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## Smash NATO/NORAD! Defend the Soviet Union!



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Imperialists target gains of 1917 October Revolution. Reagan and junior partner Trudeau shake on a new signing of joint anti-Soviet defense treaty - NORAD.

## The Main Enemy Is at Home!

Over 30,000 people came out to "walk for peace" in the streets of Vancouver, April 24. These peace crawls are an annual event, but the turnout took the "End the Arms Race" coalition organizers by surprise. There were housewives, teachers, doctors and even tennis players for "peace." Side by side with punk rockers were all manner of flora and fauna from the aging "flower children" who flourish in Vancouver.

With placards and slogans from "Puke on Nukes" to "Make Canada a Nuclear Free Zone" to "Refuse the Cruise" this march was an outburst of bourgeois pacifism wrapped in the maple leaf. As one of our comrades commented: "I've never seen so many Canadian flags since Dominion Day." The central focus of the demonstration was neither for an end to bombs nor war (as utopian as that is short of socialist revolution) but was aimed at preserving the image of the Cana-

dian bourgeoisie as the clean imperialist "nice guys."

What has the "refuse the cruisers" up in arms is the Trudeau government's agreement with the U.S. to allow testing of cruise missiles in Cold Lake, Alberta. The protesters scream that Trudeau has reneged on his 1978 "nuclear suffocation" speech at the UN and that all of a sudden Canada is doing some dirty work for the U.S. war machine, as if up until now Canada has had a "peaceful" and "independent" foreign policy.

### Canada: Junior Partner of U.S. Imperialism

In 1917 the Bolshevik Revolution ripped one-sixth of the world out of the clutches of the capitalists, and ever since the imperialists have been desperate to reconquer it. More than 40 years ago then-Canadian prime minister Saint Laurent said: "Our foreign policy

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# Toni Randell 1943-1982

Our comrade Toni Randell died February 12 of cancer. A cadre of the Spartacist League/U.S. for more than ten years, comrade Toni had been a member of the New York and Bay Area SL branches, a founder of the Partisan Defense Committee (PDC), a member of the SL Central Control Commission and a candidate member of the SL Central Committee. She was tragically only 38 years old at the time of her death.

Many comrades in the Trotskyist League of Canada had the opportunity to know and work with Toni over the years, particularly around the PDC's international campaigns to free Mario Muñoz, Chilean mine workers leader, from the clutches of the murderous Argentine junta and to raise money for eye operations and specialized equipment for Fernando Marcos, an exiled Chilean trade-union leader. Toni's invaluable work helped make these campaigns a success and, as well, contributed to building the then-relatively new Canadian section.

On February 27 memorial meetings in honor of comrade Toni Randell were held in New York and San Francisco. In the California meeting the observation that this comrade, who lived and died a hard communist, especially despised quitters sparked a walkout by some of the ex-members present. In the New York meeting comrade Jim Robertson commented:

"A number of us on the West Coast saw her remains placed in the ground. I think it was done fittingly, on a hillside with the fog coming right down into the redwood trees, a volley of rifle fire, the rain. That's the way it should be done, because she died a serving officer in a communist party. Her history has stopped, abruptly. But her memory goes on as long as those, any of those, who knew and cared about her continue to themselves have consciousness. That's a contradiction. And it's not until the last of those who have known her have died that some flickering continuation of her own consciousness ceases to exist within us. And



since she died tragically young, she leaves behind a mass of real mourners."

An obituary to this comrade is printed in *Workers Vanguard*, No. 300, 5 March 1982.

## The Main Enemy ...

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therefore must be based on a recognition of the fact that totalitarian communist aggression endangers the freedom and peace of every democratic nation, including Canada. "Economically and militarily incapable of doing much about it on its own, the jackal imperialists of this rich white man's country are necessarily the craven and loyal junior partners of U.S. imperialism.

In the name of "defense of the free world" the Canadian government sent destroyers and 22,000 soldiers to "fight Communism" in Korea. They backed the U.S. invasion of the Dominican Republic in 1965 and the dirty war against the Vietnamese workers and peasants (decrying the grislier aspects and profiting without domestic discontent directed at them). Today Canada is part of NATO's naval maneuvers aimed at Cuba and Nicaragua. Meanwhile Trudeau declares his commitment to war on the Soviet Union: "I can hardly blame the U.S. and other NATO countries for saying that while we talk disarmament we must also show the Soviet Union that we can meet them gun for gun" (*Globe and Mail*, 20 March). And Reagan's ambassador to Ottawa

recently hailed Canada's 19% leap in military spending.

But the Canadian "peace" demonstrations don't oppose the anti-Soviet war drive, NATO or the Canadian military. Testing cruise missiles? Canada has had an air defense pact with the U.S. for 25 years—NORAD. Canada's Litton Industries making parts for the cruise? Canada and the U.S. have had a joint Defense Production Sharing agreement since 1957. What has got the "peace" demonstrators upset is that the cruise is being tested on *Canadian soil*. It smacks of the statement made by the minister for external

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# Capitalist Crisis Is Killing Auto Workers

## UAW: Sitdown Against Shutdowns!

United Auto Workers (UAW) president Doug Fraser is dealing away the hard-won gains of what was the strongest union in North America. The UAW tops are giving up entire programs won through past struggles, taking billions from their members' pockets to put into company profits—\$1 billion to Chrysler and Ford, \$3 billion to GM. Now these same companies in Canada are screaming for their pound of flesh.

The Canadian UAW leadership is loudly proclaiming "No Concessions!" and that they won't give in to givebacks. The big-business media paints Canadian UAW director Bob White as some flaming "militant" who has broken with the "responsible" labor statesmen south of the border. But no less than Fraser, White is guided by the dictum "What's good for GM is good for the workers," pushing protectionist schemes and government bailouts as his answer to disappearing company profits.

Empty factories, welfare and unemployment lines, Klan/Nazi terror on the rise, capitalist austerity and givebacks—all have made it desperately necessary to fight. But for what? And how? It's not a crisis of this or that particular capitalist company—the Big Three want people at work producing profits, not out on the street. What's happening to auto is the crisis of the entire capitalist system. What is required is a political struggle to mobilize the working class to sweep away the boom-bust system of production for profit where speed-up and layoffs alternate until workers are thrown onto the scrapheap.

More than 40 years ago, Leon Trotsky, who together with Lenin led the Russian Revolution of 1917, wrote of the trade unions in this period of decaying capitalism and imperialist war:

"They can no longer be reformist, because the objective conditions leave no room for any serious reforms. . . . Impossible are the independent or semi-independent reformist trade unions. Wholly possible are revolutionary trade unions which are not only not stockholders of imperialist policy but which set as their direct task the overthrow of the rule of capitalism."

With no room to maneuver the pro-capitalist trade union tops and their social-democratic allies are turned directly into the handmaidens of the capitalists, scrambling to help the bosses get their profits back. So Doug Fraser sits on the Board of Chrysler while Bob White joins with the auto barons and the car dealers to beat the drums for protectionism. The April 15 *Oshaworker*, published by UAW Local 222, obscenely features a back-page message from Stelco, the company which attempted to starve out steel

workers in a bitter four-month strike last summer, demanding "a temporary embargo to restrict Japanese imports of cars and trucks. . . ." One second vice-president in Local 222 was quite blunt: "Their business is our business. . . . If they're going to boost North American cars then, damn it, we're behind it" (*Oshawa Times*, 19 March).

But Stelco's "Buy North American" campaign doesn't really satisfy the UAW tops, the NDP and the Communist Party. They're all pushing for renegotiation of the Auto Pact—a protectionist agreement between the U.S. and Canada designed to assure the Canadian



Toronto Star

**Canadian UAW tops mobilize auto workers not to fight layoffs, but for maple-leaf nationalism and poisonous anti-Japanese protectionism**

bourgeoisie a "fair share" of North American auto and parts production—in favor of Canada. So these patriotic sell-outs demand *more* layoffs in the U.S. to "save" jobs for Canadian auto workers.

The very idea of an independent Canadian auto industry is ludicrous: the Canadian domestic market is too small to possibly support profitable production. The U.S.-based auto giants are Canada's auto

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**"For God, Country  
and Anti-Communism!"**



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**"¡Por Dios, Patria y  
Anti-comunismo!"**

# Falklands: Nowhere War

MAY 16—Reagan and Haig must think they're having a bad dream. Their staunchest anti-Communist allies in Europe and Latin America respectively are actually going to war against one another. And over what? A couple of god-forsaken islands close to Antarctica. When the crisis first broke, Reagan stated pathetically, "We're friends with both countries." But the friend of one's enemy is scarcely one's friend. So whoever wins the Falklands war, U.S. imperialism will lose. And that is all to the good.

One unhappy Western diplomat summed it all up when he said the Russians "are the only winners in this crisis. Everyone else winds up with egg on his face" (*Newsweek*, 26 April). Hard as they try, anti-Communist hysterics have been unable to pin the Falklands fiasco on the Kremlin. Displaying a peculiar respect for "international law," the Soviet bureaucrats did not even veto Britain's emergency resolution in the UN Security Council. All they've shown so far is a diplomatic tilt toward Argentina, which is, after all, their main trading partner in the Western hemisphere.

While the Kremlin Stalinists bewail the threat to "world peace," revolutionary socialists can only look forward to the spectacle of these two hated right-wing regimes sinking each other's fleets on the high seas (witness the General Belgrano and the Sheffield). There's an old saying: war is the mother of revolution. The bloody Argentine junta, wracked only a few weeks ago by massive labor protests, and the despised Thatcher government, which has driven the British people into the poorhouse, *can be brought down* as a result of defeat and humiliation in war.

## Fantasies of Victoria

"Be pleased to inform Her Majesty that the White Ensign flies alongside the Union Jack in South Georgia. God Save the Queen!" This was not an emissary of Queen Victoria during the heyday of empire, but a message beamed to Tory prime minister Margaret Thatcher. With the surrender of less than 200 Argen-

tine marines and sailors on South Georgia Island, the Royal Navy finally struck a blow for the honor of the empire a month after the Argentine seizure of the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas).

If this is one of the more bizarre episodes in the epoch of imperialist decay, the wave of chauvinist hysteria which has swept Britain is no less disgusting and dangerous for it. Thatcher proclaims "aggression" anywhere must be repelled, as if Britain were still the world's policeman. What right does a two-bit power like Britain have to police global "aggression"? Why not Bangladesh? Labour Party leader Michael Foot leaps to congratulate Thatcher and Her Majesty's armed forces. Royal Navy recruiting posters have been found tacked up on factory notice boards.

The former "Dominion of Canada" joined with the rest of the Commonwealth (once called the Empire) to salute the Union Jack, imposing sanctions against Argentina. Not surprising from a country much of whose original English-speaking population fought for George III against the American Revolution. The United Empire Loyalists, the Monarchist League of Canada and the little old ladies sipping tea in Victoria, B.C. hotels (reputedly among the most fervent British monarchists in the world) found a willing ally in the New Democratic Party which introduced the motion which got unanimous consent in Parliament to condemn Argentina. The next day the NDP came back and demanded (unsuccessfully) that Canada (like Australia) "break off diplomatic relationships with Argentina."

All the blather about defending British sovereignty in the Falklands or the rights of the 1,800 Falklands "kelpers" is sheer imperialist cant. Britain seized the Falklands from Argentina in the early nineteenth century. So turnaround is fair play. Take the case of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, which had a population larger than the Falklands. There the British colonialists drove those people from their homes in order to give an unpopulated island to the U.S. Navy.

The Labour Party has sought to prevent the Tories

from outflanking it in popular jingoism, while simultaneously warning against another Suez-type humiliation. That "inveterate peacemonger" Foot initially combined with the worst Tory Colonel Blimps to denounce Thatcher's betrayal of the Falkland Islanders, cloaked in the call to defend the Falklanders' "right to self-determination." Ever since "poor little Belgium," social democracy has covered its support for imperialist militarism with the same demagoguery.

The right wing of the party then more or less paralleled the American position for a negotiated solution. The Labour MP from Langley, Virginia, Denis Healey, rose in Parliament to "express the gratitude of the House to Mr. Haig" and promptly shuttled off to New York himself.

But in all this it is the *enfant terrible* of the Labour left, Tony Benn, whose policies are most in line with the real capacities and interests of British capitalism. Recognizing that Britain is in no position to get into a war over a group of islands 8,000 miles away, Benn warns that if the fleet is not withdrawn, "it will end in tragedy for this country." Both the anti-Communist right and the fake left portray Benn as a veritable red revolutionary. In fact, he is now acting as the only rational voice for British capitalism. Contrast Benn with Lenin, who saw in World War I a bloody, irrational conflict that was ripping up the normal functioning of the bourgeois order, and creating historic revolutionary opportunities.

### American Impotence Exposed

Perhaps the most striking thing about this bizarre world crisis is that it highlights the weakness of the United States as self-styled leader of the "free world." The night before Argentina seized the Falklands, the president of the United States spoke on the phone for almost an hour with Argentine strongman Galtieri trying to convince him not to do it. But to no avail. And Haig's effort to emulate his mentor Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy has only made him an international laughing stock.

It is especially painful for U.S. imperialism that Britain is now attempting to recapture its imperial

glory at the expense of the Argentine junta. Since taking office the Reagan administration has fervently wooed the bloody anti-Communist butchers in Buenos Aires. Last November Galtieri declared that the third world war had already begun in the Americas, a war between the "free world" led by the U.S. and Soviet Communism. The Argentine military had volunteered its elite units to help overthrow petty-bourgeois radical Sandinistas in Nicaragua and suppress leftist insurgency in El Salvador. No doubt Galtieri believed these services on the Central American front of imperialism's Cold War II entitled him to some compensation, namely, the Malvinas.

So with the British pushing their imperial pretensions to the hilt and the U.S. unable to simply call Thatcher to order, the Reagan administration is forced to make the excruciating choice between the anti-Communist junta to the south and the anti-Communist Tories across the Atlantic. While many Reaganites may feel more at home with Galtieri's Argentina than with a Britain filled with Bennites and "Bolshies," Washington has realized it must line up with its more important ally, Britain.

### Fake-Lefts Cheerleading for Galtieri

Just a few days before the seizure of the Falklands, the Argentine junta was confronted with a 15,000-strong demonstration by the General Confederation of Labor in Buenos Aires, which was suppressed with large-scale arrests. Fearing a wave of labor unrest, Galtieri designed his Malvinas adventure as a *nationalist diversion* to outflank the Peronists. And, so far, it has been a successful maneuver in defusing class struggle with chauvinist demagoguery. But Argentina's leftists and trade unionists should think well that the first fruits of taking the Malvinas could be the establishment of an Argentine prison island for the luckiest of the *desaparecidos* ("disappeared") on one of its barren outcrops.

Addicted to Third World nationalist enthusing, virtually the entire fake left in North America (and to a lesser extent in Europe) has taken up the

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## Down with the Monarchy!

Trudeau danced a pirouette and sailor boys pranced amid troupes of fiddlers as the "Queen of Canada" "assented" to the constitution April 17. The masses of working people treated this lavish display with the contempt it deserved. Barely 30,000 turned out, mostly monarchists sprinkled with the CBC's rent-a-crowd, far fewer than the 100,000 recession-ravaged workers who protested on Parliament Hill last November.

The only protest to the nauseating royal pomp was mounted by the Parti Québécois who led a fleur-de-lys waving crowd of 20,000 through East Montreal. The British monarchy is justly hated in Quebec as a symbol of national oppression, but Premier René Lévesque was really seeking to divert attention from the PQ's strike-breaking austerity drive. Only last year Lévesque was begging the Westminster "mother Parliament" to save Quebec from the constitution.

The very existence of the monarchy is an anti-democratic outrage. This institutional relic of feudalism is meant to serve as a symbol of suppos-

ed class harmony for all the "humble subjects" and as an ostentatious assertion of social privilege. The lady in the matching turquoise coat and hat was in Ottawa to underscore the artificial state of Canada's residual colonialist ties to the British ex-empire, where the sun always sets.

Just in case Elizabeth R. couldn't make it, the NDP's Ed Schreyer, the governor-general, was ready to be "Queen for a Day." The spectacle of the NDP's top brass fluttering around like moths graphically illustrates the social democrats' role as craven servants of the ruling class.

As revolutionary communists we take an uncompromising stand against all oppression and privilege. We stand for the right of self-determination for the oppressed Québécois nation. And we are against all the monarchist trappings from Buckingham Palace to Rideau Hall. Our task is to mobilize the proletariat throughout Canada and the U.S. in the struggle for North American socialist revolution, sweeping away the capitalists and their retainers.

# We Call for Rebel Victory, They Call the Cops

## El Salvador: Revolution or Death



Vancouver,  
March 27:  
CASC goons  
surround  
TL-initiated  
Anti-Imperialist  
Contingent.

SC Photo

### Now More Than Ever: Military Victory to Leftist Rebels! Defense of Cuba/USSR Begins in El Salvador!

If the perspective of a negotiated "political solution" between Salvadoran leftists and the junta butchers was a treacherous illusion before, now it is an open call for suicide by the leftist forces. Emerging as the "victors" from the March 28 electoral farce were ex-Major Roberto D'Abuissou's fascistic Nationalist Republican Alliance and several other parties of ultra-rightist mass murderers. D'Abuissou (known as "Major Blowtorch" for his skill at that device when he ran the torture chambers for former dictator Carlos Romeros) was described by the former U.S. ambassador as a "pathological killer" and campaigned on a platform calling for a "final solution" to the guerilla war, including the use of napalm.

The leftist rebels have been winning on the battlefield! Now more than ever it is necessary for them to defeat the blood-soaked military butchers! "Military Victory to the Leftist Insurgents" was the rallying cry of Anti-Imperialist Contingents (AIC) organized by the Trotskyist League and the Spartacist League/Spartacus Youth League in the U.S. in the March 27 El Salvador demonstrations across North America.

But the reformist/liberal organizers of the El Salvador protests didn't want communists with red flags marching for military victory and the defense of Cuba and the USSR on "their" demonstrations. We call for

the rebels to win the war, they call for the rebels to "end the war." We fight to defeat imperialism, they try to pressure imperialism with their popular-frontist protest movement appealing to the "progressive" capitalists.

From Washington D.C. to Toronto to Vancouver the "official" organizers of the El Salvador protests did everything to censor, isolate and exclude the Anti-Imperialist Contingents—from anti-communist slander to goon squads to calling on the capitalists' cops. In Washington they brought in cossacks, the motorcycle cops and SWAT teams to seal off the 400 supporters of the AIC—turning the AIC assembly point and later the rally into temporary detention centers. This superb display of police power suggests that more powerful forces than the measly reformists had put a fix in against the revolutionaries.

But they were not able to silence us. The SL/SYL-initiated Anti-Imperialist Contingent was the focus of the entire day in what was a political struggle between the reds fighting for military victory of the Salvadoran masses against their exploiters and torturers and the rad-lib "doves" calling for the rebels to lay down their arms in a "negotiated settlement" with the junta. Most of the crowd listened to our agitation speeches broadcast in Malcolm X Park, many thousands received our leaflets and more than 1,400 pieces of SL literature were sold.

In Toronto goons from the Committee of Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (COSPE) attempted to seal off the TL-initiated AIC. But over 30 anti-imperialist protesters swung into the march chanting "1, 2, 3, 4—Leftist Rebels Win the War! 5, 6, 7, 8—Nothing to Negotiate!" In the middle of the demonstration

COSPES split and disrupted its own march, setting up a line of goons to push the revolutionaries to the end. Refusing to be segregated at the back of the bus, we took our contingent to the rally site at the U.S. consulate where our numbers grew to 40. Meanwhile COSPES marshals had gone running to the cops, slandering the TL as "disrupters." As more and more cops intervened, setting up all the demonstrators for attack, we ended our picket with chants of "Death to the Junta! Workers to Power!"

In Vancouver the Central American Support Committee (CASC) surrounded the more than 25 AIC protesters with goons, appealing to the cops to help them keep the communists out of "their" demonstration. At the rally site a couple of CASC marshals swung out at the contingent with picket signs in an attempt to silence our chants in defense of Cuba and the USSR. At least one CASC marshal broke ranks with these anti-communist thugs.

In a letter to CASC, the Socialist Challenge Organization (SCO) gives an honest account of "what happened on March 27":

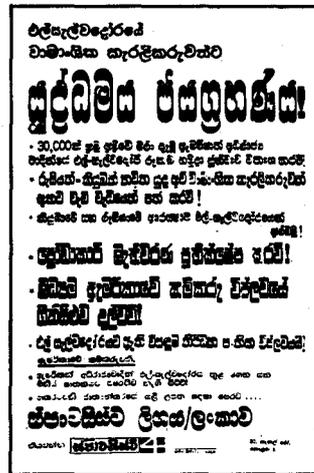
"The Trotskyist League (TL) was excluded from the march. They were cordoned off by a team of marshals. Some marshals appeared to be working hand in hand with the city police. We can only assume that CASC or the organizers called the cops."

What has the SCO upset is that CASC even turned on them! CASC wanted a chemically pure demonstration bearing no tinges of anything remotely resembling "left" politics. Everyone from the SCO to the Revolutionary Workers League to the NDP's Women's Rights Committee was forced to take down their banners as a condition to march.

What really burns the SCO is that they are united with CASC in calling for a "negotiated settlement." Whining about the suppression of its democratic rights SCO writes:

"The exclusion of the Trotskyist League is more complex. We recognize that the TL counterposed itself to the unity slogans of the march and has a history of being disruptive."

Indeed our call for military victory and our defense of Cuba and the USSR against imperialism is counterposed to the Cold War popular-front unity of the



Proletarian internationalism: Spartacist League/Lanka poster campaign, in Sinhala and English, for military victory to Salvadoran leftist rebels.

reformist left and liberals. And to preserve this "unity" they slander us as "disrupters."

**Why they exclude Reds**

On March 27 the reformist thugs and betrayers drew the line physically between the politics of class-collaboration and the politics of class struggle—by excluding the communists. Our banner demanded "Military Victory to the Leftist Insurgents!" The reformists and liberals oppose military victory. Together with the imperialist "doves" and social democrats they call for a "negotiated settlement" between the leftist rebels and the blood-drenched junta—to preserve capitalist rule in El Salvador. But every day the call for military victory becomes more urgent and obviously necessary. As their call for negotiated "political solution" increasingly flies in the face of reality the reformists are driven into a frenzy. Trying to defend the indefensible they resort to anti-communist slander and exclusion enforced with goon squads and the bosses' cops.

Reagan and Haig have proclaimed Central America the front line of their Cold War offensive against the  
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# LCUC Militants for Military Victory

*The following motion was raised at the March general meeting of the Letter Carriers Union of Canada, Local 1, Toronto. Despite an attempt to adjourn the long and often heated meeting before the motion got to the floor, the LCUC brothers and sisters demanded that the motion be heard and discussed. While the motion was narrowly defeated (after debate was abruptly cut off) six Local 1 members marched with the Anti-Imperialist Contingent on March 27.*

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 backed by their junior partners in Ottawa support the military

junta in El Salvador as part of their anti-Soviet war drive; and  
WHEREAS: the Canadian government has participated in NATO naval maneuvers directed at Cuba and Nicaragua;  
BE IT RESOLVED: that LCUC opposes all aid to the junta, stands for the military victory of Salvadoran leftists and demands Reagan/Trudeau hands off Central America and the Caribbean; and that LCUC call on the OFL and CLC to instruct its members to hot cargo all military goods to the Salvadoran junta; and that Local 1 endorse and participate in the Anti-Imperialist Contingent in the March 27 El Salvador demonstration, which will be marching in opposition to the imperialists' anti-Soviet war drive and for the military victory of the Salvadoran masses.

Audrey Minton

# Trotskyist League Protests Globe and Mail Libel

Five days after the reformists used goon squads and appealed to the cops, attempting to silence the Trotskyists on the March 27 El Salvador protests, the Globe and Mail published an article, April 1, libeling the Trotskyist League. Below is the full text of the Trotskyist League's letter to the editor protesting this libel. The letter was printed in edited form on April 21. Also reprinted below is a letter to our lawyer, Mr. Paul Copeland, from David Rosenbaum, whom the Globe had "quoted" as making this libelous statement.

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Trotskyist League  
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Toronto, Ontario  
April 14, 1982

To the editor:

Your article on External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan's address to University of Toronto law students, "Canada wants U.S. out of El Salvador: MacGuigan" (1 April 1982) contains a statement which is both false and damaging. In explaining the lack of publicity for and the restricted attendance at this meeting you quote the moderator, David Rosenbaum: "We were concerned about physical violence or other disruptions from campus political groups, such as the Trotskyist League." We vigorously protest this and demand a retraction.

The Trotskyist League are Marxists not mobsters. We are dedicated to bringing the working class to the understanding that they need their own class party to fight for their own immediate and ultimate interests. Such a perspective excludes substitutionist means such as terrorism which are diversions from the working class struggle to abolish capitalism.

The attempt to equate Marxist education with "violence" and "disruption" serves to fuel a climate in which the rights of working people are eroded and free speech is muzzled. For example, this slander was used to conduct an undemocratic exclusion of the campus community, and particularly of campus leftists, from this allegedly public event. Further, it treats Marxists as "criminals" or "dangerous" people about whom anything can be said or done, targeting them for harassment, persecution, and violence.

We call your attention to a case brought against the Attorney General of California by our comrades of the Spartacist League/U.S., which won from him the admission that the inclusion of the Spartacist

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Oliver Stephens  
Trotskyist League  
Toronto

League in a report on "Organized Crime in California" as "terrorists" and as a "dangerous faction with which law enforcement would have to deal" was in error. We demand nothing less from the *Globe and Mail*.

Oliver Stephens  
for the Trotskyist League

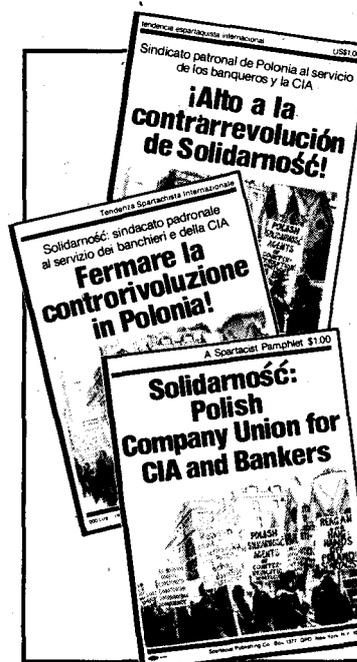
April 23, 1982

Dear Mr. Copeland:

I have your letter of April 16 concerning the quotation attributed to me by the *Globe and Mail* on April 1.

The quotation is inaccurate. I assure you that I had no intention of defaming the Trotskyist League and I did not suggest that they would advocate or engage in physical violence.

Yours sincerely,  
David Rosenbaum



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# RWL: Thought Police of the Left

When a Trotskyist League (TL) postal worker supporter together with TL comrades and militants from Letter Carriers Union of Canada Local 1 attempted to enter the April 24 Toronto "public" meeting of the Revolutionary Workers League (RWL), they were met with a squad of RWL goons. Why? The RWL said that the TL



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**Trotskyist League, trade union supporters protest RWL's anti-communist exclusion. Toronto, April 24.**

supporter was "banned" from all the RWL's Socialist Forums for an alleged violation of the so-called "democratic" norms at a previous RWL meeting. The violation? Showing an interested forum participant a Trotskyist newspaper!

Any unionist who has ever found himself speaking into a dead microphone will have no trouble understanding what the RWL is all about. Their goon squad was there to protect the reformist ideological purity of Socialist Forums through cowardly exclusion of revolutionary Trotskyists. In response the Tlers and trade-union supporters set up a militant, spirited picket line in front of the RWL hall, chanting "What is the RWL afraid of? Down with anti-communist exclusion!" and "RWL loves counterrevolutionary Solidarność, excludes communists!"

The opening shots for the RWL's attempt to silence Trotskyists at its "public" events were fired after the January 9 Socialist Forum "Defend Polish Workers!" Guest speaker Norman Penner opened the meeting unabashedly declaring: "We are here to denounce the Soviet Union"! Penner's statement was entirely in keeping with the "spirit" of the RWL's meeting, called to whip up support for the pro-Western, counterrevolutionary Solidarność. But when the TL took the floor to defend the gains of the October Revolution in the face of Reagan/Trudeau's anti-Soviet Cold War drive and exposed Solidarność' ties to Western capitalist circles—this was "out of order."

Shortly after that meeting the TL received a letter from Socialist Forums' Grant Elgaard threatening to bar Tlers for allegedly violating "the rules governing

conduct at Socialist Forums." Far from upholding the norms of workers democracy the RWL's rules and practices are aimed at bureaucratically censoring, stifling and suppressing open political debate. For example Elgaard says "people who wish to speak must be recognized by the chair." All well and good. But as the

TL wrote in response: "If the chair doesn't wish someone to speak they won't—a rule particularly applied to those who would expose the RWL's pretensions to 'Trotskyism'."

This was borne out at the RWL's April 8 meeting, "Grenada: The Birth of a Workers Democracy" where the chair refused to call on any TL supporters. So blatant was this political censorship that the RWL's Grenadian guest speaker gave "birth" to workers democracy by *himself* recognizing a TL supporter. After the meeting Elgaard wrote again, this time "banning" the very same TL supporter *their* guest speaker had called upon for the "crime" of showing someone in the meeting hall a copy of the international Spartacist tendency's press! Then this two-bit Vyshinski asked for a full "confession" as one of the minimum conditions for readmission to Socialist Forums.

When a passerby on April 24 asked why the TL was being excluded one of the RWL goons charged that we were "disruptive." Then

he proceeded to give the lie to his own slander against the TL. He claimed we "disrupted" the El Salvador demonstrations because we don't support the popular-frontist leaders of the FDR/FMLN whose call for a "negotiated settlement" is a ticket for bloody defeat for the Salvadoran masses. Indeed there were very serious disruptions at the March 27 El Salvador demonstration—when the organizers (with the silent assent of the RWL) brought out goons *and the cops* to try to silence the TL's call for "Military Victory to the Leftist Insurgents!" and "Defense of Cuba/USSR Begins in El Salvador!"

As further evidence of TL "disruptions" the goon  
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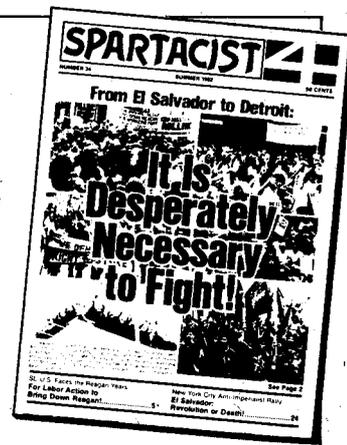
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## UAW...

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industry in a necessarily highly integrated North American economy. And that doesn't leave much room for the CP's pipedream of the all-Canadian car (which they'd no doubt dub "The Beaver").

While White & Co. push one form of protectionism, import quotas and content rules, auto workers are already feeling the sting of another: the 80¢ Canadian dollar keeps the price of imports high and helps boost export sales. It also means that Canadian auto workers are earning nearly 20 percent less than their American brothers and sisters. But White & Co. think this is a good thing, one of their key arguments against concessions being that Canadian "average motor vehicle labor costs" are already \$5-an-hour cheaper than in the U.S. (UAW's *Economic News*, No. 17, January)!

A car dealers' TV commercial makes crystal clear just where the UAW/NDP's campaign for protectionism leads. Two young girls in front of a lemonade stand with a sign reading "Dad laid off" are discussing why their "daddies" lost their jobs. Every time they use the word "imports" the shot cuts to a Toyota, Fiat or Volkswagen being blown up! At the end one says, "I hope when I grow up I don't have to go to Japan for a job" at which point the narrator intones the message: "Guarantee your family's future. Buy GM." "Maple-leaf" protectionism translated: "buy white, stop the yellow peril."

Indeed the ultimate capitalist answer to "protecting" industry is another Hiroshima which would truly resolve the problem of "foreign competition." History has proven time and again that trade wars lead to shooting wars. Auto workers who buy White's dirty chauvinist protectionist campaign may well find their sons fighting Japanese fellow workers tomorrow.

The UAW leadership's campaign to "make the world safe for GM" doesn't end with their racist, anti-Japanese chorus. These labor fakers and the right-wing social democrats in the NDP are 100 percent behind the imperialists' anti-Soviet war drive. Together they attempted to mobilize workers behind the "union" the imperialists loved—Poland's Solidarność. Solidarność wanted to turn the Polish economy over to the International Monetary Fund. Its leader Lech Walesa met in secret in Paris with 20 of America's biggest capitalists, including Ford chairman, Phillip Caldwell. The "union" which expressed its admiration for Reagan's America was mobilizing to make Poland "safe" for Ford, GM and the Western bankers.

The Frasers and Whites oppose sitdowns in North America for the same reason they support sitdowns in Gdansk. The trade-union bureaucrats support capitalism whether it means "rolling back" Communism in Poland or rolling back union gains at home. It is this program of pro-capitalist Cold War that unites the bureaucracy from Detroit to Oshawa.

The anti-Soviet war drive has come home in the mass layoffs and capitalist austerity and the ominous rise of the Klan/Nazis with their program of meeting the capitalist crisis with race terror and union busting. A fight can be made and won but this requires a political fight to throw out the pro-capitalist fakers running the unions, to get the unions off their knees and fighting.

Everyone from the capitalist press to the fake left would like to depict White's phony "no concessions" stance as against Fraser's straight-out givebacks as "militancy" vs. "conservatism." It's not! Rather, the

differences between Fraser and White reflect the influence of a wretchedly right-wing, but mass-based social-democratic party in Canada. In spite of a shared history conditioned by a highly integrated cross-national North American economy (especially in auto) and reflected in North American "international" unions like the UAW, the social democracy has played a more overt role in shaping the Canadian labor movement and the UAW in particular. The NDP's predecessor, the CCF, cut its teeth purging Communist Party militants from the unions, including and especially, the UAW. It is no accident that the Lane Kirkland of Canada, Dennis McDermott, who was formerly the head of the Canadian UAW, campaigned on the slogan "A Perfect Union: CLC-NDP," or that NDP leader Ed Broadbent's home riding is in Oshawa.

As in Britain, the social-democratic program of protectionism and government takeovers is an integral part of the Canadian trade-union bureaucracy's rhetoric. While in the U.S. government takeovers are generally associated with strikebreaking and other anti-labor measures, in Canada, because of its competitive disadvantage relative to the U.S. they are seen as necessary protectionist measures.

Protectionism and government bailouts are White's "no concessions" program. It was this program that the UAW tops in the U.S. and Canada bargained for in 1979 to keep Chrysler afloat. At the time we warned that a government bailout of Chrysler would be used to gut the union, setting a pattern for GM and Ford. We said: "If [Jimmy] Carter and [Joe] Clark do decide to shell out to keep the sinking auto company afloat, more plants and workers will be scrapped in the name of 'financial responsibility.' Chrysler workers must be mobilized to defend their jobs. Not government handouts but militant sit-down strikes and factory occupations! If Chrysler is broke, the auto workers should seize the company's assets. The money from the sale of the assets belongs to the workforce—not one cent to the shareholders and banks!" (see "Chrysler Workers: Take it—it's Yours," *SC* No. 39, Oct./Nov. 1979).

The downward spiral of concessions, layoffs and shutdowns can only be halted by bold class struggle. In February at Ford's enormous River Rouge plant in Dearborn, the Rouge Militant Caucus called for a two-day sit-in demonstration, to "turn things around and put us on the offensive against the bosses and their concessions drive." As these militants said, by holding the plants hostage for 48 hours, auto workers could galvanize broad sections of the working class, blacks and the poor into common action, while attacking the "principle" of private ownership of the factories.

The UAW's contracts expire in September and the auto bosses in Canada are hoping to squeeze out concessions by saying it will be a long, bitter and losing strike if auto workers don't cave in. They know that workers are reluctant to strike for nickels and dimes in the face of massive unemployment. What's needed to spark a fight against the mass layoffs and the givebacks is sit-down strikes—raw labor power. The labor bigwigs like White and Co. will never carry out such militant actions because they are a direct attack on the capitalists' sacred property "rights."

But even such dramatic actions are not sufficient to win labor's fight. A political fight must be waged, starting from the basic needs of the working people, for a *transitional program* which can lead the fight to the only real solution: a workers government which institutes a planned economy of production for social

need rather than capitalist profit. This means dumping the pro-capitalist Frasers and Whites and replacing them with a class-struggle leadership that would organize sitdowns against layoffs and concessions. A revolutionary leadership would mobilize labor and minorities to crush the race terrorists of the Klan and Nazis. To promote international working-class solidarity it would fight the nationalist poison of protectionism. To defend the gains of the workers movement and to fight the threat of thermonuclear imperialist war, it must smash Reagan/Trudeau's war drive and fight any attempt to restore capitalism in Cuba, Poland or the Soviet Union.

All this requires the political destruction of the right-wing anti-Soviet social democrats of the NDP—the labor frontmen for imperialist foreign policy a-broad, capitalist austerity and racism at home—in the struggle for a revolutionary workers party fighting for a workers government that would expropriate the irrational capitalist system that means misery, poverty and the threat of nuclear holocaust. Organizing such an international party of socialist revolution is the task of the Trotskyists. ■

## El Salvador...

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Soviet Union. We say "Defense of Cuba/USSR Begins in El Salvador!" Eager to play ball with their own bourgeoisie the reformist organizers of the El Salvador protests try to pretend that the war in El Salvador has nothing to do with class struggle (i.e., there is no civil war going on) or the Cold War—that it is simply a matter of U.S. aggression. In the U.S. the reformists are trying to build a movement for the imperialist "doves" in the Democratic Party. Here behind their banners demanding "No U.S. Intervention in El Salvador!" and "U.S. Hands Off El Salvador!" COSPES/CASC and their fake-left boosters alibi the Canadian bourgeoisie as the imperialist "nice guys" in Central America and appeal to Trudeau to "support the FDR."

In the Vancouver demonstration a popular chant was "Trudeau, MacGuigan Change Your Stand! Don't Line Up With Duartes' Band!" The Canadian government stands fully behind the Salvadoran junta. Canada is the loyal and craven junior partner in Reagan and Haig's drive towards thermonuclear war against the Soviet Union. And in Central America and the Caribbean the Canadian bourgeoisie has its own imperialist interests to defend. So these imperialist "nice guys" are marching in lockstep with Reagan and Haig as they escalate their threats to use a Big Stick to stop Communism in America's (and Canada's) backyard. Last year Canada met with the war ministers of the U.S. and 20 Latin American countries to discuss joint operations against Cuba and Nicaragua. In March Canada was part of a NATO naval maneuver in the Gulf of Mexico—Operation Safe Pass.

On March 27 only the Trotskyist League-initiated Anti-Imperialist Contingents demanded "Reagan/Trudeau: Hands Off Central America and the Caribbean!" The fake-Trotskyists of the Revolutionary Workers League call for an end to Canadian "complicity" with the U.S. in Central America, pleading with the Canadian bourgeoisie to keep its "hands clean"—like it did during the Vietnam War posturing as the "peacekeepers" all the while profiting from this dirty war against the Vietnamese workers and peasants. Today the same reformists who court the "neutral"

Canadian imperialists call for "No More Vietnams!" Only the Anti-Imperialist Contingents raised the slogan "Vietnam Was a Victory! 2, 3, Many Defeats for Imperialism!"

The guiding light for the El Salvador protests in Canada is the right-wing social democrats of the NDP. The reformists who oppose military victory for the leftist rebels in El Salvador heralded NDP leader Ed Broadbent's attempts to broker a "negotiated settlement" in El Salvador last year. The social democrats' support for a compromise "political solution" between Salvadoran leftists and the junta is by their own admission designed to prevent socialist revolution, by replacing unstable military dictatorships with governments capable of diverting popular discontent into reformist channels. Broadbent, Mitterrand et al. don't disagree with Reagan over whether Central America "ought to go Communist," they only differ over how to prevent it!

While the social democrats attempt to export "democratic" counterrevolution to Central America they have served in the front lines of the anti-Soviet war drive whipping up an anti-communist frenzy behind Solidarność failed counterrevolution in Poland. The reformist organizers of the El Salvador protests joined in the obscene imperialist chorus hailing the Polish company union for the CIA and Western bankers. From El Salvador to Poland to Afghanistan they stand on the side of the imperialist "doves"—and "hawks"—who seek to destroy the gains of the October Revolution. So our call for the defense of the Soviet bloc against imperialist attack drives these Cold War pacifists crazy.

The reformists stand for class-collaborationism at home and abroad. They want a deal with the psychopathic killers in Central America who call for a "peace of 200,000 dead." Revolutionaries say the only real "political solution" in the interests of working people in El Salvador is a military victory of the leftist rebels, opening the door to workers revolution throughout Central America and extending to the powerful Mexican proletariat.

In the belly of the beast, North America, we say it is not enough to protest in the streets, even with FMLN flags and even chanting military victory for the leftist insurgents. For imperialism to be decisively defeated it must be defeated at home. The struggle against imperialist war must be carried into the working class, the only social force that has the power to shatter the imperialist system once and for all. That is the perspective of the Trotskyist League of Canada and the Spartacist League/U.S., dedicated to building the mass working class parties of North American socialist revolution. ■

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## The Main Enemy...

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affairs after Canada had poured guns and money to back up Chiang Kai-Shek and was in Korea: "the best place to defend Canada would be as far from her shores as possible."

The organizers of the "peace" demonstrations want to build a lily-white movement in defense of the "true North, strong and free." They don't want any banners that might be viewed as "too radical." So while



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thousands of workers and peasants die at the hands of the sadistic junta in El Salvador, this "peace" movement has nothing to say. In Toronto they were even worried that a planned demonstration would have too "pinko" a tinge by being associated with the anti-Soviet social democrats of the NDP!

### NDP: Frontmen for Imperialist War

In Parliament the NDP has appointed itself spokesman for the "peace" movement, dropping even their paper demand for "Canada out of NATO." Instead Broadbent & Co. call for a nuclear "freeze," no cruise testing in Canada and a "no-first-use" pledge, consciously echoing Teddy Kennedy's "freeze" campaign in the U.S. On June 12 demonstrators in Vancouver intend to link up with the "freezers" at the Canada/U.S. border while other marches are planned to build for the "freeze" rally outside the UN that same day.

The position of revolutionary socialists regarding this "freeze campaign" can only be one of intransigent opposition linked to an effort to intersect anyone genuinely interested in ending imperialist war with the only program capable of that task: workers revolution. The "freeze" movement is straight from the pages of Orwell's 1984, a "peace" movement for imperialist war. It's headed up by the likes of McGeorge Bundy, former national security advisor to John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, and Robert McNamara, their defense secretary. These Vietnam war criminals are completely in accord with the anti-Soviet war drive; the dispute is how to prepare U.S. imperialism militarily. Dissatisfied with the massive arms buildup which is fueling record high interest rates and falling industrial investment, they seek to put the U.S. war arsenal on a sounder economic footing: a leaner, meaner military centered on, but not limited to, the thermonuclear doomsday machine—"more bang for the buck." Kennedy & Co. would like to present to the world something less frightening than the trigger-happy cowboy image of the present occupant of the White House.

And so would the NDP, soft cops for imperialism. They want to reconquer the Soviet Union for capitalism no less than Reagan, Kennedy and Trudeau. They just think that Reagan's Big Stick policies to "roll back

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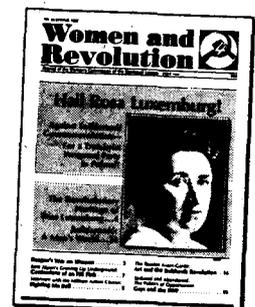
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Communism" are the wrong tactic. The social democrats prefer *internal* counterrevolution, like Solidarność in Poland. The NDP, "labor" cover for U.S. and Canadian imperialism, went all out trying to whip up an anti-communist frenzy behind the pope's and bankers' man Lech Walesa. In 1974-75 the German social democrats funneled millions in laundered CIA money to the Portuguese Socialist Party to finance a massive anti-communist mobilization to head off the threat of socialist revolution. And in El Salvador the social democrats are pushing a negotiated "political solution" because, as French socialist president Mitterrand put it: "the United States has to see that by opposing the demands of the people, they create an opening for Cuba and the Soviet Union" (*New York Times*, 26 April).

Despite the evident commitment of the Canadian bourgeoisie to the anti-Soviet war drive the Kremlin Stalinists of the Communist Party doggedly pursue their treacherous pipedream of "detente." In Vancouver they marched under a banner of the Canadian flag emblazoned with the slogan "Brave Neutral Mediator"! Having sacrificed every vestige of class principle to the aim of "unity" with the "progressive bourgeoisie," the CP is in no position to mount an opposition to the Cold War offensive and must retreat before it.

Any genuine opposition to imperialist war is necessarily linked to the unconditional defense of the Soviet degenerated workers state against imperialism. But the nationalist logic of Stalin's "socialism in one country" leads them to abandon any pretense of the defense of the Soviet Union. Refusing to oppose the militarism of their "own" bourgeoisie the CP instead calls for an "independent Canadian foreign policy."

While the CP appeals to the jackal bourgeoisie in Canada, who are marching with Reagan/Haig toward war against the USSR, we are guided by the Leninist slogan: the main enemy is at home! To those whose impulses are truly anti-militarist, to those who oppose the warmongers in Washington and their junior partners in Ottawa we say: smashing imperialism is the road to peace.

It is not a matter of the Canadian "good guys" versus the U.S. "bad guys," between the decent and the destructive, between the sane and the mad. As the history of this century has shown, world imperialism has no rational solution to war. War is endemic to capitalism. What is posed is not an abstract "arms race"—the missiles are pointed directly at the Soviet Union, part of imperialism's war against the working class. And defense of the Soviet Union draws the class line, despite its Stalinist degeneration—they had better have missiles to defend themselves.

The carnage of World War I was ended for the toiling masses of Russia by the Bolshevik Revolution. Peace will only come through class war, the disarmament of the bourgeoisie through socialist revolution. We are dedicated to building the party that will lead the working class forward in North American socialist revolution to sweep away this wretched, violent, oppressive system that promises nothing but economic crisis and nuclear holocaust. ■

## Falklands...

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Argentine cause. What makes this even more despicable is that most of these self-styled Marxists admit that the Falklands adventure is a "cynical, desperate attempt to divert attention from Argentina's economic crisis" (*Guardian*, 21 April). Having said this, these

groups then proceed to join the diversion!

"Hands Off Argentina!" screamed a recent issue of the Revolutionary Workers League (RWL) organ, *Socialist Voice* (26 April), taking as good coin the junta's claim that the Falklands are Argentine: "Any new Argentine government, including a leftist one, would maintain Argentina's right to these islands." Of course, the British claim to sovereignty is based on the military triumphs of a now-tattered colonial empire. Claiming the continuity of the Spanish domains, for 149 years the Argentine bourgeoisie has had an appetite to restore its control over the islands. This extenuated legal quibble should be of interest only to nationalists, not Marxists. It is the task of the communists to pursue workers revolution, not to dress up dubious arguments for a revanchist adventure.

It says much about the supposedly "anti-imperialist" cause that it is supported by the Salvadoran junta, while in Madrid 20,000 fascists marched on behalf of Argentina and for a Spanish invasion of Gibraltar. Argentina's other main Latin American supporters are the Guatemalan junta, which claims the ex-British colony of Belize, and Venezuela, which has territorial designs on the former British Guiana. However, Pinochet's Chile, which is disputing the Beagle Channel Islands with Argentina, and Figueiredo's Brazil, whose claims on the Iguazu Falls conflict with those of Buenos Aires, are notably less than enthusiastic in supporting fellow general Galtieri.

The Argentine attack is certainly not a matter of Argentina's self-determination or its national consolidation. The Falklands are hundreds of miles from the Argentine mainland. There are, in fact, hundreds of such sparsely populated or uninhabited islands which have long been bones of contention among the various imperialist powers and, with the decline of European colonialism, among the local bourgeois states. It is not the business of Marxists to take sides in these squalid territory-grabbing disputes.

In contrast to petty-bourgeois radicals and reformists of all stripes, we think that as long as these two viciously anti-working class regimes go at one another, it's a good thing if they grind up their respective military machines. Marxists are revolutionary defeatists on both sides in the present conflict. The potential for a massive class upsurge in Argentina is obvious and Thatcher too is hated by Britain's workers. The Argentine proletariat must not be taken in by the nationalist diversion over the Falklands, but must continue the struggle to smash Galtieri's bloody junta. And the Spartacist League/Britain, section of the international Spartacist tendency, calls on British workers to fight for their own class power, eradicating the last vestiges of Britain's sordid and brutal imperialist history. The main enemy is at home!

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# Labor Slams Exclusion Attempt

PROTEST THE CP'S ANTI-COMMUNIST EXCLUSIONISM AND THE USE OF THE COPS AND COURTS IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT!

For the first time in years, there is a move to organize a May Day march in Vancouver, but there is something very rotten with the plans for this May Day. The May Day Committee, which is dominated by the Stalinists of the Communist Party (CP), are out to exclude leftists from the march. They smear the left by equating it with the murderous fascists of the Ku Klux Klan. The May Day Committee passed a report calling for the exclusion of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), the Trotskyist League, and the fascists of the KKK (!) from its rally and march. Equating leftists and fascists—the latter being the most violent and murderous fringe of capitalist society—is an open incitement to persecution, harassment and unlimited violence against all the left and labor organizations. With the imperialists declaring war on the Soviet Union abroad, the fascists feel that it is open season on labor and the left at home. With its motion, the May Day Committee feeds into a climate of anti-communist hysteria and witchhunt against the left and labor movement. Moreover, the May Day Committee backed up its motion for a political exclusion with a threat of a court injunction. Any unionist who has had such an injunction slapped down to prevent "violence" on the picket lines will understand what the May Day Committee motion is all about. Appealing to the capitalist state to enforce a political exclusion of left-wing organizations, the committee is setting up the entire demonstration for police harassment and attack.

At the May Day Committee meeting, several rep-

resentatives of unions and left organizations refused to vote for the scandalous political exclusion and suppression of left-wing organizations. A number of unionists have voiced their protests with the May Day Committee already. The undersigned condemn this anti-communist exclusion and the use of the cops and courts to enforce it. Such practices can only result in an injury to the entire labor movement and in the suppression of democratic rights for all.

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## Stalinist Exclusion...

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There has been an ominous rise in Klan terror in B.C. Last summer an East Indian was shot in broad daylight with a needle reading "Compliments from the KKK." More recently hooded and robed Klansmen have paraded the streets of Vancouver, paying special visits to left-wing bookstores including the CP's.

But the Stalinists who look to the capitalist cops and courts to "Ban the Klan" wanted to let the KKK stage their provocation and exclude the Trotskyists who fight for labor/minority mobilizations to sweep the fascists from the streets. Guided by the same political program the Stalinists call on the capitalist state to negotiate a "political solution" in El Salvador, coming after the Trotskyists who look to the working class to bring down the junta and its imperialist back-

ers. The CP screams "provocation" at our slogan "Defense of Cuba/USSR Begins in El Salvador." They say it's Reagan's line!

But on May 1 who did the CP march with? None other than the supporters of Reagan's "union"—Solidarność! On April 27 a bunch of Polish Solidarność supporters who jumped ship a few months ago traipsed across a union picket line protesting the use of scab labor by Gulf Canada. But the May Day Committee went after the Trotskyist League, not the scabs!

Defecting Polish sailors don't have much use for May Day so it was left to the Revolutionary Workers League (RWL) and the Socialist Challenge Organization (SCO) to wave Solidarność flags. Indeed SCO made up the majority of the Solidarność contingent. Of course both the RWL and SCO, self-proclaimed standard bearers of "anti-Stalinism," refused to sign our open letter protesting the Stalinist exclusion of Trotskyists. The Maoist Workers Communist Party (the CP's bloc partners in the May Day Committee) completed the anti-Soviet cheering squad, chanting "Nyet, Nyet Soviet, Hands off Poland."

Since the bureaucratic degeneration of the CPs in the late 1920s the Stalinist reformists have acted as provocateurs against Trotskyists. The May Day Committee's motion equating leftists with fascists is a technique borrowed straight from Stalin in the 1930s

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Your upcoming May Day Rally was part of our April 21, 1982 General Meeting. At that meeting a motion was passed to send to you, the May Day Committee, a letter of protest regarding certain aspects of your committee's policies.

Specifically, we protest the exclusion of political groups from the May Day Organization and we strongly protest the inclusion of the Ku Klux Klan with left leaning political groups. Our local feels that this type of attitude infringes upon our basic freedoms that we all so widely enjoy.

We hope this letter will show the organizers of such activities exactly how one sector of the trade union movement feels about your committee's decision.

Fraternally yours,

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when Trotskyists were accused of being agents of Hitler and the Mikado and then murdered.

As the imperialists' anti-Soviet war drive heats up, in this period of repression and threats of repression, a period of economic crisis and the rapid rightward motion of our opponents, there's a climate of hysteria that the reformist left and liberals have created against our organization, targeting us for repression. It is desperately necessary to fight back; ultimately it means the survival of our tendency, the revolutionary Marxists.

In Vancouver we nailed the Stalinists and beat back their anti-communist exclusion, an important victory against them and the rest of the reformist left who have been trying to strangle and suppress our organization by any and all means available (other than the Marxist one of political confrontation). We marched on May Day as proletarian internationalists, and as we pointed out in a leaflet distributed at the march, that "means fighting everywhere for the cause of the exploited and oppressed—not some kind of treacherous 'unity' with the class enemy. Anti-imperialism abroad means class struggle at home!" ■

## RWL...

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pointed to an "anti-Klan" demonstration in Toronto, May 31, 1981. Here the "free speech for fascists" RWL joined together with "Ban the Klanners" to goon for the Klan. They forced the TL contingent with our banner calling to "Mobilize Labor/Minorities to Smash the Klan!" to the back of the demonstration where it was segregated and set up for fascist attack. When the 1,000-strong demonstration stopped in front of the Klan offices, where these hooded scum stood with their arms raised in the Nazi salute, a goon squad formed a chain in front of the demonstrators to insure there would be no "violence" against the fascists.

In their self-designated role as the waterboys for the trade-union bureaucrats the RWL even finds defense of picket lines "disruptive." Defending steelworkers Local 1005 president Cec Taylor's policy of opening picket lines during the recent four-month Stelco strike, the RWL (*Socialist Voice*, 29 March) rebaits supporters of the Albania-crazy Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and denounces militants for "creating picket line problems," i.e., trying to shut Stelco's gates down tight!

From the mouth of the RWL "disrupter" and "ultra-leftist" serve the same function as "extremist" and "terrorist" when used by the government—to turn communists into non-people with no rights. Bowing to the renewed and intensified climate of Cold War anti-communism the RWL and its reformist friends want to silence the revolutionary politics of the Trotskyist League, running point for repression against us.

For the RWL to masquerade as "Trotskyists" it must muzzle those whose authentic Trotskyist politics would expose the RWL's reformism, from its support to popular frontism in El Salvador and counterrevolution in Poland, to its service for the labor lieutenants of capital and the anti-Soviet social democrats at home. But we will not be silenced. We will continue to fight for the only program that can lead the working class forward internationally—the program of revolutionary Trotskyism. For the Rebirth of the Fourth International! ■

## As We Go to Press

The Trotskyist League has received a letter (12 May) stating "all members of your organization are barred from attending future Socialist Forums" in Toronto. The RWL's anti-communist exclusionism must not go unanswered!

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## TL Beats Anti-Red Campaign

# Stalinist Exclusion Backfires



May Day, Vancouver: Banner Communist Party didn't want to see. But labor protest foiled exclusion attempt.

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VANCOUVER—The Stalinists of the Communist Party of Canada (CP) wanted to keep the Trotskyist League (TL) out of this year's May Day march in Vancouver. They even threatened a court injunction to enforce this anti-communist exclusion! But it didn't work. On May 1, while the CP marched under the maple leaf, pleading with the imperialist "nice guys" in Ottawa for "peace," a militant and spirited TL contingent marched with the banner: "Canada — Jr. Partner of U.S. Imperialism, Smash NATO/NORAD, Defend the USSR."

The CP-dominated May Day Committee which organized the march had passed a motion to exclude the Trotskyist League and the crazed Albania-lovers of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) as well as the race terrorists of the Ku Klux Klan. It was a classic Stalinist smear job, equating leftists with the murderous fascists. But this time the Stalinist amalgam didn't go down.

The TL initiated a protest letter exposing the Stalinists as the disrupters who bring the cops into the workers movement and resort to the despicable practices of anti-communist slander and exclusion. The letter was signed by members and officials of 12 unions as well as NDPers and faculty and staff at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University (see box, p. 14). Local 5 of the Telecommuni-

cations Workers Union passed a motion against the exclusion and sent a protest letter to the May Day Committee. Letters were also sent by the president and the secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers, Seamen's section, and by the executive board of the Association of University and College Employees, Local 1. The Vancouver local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers warned they would withdraw their marshals if leftists were excluded.

The Stalinists, who have considerable weight in the Vancouver labor movement, were not prepared for the overwhelming labor protest against their scandalous exclusion motion. CP supporter George Hewison, secretary-treasurer of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union and chairman of the May Day Committee, complained that his office had been flooded with phone calls and letters, as well as telegrams sent by members of the United Auto Workers, the Letter Carriers Union of Canada and the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Just days before the demonstration the May Day Committee started to back down. Then they expressed concern that the TL would mobilize demonstrators against the Ku Klux Klan who they expected to show up to provoke (if not attack) the demonstration.

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