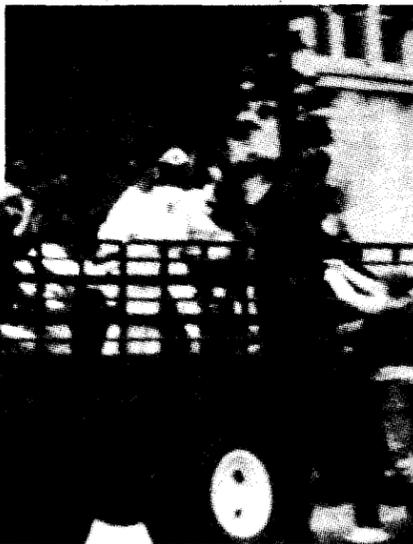
The Marquette Park rally was the spearhead of an ominous and escalating fascist conspiracy targeting Chicago. The KKK and other paramilitary ultrarightist groups have chosen this city as the focus of a national campaign. With the administration of black Democratic mayor Harold Washington holding a

### Defend PL Anti-Fascists



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Chicago, June 28:  
Cops protect KKK terrorists  
(on truck), beat and arrest  
PL/InCAR anti-Klan  
protesters.



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bare majority on the city council of this deeply polarized “Segregation City,” the fascists are posing themselves as a lightning rod for the racist opposition. While Washington and his cronies are themselves targets of the race-terrorists, they have no intention of lifting a finger to stop the marauding racist scum. The

intended legal lynching of PL/InCAR is meant to underscore this point: the fascists are protected, while those who seek to stop the KKK are framed up and victimized by the courts and cops.

On Saturday, August 23, Rev. C.H. Turner of the Martin Luther King Jr. Movement led a protest march to

Marquette Park. The march drew few participants and an army of cops, while a crowd of white racist punks organized by the fascists assembled with signs bearing Nazi swastikas and “white power” slogans. Later that evening the recently elected black alderman for the Marquette Park district, Marlene Carter, a Harold Washington supporter, issued a disgusting statement blaming the racist mobilization on Turner! Carter, who had initially called for an integrated picnic in Marquette Park and later backed down, declared that Turner strove to “stir up the community that has almost settled down... This community has a right to be upset” at Turner! The black Democrats say, ignore the Klan—but *the Klan has been ignored too damn long in Chicago!* This policy is suicide: it has emboldened the racists to extend their murderous assaults, firebombings and victimizations.

Early the next morning, August 24, nightriding racist firebombers struck at the home of Aleem and Shirley Waheed in Chicago's Gage Park area, adjacent to the Marquette Park district, for the second time in two months. Shortly after Mr. Waheed had left for work, their house was doused with gasoline and set afire. Fortunately, the family was able to put out the blaze. In the earlier attack on July 6, following the KKK provocation in Marquette Park, eight people including four small children narrowly escaped death when two firebombs were hurled simultaneously at the front and back of the Waheed house. The oppressed of Chicago are

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## Get Steel Union Off Its Knees!

On August 1, 45,000 steel workers struck USX against management demands for massive givebacks. The company refused the pleadings of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) tops to work without a contract and shut the gate on those steel workers not already locked out. After taking billions in steel profits to move into lucrative oil and gas companies, USX (formerly U.S. Steel) is out to make USWA members pay in blood for the bankruptcy of the American steel industry, and the strike promises to be long and bitter.

Strikers have reacted angrily to the company's demands for a \$3.50 cut in wages and benefits, the slashing of overtime premium and the collapse of 33 different job classifications into nine, which *alone* will slash the workforce by 30 percent. At the USX Chicago South Works and Lorain, Ohio plants, pickets attempted to halt the shipment of stockpiled steel. South Works and Gary, Indiana workers have tried to shut down scab “subcontracting” operations which have been set up *within*

USX plants to replace USWA members with low wage, non-union workers. *Picket lines mean don't cross! That is scab steel—stop the shipments!*

Since 1980, some 76,000 USX workers have been thrown on the slag heap, as the company closed 91 plants. USWA president Lynn Williams and his loyal henchmen forked over almost \$2 billion in givebacks to the steel industry in 1983 to “save jobs,” but tens of thousands more USWA members were thrown on the street.

This year the USWA tops ripped up the industrywide contract, ramming separate concessions contracts down the throats of workers at LTV, Inland, Bethlehem and National Steel. Before the ink was dry on the LTV givebacks, the company filed for bankruptcy, cutting off benefits for 78,000 retirees and threatening to wipe out pensions. Retirees forced a brief strike at LTV's East Chicago plant; the company backed off, agreeing to continue medical benefits for six months. Workers *aren't* always on their knees—what's needed is a class-struggle leadership

that's not afraid to fight to win. *Rip up the givebacks—for an industrywide steel strike!*

The labor traitors are trying to sell steel workers on a wage freeze, racist protectionism and faith in the bosses'

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USX  
Gary Works,  
August 12:  
Democratic  
Party hustler  
Jesse Jackson,  
USWA bureau-  
crats kneel  
before  
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Democratic Party. And at an August 12 rally at USWA Local 1014 (Gary Works), the union tops got some help from Jesse Jackson. Leading strikers to pray on their knees in front of the USX

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