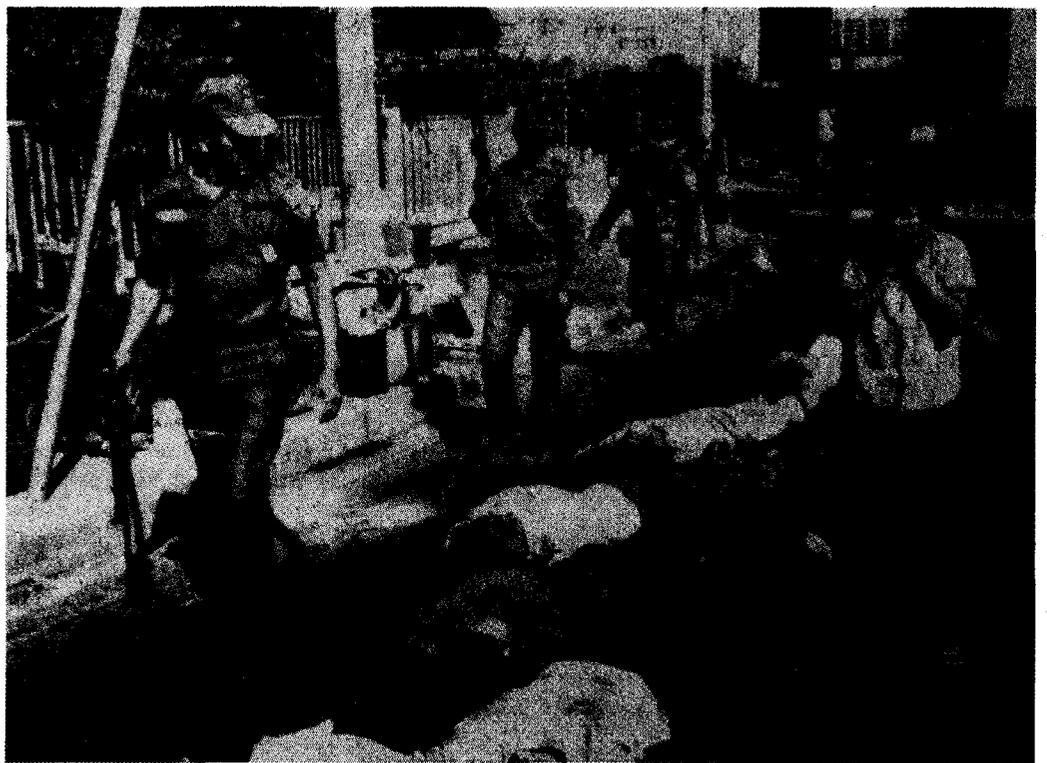


## "Negotiated Solution" Means Bloodbath! **Smash Junta Terror!**

Fighting has sharply increased in El Salvador's bloody civil war as leftist guerrillas are mounting a rainy season offensive that has built in intensity from week to week. From the north-eastern province of Morazán to the western hills of Chalatenango, the entire northern tier of the country has been the scene of coordinated guerrilla assaults on the forces of the U.S.-backed military/Christian Democratic junta. So far, insurgent advances contrast with the January "final/general" offensive that was called off after only ten days. But government troops and police are not the only obstacle facing rebel fighters--treacherous calls for negotiations with sectors of the junta pose a dangerous roadblock to a left-wing victory on the battlefield.

As rebel forces step up their attacks, Reagan continues to pour millions in weapons into the junta's armory. Meanwhile, imperialist liberals have launched an offensive of their own, pleading for a "peaceful solution" to the civil war which has claimed 20,000 lives since January of last year. But the Reagan regime isn't buying. While supply-



**Junta murderers terrorize leftists at the university in San Salvador**

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ing the junta colonels with Huey helicopters and Green Berets, Washington tries to win over wavering Latin governments with promises of a new "Marshall Plan" for the region. Meeting last week with Mexican president José López Portillo, Reagan offered them U.S. private investment as a bribe to get them to turn their backs on the Salvadoran insurgency and give a cold shoulder to Fidel (continued on page 10)

# "It is Right to Rebel Against IS! Exclusionism!"

Readers of Spartacist Canada will recall an article in our last issue protesting In Struggle!'s (IS!) announcement that Trotskyist League (TL) members were "barred" from IS! public meetings (see "What is IS! Afraid of?", SC No. 48, May/June). The scandalous article in IS!'s press slandering the TL as "saboteurs" and "disrupters" did not, however, satisfy the anti-Trotskyist appetites of its Vancouver branch which issued its own leaflet "Concerning the Trotskyist League." This leaflet, otherwise of a piece with the article, included a lying account--full of slimy innuendo--of the thug attack by IS! Vancouver organizer Doug Coward on a Spartacist Canada photographer at the March 7 International Women's Day demonstration.

The Vancouver IS! leadership is clearly desperate to avoid political confrontation with the revolutionary program of the TL. What they would really like is not just to bar us from their meetings but to get us out of B.C. ! They're hysterical:

"Absent from this city for some years, TL sent several of their militants here to recolonize us! ... Like colonialists they are arrogant and trample on the rights of others. And again like colonialists they are, of course, most indignant when ordinary mortals for whom they have such contempt tell these self-appointed saviours to clear-out! For Vancouver needs neither colonizers nor 'recolonizers!'"

Whew, we've been told to go back to Russia before, but back to Toronto? It's true that sharp political struggle is alien to the chummy, social-democratic, provincial B.C. left. But it takes clear, hard political fights to win people to revolutionary politics, and that is what the TL is all about. This is obvious from the list of complaints in the IS! leaflet: the TL counterposes "Smash the Klan" to "Ban the Klan"; chanted "Hail Red Army in Afghanistan!" on the International Women's Day march; opposes the popular-frontist FDR in El Salvador, fighting instead for military victory to the leftist insurgents and workers rule. Casting itself in the role of thought police for the left, IS! sees its duty as preserving provincial reformist ideological purity.

At a June 8 "public" class in Vancouver on "the history of socialism," IS! had the chance to play its part to the hilt. Hiding behind locked doors IS! "heavies" interrogated people trying to attend the "open" meeting demanding political credentials acceptable to their goons. An East Indian was told "You're not getting in, I've seen you sell their literature," and a militant unionist active in the recent civic workers strike was asked if she was the

wife of a TL member! When TL supporters walked up the steps to the meeting hall IS! honchos hustled to slam the doors shut, ranting that the TL was excluded. Immediately over a dozen TL members and supporters formed a spirited picket-line demonstration chanting "IS! Excludes Communists, We Will Not Be Silenced!", "What is IS! Afraid of? Trotskyists!" and "Down with IS! Exclusionism! Defend Workers Democracy!"

Inside the meeting IS! efforts to whitewash its exclusionism and its contempt for workers democracy before its own members and a small handful of independents went down to defeat as, one after another, TL supporters and others stood up to expose IS!'s oft-repeated pretensions to stand for "political debate." While adherents of the Revolutionary Workers League and Socialist Challenge Organization sat in silence, thereby lending tacit support to IS! exclusionism, six people walked out of the meeting in protest and joined the picket outside. Now with as many people as were inside the meeting, the picketers chanted "It is Right to Rebel Against IS! Exclusionism!"

Not only is it right to rebel but the Toronto branch of IS! did rebel against the exclusion policy. Days before a publicly advertised IS! meeting in Toronto on May 22 we received a phone call from an IS! representative explaining that the In Struggle! headline "Trotskyist League barred from In Struggle! public meetings" was "misleading"! To clear up any "confusion," he confirmed that the article was authored in Vancouver and stated that the exclusion policy was not intended to apply east of the Rockies. So, in the constitution of these would-be internationalists, political exclusionism is a provincial responsibility! It is only too fitting that it should be IS!'s own Toronto branch that gave the lie to the contemptuous slanders printed in IS!'s national newspaper and pursued with so much gusto by its Vancouver branch.

The door, if not the discussion, was indeed open to the TL at the Toronto meeting called to "discuss" what In Struggle! has learned from the feminist movement. Following a presentation by Josée Lamoureux mourning the loss of "our sensitivity, our emotion and certainly our sex somewhere in the pages of the communist program," and a retroactive apology by chairman Terry Dance to anyone who might remember her from the days when she denounced feminism as a bourgeois deviation, Dance smilingly announced that the TL would be permitted only one speaker in the discussion period. So much for open debate! IS! cannot afford to debate the fact that its "new line" on the woman question signals a complete abandonment of the fight

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## New York Demonstration

# Down with Anti-Tamil Terror in Sri Lanka!

NEW YORK--Nearly 100 people demonstrated June 8 outside the Sri Lankan Mission to the United Nations to protest the murderous attacks on the Tamil minority of Sri Lanka which have escalated in recent weeks. Since late March at least 89 Tamil activists have "disappeared," victims of military and police dragnets. Tamils have been arrested by the hundreds, Hindu temples and political offices burnt, and five Tamil youths have been reported killed by the police. On June 3 the predominantly Tamil Northern Province was placed under a state of emergency. Two days later this was extended to the whole island, then called off on June 9. But the military occupation of the Tamil areas continues in effect, as it has for the past two years.

The NYC demonstration was initiated by the Spartacist League/U. S. and joined by members of the Eelam Tamils Association, which advocates a separate Tamil state on the island (Eelam). Another protest demonstration called by Tamil groups was held in London on June 6. The Spartacist League/Britain and the Communist Faction, recently expelled from the International Marxist Group, were the only two British left organizations to mobilize for this demonstration. And on June 15, some 2-3,000 Tamil workers marched on the Sri Lankan embassy in Bonn, protesting the anti-Tamil terror. Here the Trotskistische Liga Deutschlands was the only group on the German left to take part in the demonstration.

What little news slips out through the wall of censorship points to the urgent need for such international protests against the murderous regime of Sri Lankan president J.R. Jayewardene. In Jaffna, city police in and out of uniform, as well as troops, including a special "search and destroy" army commando unit, torched the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) headquarters, Tamil businesses, the public library, the Tamil press, Hindu temples and cultural centers. Twenty Tamil youth returning from West Germany, where they were denied political asylum, were arrested at the airport. A



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**International Spartacist tendency Sinhala placard says: "Forward to a revolutionary workers and peasants government in Sri Lanka!"**

Tamil member of parliament narrowly escaped with his life when his house was ransacked, and even the leader of the parliamentary opposition, TULF leader A. Amirthalingam, was arrested and released only after protests.

Slogans raised at the New York demonstration called for the freeing of victims of the anti-Tamil terror, for the withdrawal of cops and troops from the Tamil areas, and for the right of self-determination for the Tamil people of Sri Lanka. Other demands included: Stop deportations of Tamil plantation workers! Equal status for the Tamil language! Equal pay for women plantation workers! Spartacist League placards proclaimed: "Tamil workers--key to socialist revolution in Sri Lanka! For proletarian revolution throughout the Indian subcontinent!" In Ceylon only the Spartacist League of Sri Lanka takes an uncompromising stand for these and other demands that point the way toward Tamil-Sinhalese class unity.

A speaker at the picket-line protest from the Eelam Tamils Association said: "Three families have been ruling Sri Lanka for thirty years... They start the caste war. They start the religion war. They start the language war. Everything to get the poor to kill each other." A Spartacist League speaker noted that the anti-Tamil repression "is similar, but more intense, to what you had in this country in the '60s when, after blacks rose up in the ghettos to fight against their two- and three-fold

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# Should Ernest Mandel Be Expelled from the USec?

## British IMG Witchhunts Leftists

On May 16, sixteen members of the International Marxist Group (IMG), British section of the "United Secretariat of the Fourth International" (USec), were summarily expelled from their organization. The wholesale expulsion of the left-oppositional Communist Faction was the largest and most significant political purge in IMG history.

The Communist Faction grew out of a struggle at the IMG's February 1980 National Conference, where a long-time IMG cadre and former member of the IMG Control Commission opposed the IMG leadership's course toward Tony Cliff's group, which holds that the Soviet Union is "state-capitalist" and need not be defended against imperialism. The Communist Tendency was constituted by left-wing IMGers who opposed key elements of the IMG's rightward-moving centrism: e.g., its capitulation to anti-Soviet imperialist hysteria over Afghanistan; its tailism of Khomeini's clerical-reactionary, Persian-chauvinist regime in Iran; its liquidation into a classless campaign of "anti-nukes" pacifism; its shameful burying of the call for British troops out of Ireland, as part of its cozying up to the Labour Party "lefts."

On May 9 the Tendency declared itself a Faction, announcing it would struggle within the IMG for a new leadership. A week later came the purge.

Although nine Communist Faction members were charged with political collaboration with the international Spartacist tendency, the faction as a whole was purged for its refusal to submit to an unprecedented political loyalty oath "unambiguously" affirming the IMG and USec to be "revolutionary Marxist." Disciplinary action was threatened against other IMG members who dared to protest the witchhunt.

Less than two weeks later, in Germany, Comrades Bernhard of Freiburg and Claudius of West

Berlin resigned from the USec's Gruppe Internationale Marxisten (GIM). They decided after more than a year of oppositional activity to leave the GIM in order to carry out discussions with the Troztkistischen Liga Deutschlands. And in France a two-year member of the USec's French section, the Ligue Communiste Revolutionnaire (LCR), has resigned in opposition to the LCR's abject capitulation to Mitterrand's popular front. Comrade Demos, a worker at the Renault-Cleon auto plant in Rouen for ten years, rejected class-collaborationist politics for the revolutionary Trotskyism of the Ligue Trozskyste de France.

We reprint here an excerpted version of a leaflet distributed at an IMG public meeting held in London May 22.

On 16th May the International Marxist Group (IMG) Political Committee (PC) expelled the entire Communist Faction (CF) from the organisation. The reason? The CF refused to recant its political ideas.

The purge was prepared by a letter from the leadership. Its purpose was to lay the basis for a political trial. Our documents attack the leadership's denial in practice of revolutionary Marxism on key issues of the class struggle. [The IMG leadership] demanded that we now characterise the the same leadership as "revolutionary Marxist" to prove our "loyalty." Such a declaration could only have amounted to a recantation. Serious communists form factions when they have become convinced that the defence of the revolutionary programme is at stake--the demand that factions should characterise the leadership as revolutionary before any struggle takes place means only one thing: from now on the right to form factions has been eliminated in the IMG.

In Intercontinental Press [4 May 1981] there is an article by none other than Ernest Mandel--the historic leader of the United Secretariat [USec] Mandel correctly states:

"More generally, we should not give a blank check of revolutionary virtue to anybody (including Bolsheviks and Trotskyists) as long as a victorious social revolution hasn't actually occurred under their leadership."

If Mandel had been present at the IMG PC meeting and had had the courage to defend this view he too would have been expelled.

At the PC meeting CF representatives found themselves confronted with the allegation, alongside the other "charges," that they were "mem-

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bers of the international Spartacist tendency." The [21 May 1981] Socialist Challenge attempts to discredit a sixteen-month-long political struggle inside the IMG as a "secret plot by the international Spartacist tendency to smash the IMG as a 'counterrevolutionary organisation'." The leadership has disappeared the political differences in dispute as readily as it suppressed the discussion which attempted to fight them out. Driven to a frenzy by the loss of senior cadre, the IMG responded with an outburst of pure Healyism, slandering the iSt as "a weapon designed solely to smash up left-wing organisations. It has nothing to do with socialism or Trotskyism." This is an outrageous lie designed to draw the lines between its members and iSt comrades, and to set the conditions for bureaucratic exclusions and even physical attacks.

Nowhere has the IMG been characterised as "counterrevolutionary," either in our documents or in "contracts" for political collaboration or, as far as we are aware, in any iSt material. The politics of the IMG make it an obstacle to the proletarian revolution. Which side of the barricades sections of the organisation take when the decisive test comes cannot be predetermined, but the pursuit of Bennite reformism [Tony Benn heads the "lefts" in the British Labour Party] and Soviet-defeatist pacifism does not augur well for them.

The issue of political collaboration is a red hering. In the IMG today anything goes--except Bolshevism. The leadership itself has been busy collaborating with other organisations--to stifle the Trotskyist politics fought for by the Communist Faction. [Long-time IMG "star"] Tariq Ali exchanged correspondence with Alan Thornett [spokesman for the Workers Socialist League] in order to discuss how best to deal with the "Sparts" (though Thornett was never too successful).

At the 1980 National Conference the comrades who went on to form the Communist Faction had sought to assert the Trotskyist position of Soviet-defencism inside the organisation. In the aftermath of the imperialist outcry over Afghanistan we saw that the primary responsibility of communists was to stand firm against Cold War pressure and side with the Red Army in Afghanistan. But the IMG leadership, up to its neck in an attempt to regroup with the anti-Soviet Socialist Workers

Party of Tony Cliff, refused to take the discussion at the Conference. When the Communist Tendency submitted a document opposing the bankrupt line of building the pacifist Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), and argued that the IMG must counterpose to what Trotsky called "chatter about disarmament" the defence of the Soviet Union and the revolutionary proletarian struggle to disarm the bourgeoisie, the leadership sat on the Communist Tendency's document for five months.

IMG members today are being told that their future lies with "Socialist Challenge supporters" in the Labour Party. Ernest Mandel himself has come to town to use his showmanship and demagoguery to sell the new line to the IMG membership. After the orientation to the Cliffites, after the decision to build CND, this attempt to seize the main opportunity, entry into a mass reformist party, is being implemented with no formal discussion in the membership whatsoever. Already the line is made public in the pages of Intercontinental Press. This line means liquidation. When the leadership's political project is support to the "left" reformism of Tony Benn, then all talk of counterposing the IMG programme to the Labour Party "left" is a gigantic fraud. The expulsion of the Communist Faction (and any other serious opposition to liquidation into the Labour Party) is the tribute offered for full membership in the Tony Benn supporters' club.

But, so slow to move on discussion of the great political questions of the day, so incapable of confronting the programme of a principled left opposition, the leadership seemed like a model of speed and vigour once it began its moves toward a purge. When a motion from the Hemel Hempstead branch condemned support for Benn's call for an alternative "defence strategy" for British imperialism, the leadership came down on the branch like a ton of bricks. When the efforts to bully the branch into retracting the motion failed, then the methods of frame-up were used. Comrade Lin Khalid, who had presented the resolution, was suspended from her full-time post at the IMG centre for the "crime" of talking to other IMG members about her political ideas on a demonstration in Manchester. Then, within days, came the letter demanding political recantation from the whole Communist Tendency.

The IMG PC's reason for the expulsion of 16 comrades was spelled out in an unsigned document

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# Strike B.C. Wood Province-Wide!

VANCOUVER, June 25--The stage is set for a crucial showdown between over 50,000 B.C. woodworkers and the employers backed up by the Socred government. Faced with an astounding increase in the cost of living and with federal threats to reimpose wage controls, pulp, paper and forestry workers are again on the front line, just as in 1975 when the NDP's massive strikebreaking gave Trudeau the signal to bring in the "Anti-Inflation Board." Wood is the heart of B.C.'s economy and a victory here would be for all labor against the capitalists' union-busting drive. Tell Trudeau to shove his wage controls!

On June 15 a contract covering 28,000 coastal International Woodworkers of America (IWA) ran out and within days so will that of 15,000-plus members of the Canadian Paperworkers Union (CPU) and the Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada (PPWC). The companies have started their usual poverty-pleading, currently offering the CPU/PPWC an insulting 18 percent over two years--not even near the unions' demands for 25 percent in one year with a minimum of \$2.75-3.00 per hour raise plus 20 percent in the second.

Woodworkers are ready to fight back, with the Vancouver IWA voting a strike mandate by 94 percent, the highest vote ever. Since early April thousands of woodworkers have briefly walked off the job across B.C. to protest the companies' refusal to bargain province-wide. However, with the contracts' expiration, the union brass have been keeping the members at work. An IWA spokesman told Spartacist Canada that they "haven't even talked with

CPU or PPWC... it's too early!" This attitude, shared by all three union leaderships, only plays into the companies' hand.

Legalist pussy-footing and electoralist pressure tactics won't win what woodworkers need. All that the IWA's backing of the social-democratic NDP got was the 1975 strikebreaking and Vancouver Mayor Harcourt's scabbing on the municipal workers' strike. The unions need a class-struggle leadership armed with a program to take on the capitalists and win.

B.C. workers have already struck for more man-days in the first five months of this year than in the last two years combined. The telephone workers' occupations in February electrified the labor movement and unionists enthusiastically backed the one-day regional general strike in Nanaimo. Two thousand government auto insurance workers are still out on strike, firefighters and transit workers don't have a contract and inside postal workers could walk off any day. Don't let it go to waste!

All the wood unions must go out together in one solid offensive. Standing together in a united contract battle, pulp, paper and forest workers can turn the tide on the wood bosses' divide-and-conquer strategy and win: a big wage boost; a full COLA; a reduced workweek with no loss in pay; livable pensions and true job safety. Use the mighty power of the IWA/CPU/PPWC and back it up with the solidarity of the entire B.C. labor movement and woodworkers throughout the Pacific Northwest.

No contract, no work! For a province-wide wood strike! Beat back the capitalists' anti-labor drive! ■

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which we received the day before the purge: "... the comrades must know full well that, in the last analysis, two programmes cannot exist within the framework of the same organisation." To be more precise, the IMG today has no room for the struggle for a revolutionary programme. It is true that in the case of counterposed programmes, one must give way to the other--but for Leninists who see factional struggle as a reflection of the class struggle, this must be achieved through political combat aimed at defeating the ideas of their opponents. But that is the last thing the IMG leaders wanted.

They never worried about the incompatibility of two programmes when Tariq Ali was allowed to use the pages of Socialist Challenge and public platforms like New Statesman to declare that he "remained unrepentant" in his counterrevolutionary calls for Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan. There was no compunction about two programmes when an attempt was made to "regroup" with the Cliffites. And of course Socialist Challenge (9 April 1981) came out for the programme of Tony Benn (who in turn now calls for UN troops to Ireland).

Once, the IMG boasted about its "democratic"

character. It was even claimed that the proliferation of "tendencies"--in fact warring cliques--was evidence of a healthy internal life. But today you can only form a faction if you concede in advance not to call into question the revolutionary character of the leadership, i. e., not to form a faction!

Those comrades who remember the days when it was quite common for IMG leaders to characterise other supporters of the [USe] --like the U. S. Socialist Workers Party--as reformist must wonder what has happened. The IMG leadership will never tolerate serious left-wing opposition again. Just the day after the IMG expulsions, Communist Faction youth comrades were expelled from Revolution Youth. All pretence of "democracy" has been thrown aside.

Comrades! Protest the witchhunt! The slogan used by the leadership to cheer on Tony Benn must be turned against them by IMG members: Let the left be heard!

Harney  
Khalid  
Vanzler

for the Communist Faction  
22 May 1981

# Postal Workers: Strike to Win!

JUNE 28--As we go to press the possibility of a nationwide strike by the 23,000-member Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) is increasingly imminent. A victory for the postal workers would be a victory for the entire labor movement against the strike-breaking, viciously anti-labor Trudeau government! With the powerful backing of the rest of the labor movement, CUPW can win and win big!

All trade unionists--especially public sector workers--are paying for the treacherous betrayal of the 1978 CUPW strike. The big wheels of the Canadian labor movement turned their backs while the Trudeau government brought out its cops, courts and the RCMP to bust that strike. CUPW national president Jean-Claude Parrot was jailed, other union leaders arrested and thousands of CUPW members fired, suspended or disciplined. Last year's Public Service Alliance of Canada strike was busted with back-to-work legislation. Today Grace Hartman, national president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the largest union in Canada, is in jail for "violating" anti-labor legislation. The time is now to turn the government's union-busting offensive around!

The CUPW leadership is more than willing to buy a sellout deal based on the paltry recommendations of a conciliation report whose "highlights" include a miserly 70 cent an hour wage increase, a cost-of-living allowance that doesn't trigger until inflation rises another six percent and an "investigation" into the use of television surveillance of inside postal workers. The government, however, is hardlining it. Backed by an 84 percent strike mandate (the largest in CUPW history), Parrot is finally threatening to pull the ranks off the job after six months of working without a contract and nine months of negotiations.

The possibility of an eleventh-hour accord still remains, especially if the government caves in to the union's "crowning" demand of 17 weeks paid maternity leave. But postal workers who face

stepped-up attacks on their jobs, living and working conditions with the conversion of the post office into a Crown Corporation must throw back any rotten deal and strike to win: a hefty wage increase; a full, uncapped COLA; a shorter workweek at no loss in pay to beat back job loss and speed-up; the right to refuse unsafe work; an end to management harassment and surveillance and the unconditional right to strike.

Throughout the negotiations, the government has used the rotten deal it made with the leadership of the Letter Carriers Union of Canada (LCUC) as a club against CUPW. In the face of increased job loss and speed-up, the LCUC tops sold a stinking contract to the ranks--agreeing to increase productivity in the name of a phony "free lunch." And the CUPW bureaucracy has done its bit to play along with the government's strategy of exploiting the craft divisions separating postal workers to weaken both unions.

This time around Parrot and Co. are asking for an eighteen-month contract to ensure "labor peace" as the post office is being converted into a Crown Corporation--a demand which would end the common expiry dates of the LCUC and CUPW contracts. Postal workers must fight this treachery. LCUC should scrap its sellout contract and go out together with CUPW in a joint nationwide postal strike to win a decent contract and lay the basis for a merged union of all postal workers.

The vicious strike-breaking attack on the 1978 CUPW strike is a warning. In the event of a CUPW strike the need for labor solidarity will be sharply posed, in particular from public sector workers and the closely connected transportation and communication industries. Any attempt to enforce back-to-work legislation must be met with protest strikes and other concrete acts of solidarity by the entire trade-union movement. No sellouts! For a joint CUPW/LCUC strike! Smash government union busting!■

## Free Grace Hartman!

On June 12 the government drove home its union-busting attack on the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) for last winter's "illegal" strike by CUPE hospital workers in Ontario. In an open declaration of war on the union movement, CUPE national president Grace Hartman, Ontario president Lucy Nicholson and staff representative Raymond Arsenault were jailed. Nine workers who continued to picket in defiance of an injunction and another staff representative were fined.

This outrage should have been met immediately with protest strikes. A motion passed at the June 18 general membership meeting of the Letter Carriers Union of Canada Local 1 in Toronto called on

the Ontario Federation of Labour and the CLC to launch national work stoppages in support of the victimized CUPE workers. But the bosses' lieutenants in the leadership of the labor movement made sure the jailing of the president of Canada's largest union was met with only the most token solidarity. The CUPE leadership itself did nothing to defend its own union either in the face of the jailings or earlier when 30 local leaders were fired and thousands of members reprimanded or suspended in the wake of the strike.

Defend CUPE! Free Grace Hartman! Drop all charges! Reinstate the fired workers with full back pay! Wipe out the reprimands and suspensions!■

# "Leftist Rebels Must Win the War!"



TL contingent at Toronto El Salvador protest, Toronto June 20.

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TORONTO--Thirty-six marched for "Military Victory to Leftist Insurgents!" behind the Trotskyist League (TL) banner at the June 20 El Salvador protest called by the Committee of Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (COSPE). As the 2,000-strong march wound its way from Queen's Park to the U.S. Consulate, the TL contingent chanted: "1, 2, 3, 4--Leftist Rebels Must Win the War!" "5, 6, 7, 8--Nothing to Negotiate!" they added in a sharp attack on the liberals, reformists and fake-leftists who want to cheat the Salvadoran workers and peasants out of the necessary military victory on the battlefield through a "negotiated settlement" with the junta butchers and their Washington puppeteers.

The only really red contingent on June 20, the Trotskyists took head-on Reagan's anti-Soviet Cold War threats, proclaiming "Defense of Cuba, USSR Begins in El Salvador!" The TL banner was flanked on one side by the white-on-red flag of the Salvadoran FMLN and on the other by the red flag of proletarian internationalism bearing the symbol of Trotsky's Fourth International. The next day the front page of the Toronto Star featured a quarter-

page photo showing the TL banner reading: "Avenge the Blood of El Salvador! Military Victory to Leftist Insurgents!" and emblazoned with the hammer, sickle and four.

In the week prior to the demonstration the TL distributed thousands of leaflets on street corners, at work sites and union meetings, calling for "Military Victory" and "Join the Trotskyist League Anti-Imperialist Contingent!" The old-time practice of soap boxing was revived at Toronto's crowded Kensington market. On June 17 over 50 people attended a TL-sponsored evening of protest featuring the film "Revolution or Death"--a powerful portrayal of the desperate struggle of a long-suffering people to survive the murderous reign of death and terror of the U.S.-backed Salvadoran rulers. An eyewitness slide show by Tom Janota, the last Peace Corps member to leave El Salvador, opened the evening. A Trotskyist League spokesman explained how the bourgeois politicians of the popular-front FDR coalition cannot liberate the masses and appealed to the audience to march with the Trotskyist League for military victory to the leftist rebels.

This aggressive campaign followed the impressive organization of Anti-Imperialist Contingents by our comrades in the Spartacist League/U.S. and its youth group, the Spartacus Youth League, across the U.S. last month. 500 in Washington and over 300 in San Francisco marched in the May 3 protests around the demands: Military Victory to Leftist Insurgents in El Salvador! Stop All U.S. Aid to the Salvadoran Junta! U.S./OAS Hands Off Central America! Defense of Cuba and the USSR Begins in El Salvador! The same day in Seattle 35 militants from Vancouver, Seattle and Portland organized by the Trotskyist League marched in a militant, spirited contingent.

At the June 20 Toronto demonstration the TL contingent's hard class stand on the side of the armed struggle of the leftist rebels in El Salvador stood out sharply against the New Leftovers and assorted Stalinists and social democrats who dominated the protest. Imitating the pro-Kennedy Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador and the People's Anti-War Mobilization which organized the U.S. El Salvador protests, the CP-dominated COSPES carefully limited its demands to "U.S. Out of El Salvador" and "Condemn Genocide in El Salvador," i. e., the demands of the imperialist doves and social-democratic traitors who fear above all a decisive defeat for U.S. imperialism on the battlefield.

Friends and political opponents alike noted that the TL contingent was the anti-imperialist contingent at the demonstration. One Stalinist told an SC salesman: "I hate you Trots but you people have the only possible position." Long-time ostensible Trotskyist Ross Dowson readily admitted that the TL banner calling for "Military Victory" was the only one worth marching under (nevertheless "duty" called Ross elsewhere to march under the NDP banner). After the march had begun, upon hearing our chant: "Put the Butchers on the Run, Leftist Rebels Need Russian Guns!", an older couple, militants during the Spanish Civil War, broke into

wide grins and immediately came over and joined our contingent. Our voices were certainly heard--over 100 pieces of literature were sold along with 60 buttons calling for "Military Victory."

The TL contingent definitely made its mark. Even the COSPES marshals, who at an earlier protest



Anti-Imperialist Contingent, Seattle May 3.

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demonstration had unsuccessfully tried to physically seal our contingent off, politely asked if we planned to march in the middle of the demonstration. This uncharacteristic cooperativeness was later marred during the march when individual COSPES marshals, reportedly acting on their own initiative, provocatively led the sound truck in front of the TL contingent to drown out our chants. The march was split in half for some 20 minutes by these self-proclaimed representatives of the "will of the Salvadoran people" before the sound truck was led away.

Around the same time a rag-tag half dozen of assorted feminists and FDR supporters, incensed at our call for Cuban and Soviet military aid to the embattled Salvadoran leftist fighters, plunked

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and the Sandinistas.

The Reagan line in the Caribbean area has been challenged within the imperialist camp by the West German-dominated Socialist International (SI), which is leading the drive for a negotiated solution to the Salvadoran struggle. Meeting in Panama last March, SI leaders proffered West German Social Democrat Willy Brandt as a mediator to bring the warring sides together. When neither Reagan nor his junta leaped to meet with Brandt, German Social Democratic leader Hans-Jürgen Wischniewski met with governments throughout the region to push for mediation. No dice. The latest SI maneuver sent Canadian New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent on yet another regional junket, which predictably brought no better results.

Among the advocates of a "political solution" in

El Salvador are the populist regime of Mexico's López Portillo, Venezuelan Christian Democratic president Herrera Campíns, the Nicaraguan Sandinistas and Castro's Cuba. All voice a common fear of the Salvadoran civil war expanding into a region-wide conflict. But another of the supporters of a "negotiated settlement" is the Salvadoran opposition popular front, the Revolutionary Democratic Front (FDR), and the guerrilla coalition, the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN). Thus we have the self-defeating, ultimately suicidal spectacle of the FDR/FMLN leaders trying to strike a bargain with sectors of the butchering junta. By preventing a leftist victory, this would prepare a bloody massacre of the insurgent masses--and on a scale far larger than that already experienced following the installation of a "reform" junta in October 1979.

But the guerrillas entrenched on the volcanic slopes and in the FMLN border strongholds of El

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themselves in front of our contingent and tried to shout down our slogan "Cuba, USSR--Arms to El Salvador!" by chanting "Hands Off El Salvador." After repeatedly holding their COSPES placards up against our banner to shield the demand for Military Victory, this anti-communist disruption was put to an end by TL marshals.

The Trotskyist League contingent alone took a side with the workers and peasants in the raging civil war against the gang of uniformed murderers backed up by U.S. imperialism. The Workers Com-

arch-right wingers who turned up at the beginning of the Queen's Park rally with signs demanding "Soviets, Cubans--Keep Your Hands Off!" The Revolutionary Workers League dissolved into the COSPES marshals and In Struggle! dissolved into the crowd.

At the Queen's Park rally NDP leader Ed Broadbent spoke for COSPES and their fake-left hangers-on with his call for a "political solution." Just back from his junket in Central America where he unsuccessfully attempted to broker a deal between the imperialist soft cops and the junta murderers, Broadbent doubtless caused the CP some discomfort by likening the bloody role of the U.S. in El Salvador to the Red Army in Afghanistan, where Soviet military intervention opens the possibility for freedom from centuries-old oppression for thousands of Afghan women. But this did not stop COSPES from echoing Broadbent's call for Canadian "mediation" in this hot spot of Reagan/Haig's anti-Soviet Cold War drive.

Broadbent modestly proclaimed he went to "bring peace to a land of 22,000 deaths." But Broadbent's recent travels had nothing to do with ending the misery and oppression of the Salvadoran masses. Arguing that "what is required is not encouragement of greater military success but promotion of the will to find a political solution," Broadbent's is the program for bloodbath--a program shared by COSPES which refuses to take a side in El Salvador.

The alternatives in El Salvador are literally revolution or death. Everyone on the June 20 demonstration knows which contingent stood on the side of the leftist rebels in El Salvador. Protests around El Salvador are planned for July 19 in Ottawa and Vancouver. We call upon all those who want to smash the bloody terror of the U.S.-backed Salvadoran junta to march with us under the banner of "Military Victory to Leftist Insurgents in El Salvador!" Take a side! Join the Anti-Imperialist Contingents! ■

## Letter to the T.L.

Dear Trotskyists,

The enclosed is in support of your El Salvador policy. I was happy to be able to march with you people in last week's demonstration. Although I personally have no talent for organizing, and while my own thinking tends not to be very systematic, I do recognize the need for a party committed to mobilizing mass support for an anti-capitalist anti-imperialist program. After reading through all the papers in your El Salvador packet, I am determined to get back into some revolutionary literature, Trotsky in particular, among others. Thanks.

Peter M.

[June 27]

munist Party (WCP) was the only other left group with an organized contingent, numbering about 20. WCPers at the rally were overheard explaining their opposition to both "superpowers" in El Salvador. Indeed there was little to stop these virulent anti-Soviets from joining a small group of

Salvador face an enemy in no mood to bargain. "Power is not negotiable," says a former military leader. "If we sit down with [the rebels] what would there be to discuss?" asks a top junta commander (Washington Post, 21 April). The junta killers know that behind them stands a U.S. government which badly wants a leftist defeat in order to "draw the line" against the Soviets and Cubans in Central America. Reagan thinks he has a winnable war in El Salvador; his National Security Council considers it a "target" area where the U.S.-backed butchers have a "clear advantage."

Nevertheless, despite all the tons of military equipment shipped to the junta forces, the Salvadoran military has been unable to inflict serious damage on the leftist insurgents. The "liberated zones" controlled by the FMLN fighters have reportedly been expanded since the January offensive. Rebel sources now report that 50 percent of the northern departments of Morazán, Chalatenango and Cabañas, as well as large portions of other areas, are in their hands. Many towns nominally under government control are completely cut off and surrounded by FMLN forces, who stop short of taking them only to avoid being bombed by government planes.

On June 10 FMLN guerrillas annihilated an army garrison at Arcatao in Chalatenango. The Washington Post (12 June) reported the battle by monitoring army radio messages: "As the day progressed the operator's pleas became more frantic. He described a column of 600 uniformed guerrillas equipped with machine guns progressively encircling the garrison. Heavy shooting could be heard in the background. Late in the afternoon the operator said the column was made up of 1,000 guerrillas. Ammunition was parachuted in, but the operator said the guerrillas got to the drop first. The transmission ended in the late afternoon with the words 'It's finished'."

Despite the Saigon press conference-style body counts issued by the junta, it is clear that the guerrillas are far from defeated. Nonetheless,

their long-term military success is far from assured. For the FMLN/FDR leadership has aimed not at winning on the battlefield but achieving a compromise through diplomacy. No attempts to raise the urban working masses in insurrectionary (or any other) struggle have been reported since the collapse of the general strike in January. And the policy of the opposition coalition in recent months has followed the lines laid out by FDR leader Ana Guadalupe Martínez: "Our main task is presently to build a bloc of states to oppose an in-



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**Leftist rebels battle junta terror. FMLN/FDR leaders plead for compromise.**

tervention in El Salvador" (Tageszeitung [Frankfurt], 31 January).

### "Political Solution"?

Despite the continued rejection of their peace overtures, the FDR's Mexico-based Political-Diplomatic Commission continually repeats its desire to "maintain conversations and explore all roads that could lead to a political solution"

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## LCUC Militants: "Take a Side!"

The following motion was put forward by militants in the Letter Carriers Union of Canada (LCUC) Local 1 in Toronto at the June 18 general membership meeting. Although the motion didn't pass several LCUC militants did take a side and marched with the Trotskyist League for military victory to Salvadoran leftists on June 20:

Whereas: the ruling military junta in El Salvador is carrying out a war of extermination against workers, peasants and leftist insurgents--our Salvadoran brothers and sisters, and  
Whereas: the U.S. government supports the

military junta in El Salvador as part of its anti-Soviet war drive which is backed by the Canadian government,

Therefore be it resolved: that LCUC stands opposed to any U.S. and Canadian aid to the junta and for the military victory of Salvadoran leftists against the murderous ruling junta, and that LCUC call on the OFL and CLC to instruct its members to hot cargo all military goods to the Salvadoran junta, and further that LCUC Local 1 participate in the June 20 El Salvador demonstration under the slogan "Military Victory to Leftist Insurgents."

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(Noticias de El Salvador [San José], 29 April-5 May). What exactly would such a so-called "political solution" or "negotiated settlement" mean? Alan Riding in the New York Times (7 May) cited a scenario "most frequently mentioned by optimists in the region":

"According to proponents of the idea, a regional mediating group would help the warring sides to negotiate the conditions for free elections. The armed forces would then be restricted to their barracks and the guerrillas to their camps, while the country would be policed by an international force. After the elections, a new army would be formed, eliminating undesirable elements from either side."

This scenario, known as the "Zimbabwe solution," is a scheme to defeat the "undesirable" leftist guerrillas at the bargaining table. It is a plan for the restabilization of Salvadoran capitalism, with the use of foreign troops if necessary. It is a formula for counterrevolution.

The professors and bourgeois politicians who dominate the FDR Political-Diplomatic Commission have studiously avoided saying just what sort of negotiated "solution" they have in mind. But the scheme reported by Riding is the plan being put forward by the imperialist liberals and social democrats to whom they appeal. It was the plan suggested in the "Dissent Paper" circulated last fall by liberal CIA and State Department officials.

FDR/FMLN spokesmen plead ever more shamelessly for negotiations of any kind, on any terms. Last year Guillermo Ungo, a member of the junta who switched sides and now heads the FDR, declared that he would talk only with the U. S. directly, with the "circus owner, not the acrobats." By February, Political-Diplomatic Commission member Salvador Samayoa (minister of education when Ungo was in the junta) was saying that "we're willing to give the Christian Democrats the benefit of the doubt" and that they would seek talks with the civilians in the junta (New York Times, 24 February). On April 24 an FMLN statement announced that the guerrillas were "willing to end the fighting if productive conversations are initiated with the civilian-military government."

When Christian Democratic junta head Napoleón Duarte rejected FMLN conditions for talks--reopening the universities, freeing political prisoners, lifting the state of siege and curfew--Political-Diplomatic Commission member Fabio Castillo simply announced that the FDR would pose no preconditions for talks. In a major two-part interview with the Sandinista organ Barricada, Castillo, an ex-rector of the University of San Salvador, declared:

"The Political-Diplomatic Commission has not posed prior conditions. Those prior conditions

for dialogue, which could eventually lead to negotiation, would be part of the negotiations. The only condition that [the Commission] has posed is the establishment of an international mediating group.... Naturally, this is the proposal of the Commission and would also be open to negotiation."

--Barricada [Managua], 11 May

By themselves the Ungos, Castillos, Samayoas and other middle-class reformers and dissident Christian Democrats in the FDR have no real power. In a civil war in which virtually the entire landlord-capitalist elite is on one side and the workers and poor peasants are on the other, they represent only the attempt of the popular front to paper over the deep class divisions by proclaiming a "democratic" rather than a socialist revolution. The presence of Ungo et al. in the FDR leadership is a pledge to the domestic Latin bourgeoisies and to the U.S. imperialists that the guerrilla struggle will not transcend the bounds of capitalism.

The blatantly counterrevolutionary implications of the popular front's ever more abject talk of ceasefires and negotiations without conditions, however, are causing tensions within the loosely allied guerrilla front. According to the 5 June Latin American Weekly Report, the leader of the Fuerzas Populares de Liberación (FPL), Salvador Cayetano Carpio, has withdrawn from the FMLN's joint command. Moreover, the FPL organ El Rebelde, as well as the publications of other left groups, have reappeared after their suspension as part of the unity pact. An editorial in the April edition of the clandestine El Rebelde declared: "The diplomatic line cannot substitute for the military line, nor is it by itself a proposition separate from prolonged people's war" (El Día [Mexico], 12 May). El Rebelde and FPL spokesman Comandante Ana María have insisted that no dialogue with the junta could be undertaken without stringent "minimum conditions" including "an end to repression throughout the country." In practice that is to rule out negotiations for the foreseeable future.

The FPL, a left-wing breakaway from the official pro-Moscow Communist Party, is the largest of the guerrilla groups and leads several tens of thousands of workers and peasants through unions affiliated to its Revolutionary People's Bloc (BPR). It is the FPL that has driven the junta forces out of Chalatenango and withstood repeated heavy assaults on the Guazapa volcano, in sight of San Salvador. When U.S. journalist Alex Drehsler visited FPL camps this spring, an FPL guerrilla commander told him that they considered the Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua to be "basically a revolt of the middle classes" and that "we want to form a society, a government, that will be more radical than Cuba." "So you see," he was told, "there is no room for compromise here" (Chicago Tribune, 8-10 March).

But FPL leaders, like those of the ERP, FARN and other guerrilla groups, have done plenty of compromising with their bourgeois liberal allies. The FPL/BPR reaction to the October 1979 "reform" junta, which overthrew the Romero dictatorship with State Department backing, was to call on it to carry out promises of reform. And the FPL dropped its call for a "worker-peasant government with proletarian hegemony" to help form the FDR popular front more than a year ago. If Cayetano and the other FPL leaders are wary of the dangers of the pursuit of negotiations at all costs, they are only facing the consequences of their own Stalinist-nationalist, popular-frontist line.

Talk of a "political/negotiated solution" in El Salvador comes from diverse sources: from Latin American bourgeois governments, fearful of the spread of a revolutionary contagion in the region; from American liberals, fearful of "another Vietnam," a losing imperialist adventure; from social democrats of the SI, reflecting the interests of European capital in a continuation of "détente" as opposed to Reagan's Cold War II; from Stalinist bureaucrats in Moscow and Havana, who fear a victory of the Salvadoran working masses as a challenge to their own parasitic rule. Brezhnev and Castro are so intent on pursuing "peaceful co-existence" with imperialism (even hoping to seduce Reagan!) that they will willingly sabotage revolution in El Salvador. Asked about Reagan's accusations of Soviet arms to Salvadoran rebels, Brezhnev spokesman Zamyatin replied haughtily, "The Soviet Union does not provide El Salvador with arms. It never has. It never will." Traitors! The Soviet regime of Lenin and Trotsky would have considered this an inescapable internationalist duty.

Nicaragua's petty-bourgeois Sandinista leadership, only recently arrived in power and facing ominous domestic and international counterrevolutionary threats, might be expected to look more favorably on the struggles of leftist guerrillas next door. Not so, and the counterrevolutionary consequences of nationalism are dramatically revealed. After the FMLN's January offensive Nicaraguan interior minister Tomás Borge told the press: "In El Salvador, the guerrillas could not defeat the army and the army could not defeat the guerrillas. .... No defeat and no victory seems possible, so we feel that a political solution should be sought" (New York Times, 16 February). By mid-March, the State Department let it be known that Nicaragua had cut off arms to Salvadoran rebels, and now in their eagerness to placate Reagan they have begun to arrest people ferrying guns to the FMLN (DPA dispatch, 15 May). But where would Borge & Co. be now if a "negotiated solution" with sections of the dictatorship ("Somozaism without Somoza") had been pushed through two years ago?

What of the FDR/FMLN leaders? Why are they so eager to bargain with the military butchers when the masses already know that "revolution or death" is more than a slogan but the real choice facing

working people in El Salvador? Wouldn't Salvadoran leftists have the greatest interest in extending the war, raising up workers and peasants throughout Central America in a revolutionary conflagration? Certainly this is true of those who fight for socialist revolution, which can only be an international struggle--especially in this region of artificial mini-states. But the FDR is a coalition linking several radical left groups to marginal liberal bourgeois politicians. In such class-collaborationist popular fronts the presence of capitalist elements serves to guarantee that the masses do not go beyond the limits of capitalism.

These bourgeois phantoms naturally lack confidence in their capacity to confront imperialism and its puppets; and they fear the consequences of an all-out mobilization of the exploited, which could open the road to social revolution. The same could be said of the reformist programs of the FMLN guerrilla leaders, an eclectic mixture of Stalinism and petty-bourgeois nationalism, which led them to tie their organizations to the class enemy in forming the FDR. Thus the struggle for a rebel victory in the raging civil war is the cutting edge of the fight for proletarian opposition to popular-front class collaboration in El Salvador today.

There is a close connection between military victory and workers revolution. A workers revolution in El Salvador is impossible without military victory of the leftist insurgents. Any "solution" which leaves even sections of the present kill-crazed capitalist state apparatus in place threatens the masses with a repeat of the 1932 matanza, when 30,000 were executed in the wake of a failed uprising. And the only guarantee of military victory is the mobilization of the exploited masses for their own class interests. Their revolutionary fervor will be the most powerful weapon against the better armed conscript army and mercenary security forces. But having defeated the military forces of their capitalist oppressors, the workers and peasants would not be satisfied with a few reforms. The most basic demands of the Salvadoran working people--for land, for emancipation from the imperialist yoke, for jobs and economic development--cannot be met without expropriating the bourgeoisie and the establishment of socialist planned economy in an international framework.

The mass of the left-wing fighters are not risking their lives in order to create ministerial portfolios for Ungo and Castillo in some U.S.-brokered coalition. Military victory of the left would open a period of dual power, posing the need for and direct possibility of a revolution that would sweep away the entire capitalist state. But to lead the struggle for internationalist workers revolution the essential element is a proletarian Trotskyist vanguard party, built in the struggle to reforge the Fourth International. The only "political solution" for the Salvadoran masses is a workers and peasants government, like the one Lenin and Trotsky's Bolsheviks won in October 1917. ■

# No Platform for Fascists!

VANCOUVER-- "Smash the KKK!", "No Platform for Fascists!" echoed around CKVU-TV April 30 as 25 spirited demonstrators protested the appearance of then B.C. Ku Klux Klan head David Cook on "The Vancouver Show." CKVU had hoped to smuggle Cook in and secretly tape an interview with the fascist thug but the Trotskyist League (TL) learned of the station's intentions and quickly organized a picket. "When you're talking about the Klan or Nazi Party you're not talking about 'freedom of speech' because they are not an ideological propaganda group.... You're talking about giving airtime to proclaim genocide," a TL spokesman explained in a brief interview televised by CKVU.

Just hours before the demonstration, 300 people attending the Sixth Annual Symposium on the Holocaust--including survivors of Hitler's death camps--warmly applauded a TL presentation on the proposed picket. The left, however, turned a deaf ear to TL efforts to build a united-front action against the KKK. Several Young New Democrats turned out for the demonstration while the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism revealed the extent of its commitment to silencing the KKK by mustering up two people, who arrived late, with their usual plea for the gov-



Vancouver TL-led picket against airtime for murderous Klansman. SC Photo

ernment to "Ban the Klan." A larger demonstration could have stopped Cook cold but the fake-left's sectarianism allowed him on the air to spew his murderous filth. Unlike self-proclaimed anti-fascists who rely on the government to stop the Klan, the TL is committed to fighting for mass labor/minority action to sweep the fascists off the streets.

## IS!...

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to win women to the program of socialist revolution.

We are not disrupters, as IS!'s Toronto branch has itself admitted. We are socialists who simply seek to exercise our rights as members of the public to attend public meetings and speak from the floor during discussion periods. This is what IS! is really afraid of. It is certainly a statement about the character of this "national" organization that it gives free rein to the petty provincialists in its Vancouver branch to generate a policy of political suppression of communists with scandalous charges that obviously even IS! (including Secretary-General Charles Gagnon who attended the Toronto meeting) doesn't take seriously. For our part, we continue to view IS!'s exclusionism and its bureaucratic suppression of debate as a chronic and politically cowardly violation of workers democracy. ■

## Sri Lanka...

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oppression, cops and troops--from Watts to Detroit--launched a brutal campaign of state terror against them.... This is nothing but Jim Crow, Ceylon style."

Before the demonstrators concluded the protest

with a spirited singing of the Internationale, a Spartacist spokesman summed up: "American imperialism has come to Sri Lanka. It has come in two ways. One way is trying to compete with the Chinese labor of Hong Kong and Singapore and Taiwan. They take young Sinhalese girls, put them in the Free Trade Zone, pay them 25 cents an hour and work them for textiles. Cheap labor. Sweated labor. Slave labor. The other way is that American imperialism has moved into the Indian Ocean." The SL speaker stressed the importance of opposing imperialist naval bases on the island of Diego Garcia and at Trincomalee in Sri Lanka. He concluded by reminding the protesters that not only the government party in Sri Lanka has the blood of the Tamils on its hands:

"There is a man, his name is J.R. Jayewardene, and his rotund prime minister Premadasa--they are the enemies. The way was prepared by [former prime minister] Bandaranaike, the popular front of racism, of anti-Tamil oppression.... The Tamil people are oppressed. They are being dumped back out of an island. They are being squeezed. In Jaffna they are being killed. This will not continue. J.R. Jayewardene is being put on notice that as a flunky of imperialism and the West German bankers he will not win." ■

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## RACAR...

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swung over to form a chain in front of the demonstrators only to disappear once the march was safely past the Klan office--safely for the fascists, that is. By their actions throughout the demonstration--from anti-communist thuggery to turn-the-cheek pacifism in the face of the Klan's provocation--RACAR issued an invitation to fascist terror.

While some RACAR marshals refused to participate in the attack on the TL contingent, the "Ban the Klan" Workers Communist Party (WCP) and the "Free Speech for Fascists" Revolutionary Workers League eagerly jumped in to lend a helping hand. The WCP was again part of a goon squad at a June 8 public RACAR meeting, enforcing the exclusion of TL members and threatening to call the cops.

Action against the Klan? For RACAR that's the government's job. For months these sappy community organizers and assorted fake-leftists devoted their energies to petitioning the Riverdale community "deplor[ing] the government's failure to take action against the Klan." As the day of the Klan protest approached, every effort was made to eliminate even the slightest note of militancy from the "celebration."

A May 4 RACAR meeting passed a motion forbidding placards not previously approved by RACAR and on May 20 there was a proposal to bring in the cops to enforce RACAR censorship. And just to cover all the bases, RACAR even instructed a feminist singing group, the Red Berets, to alter the words of a song saying "We must smash the Right" to "We must smash the Klan" to avoid alienating any right-wingers who might oppose the Klan! This was too much for even a couple of RACAR supporters who voted against this ludicrous proposal.

The mood was very different among the 1,500-2,000 mainly Jewish protesters, an estimated half of whom were concentration camp survivors, at the "Rally to Protest Racism and Hatemongering" at Allan Gardens the same day. After the rally 600-700 marched on the Zundel Studios on Carlton Street--reportedly an international distribution center for neo-Nazi propaganda. The Canadian Jewish News reported "A line of policemen stood along the pavement to prevent demonstrators from coming through. Other policemen stood on the roof of the adjoining house. Yellow squad cars lined the street."

Met by placards provocatively reading: "No Truth to 6 Million Story! Gigantic Jewish Rip-Off!" and "Holocaust is a Lie!" outraged protesters broke through a line of cops that tried to keep them across the street. The fascists turned tail and fled inside the "studio" where they could be seen through the windows wearing hardhats. As the demonstration ended one protester yelled out: "Don't worry. Now we know where you are, Zundel.

We'll be back." Incredibly, the entire left press, which had only praise for the Greenwood Park festival, blacked out any coverage of the more militant Allan Gardens rally.

There is no mistaking the rise in Klan/Nazi terror. The same day as the anti-fascist demonstrations in Toronto, 40 KKKers burned a cross on a beach near Mission, B.C. Since then the Vancouver Rape Relief House and Norman Bethune Bookstore and the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism have been the targets of Klan threats and violence. The Klan in British Columbia has vowed to go after communists first. In Ontario on May 16 the home of Hamilton Communist Party organizer Elizabeth Rowley was set on fire after she had received threats from the Klan.

The fascists must be stopped now! Impotent liberalism and reliance on the bosses' state will never do the job, as was so graphically shown in Riverdale on May 31. Against the "Ban the Klanners," preachers of "non-violence" and treacherous advocates of "Free Speech" for the fascist scum, the Trotskyist League, with our banner calling for: "No Reliance on the Bosses' State! Mobilize Labor/Minorities to Smash the Klan!" alone pointed the way forward to stopping the fascists cold. Only the power of organized labor pulling behind its class banner a broad mobilization of all those targeted by the fascists, can decisively crush these racist thugs. In the words of American Trotskyist leader James P. Cannon: "Fascism fears no 'scandal' and is not to be bluffed. It has to be beaten down.... Force is the argument of the advance guard of American fascism. Woe to the workers of America if they do not learn in time to talk the same language!" ■

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## RACAR Preaches "Non-Violence," Goons for Klan **Labor/Minorities Must Smash the Klan!**

TORONTO--The May 31 Riverdale Community Festival Against the Klan was billed as an afternoon "filled with music, theatre, food, dance and games for the kids." The only hint of action, a "walk around the block" past the Klan's Toronto headquarters in this working-class and heavily immigrant area was buried in the small print of the publicity. Yet the march was necessarily the key event of the day.

When the 1,000-strong demonstration swung on to Dundas Street the Klan fascists were waiting on the front porch of their house with arms raised in the Nazi salute--three of them robed and hooded and a woman with "white power" tattooed across her chest. That these racist thugs dared show their faces in public and directly across the street from an anti-Klan protest was an open provocation to every minority, trade unionist and leftist in this city.

With only a token police presence, the opportunity was there to teach this handful of racist thugs a well-deserved lesson of the kind they wouldn't easily forget. But for the Riverdale Action Committee Against Racism (RACAR) organizers it was the chance to make their bid for bourgeois respectability. For all its preaching of "non-violence," RACAR turned its thugs loose against communists precisely in order to protect the most violent fringe of capitalist society--the fascists.

A team of RACAR goons, led by gay activist Tim McCaskell, surrounded the 20-strong Trotskyist League (TL) contingent as the march formed up and physically forced it to the back. In Greensboro, North Carolina, the Klan drove home its murderous message that it's open season on communists with the blood of five slain militants. And what was



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**RACAR: Pacifism in face of the Klan, thuggery against communists.**

the response of Toronto's "anti-fascists"? On May 31 RACAR goned for the Klan.

When the demonstration stopped briefly in front of the Klan office, the line of marshals separating the TL contingent from the rest of the march

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