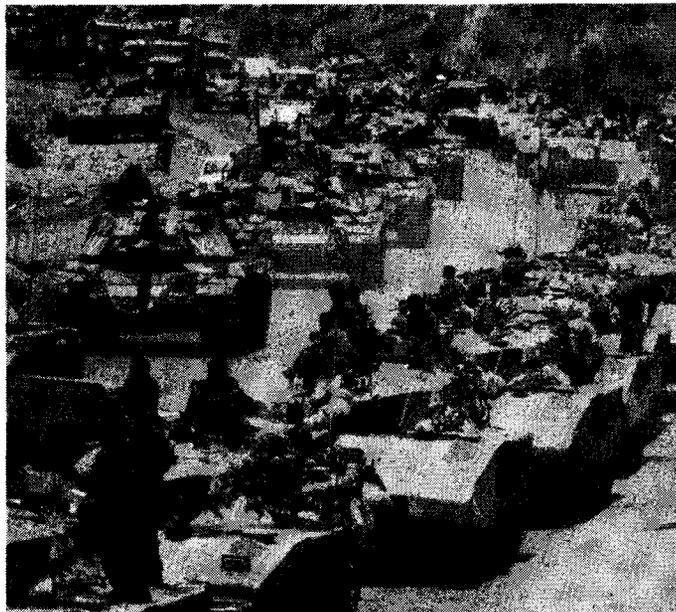


Smash "Pax Americana"! Defend the Palestinians!



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U.S. Marines in Beirut.

Zionist blitzkrieg rolls through Lebanon.

Imperialist/Israeli Troops Out of Lebanon!

When Israel launched its genocidal invasion of Lebanon on June 6, Menachem Begin claimed he wanted only to clear Palestinian guerrillas from the 25-mile region along Israel's northern border. Eleven weeks later, west Beirut lay in ruins, the head of the fascist Phalange was installed as Lebanon's president and U.S., French and Italian troops were supervising the "withdrawal" of the PLO. It is the elementary duty of every opponent of the imperialist subjugation of the Near East and the subjugation of the Palestinians by the Zionists and their Phalangist allies to demand: **Defend the Palestinians—Imperialist/Israeli Troops Out of Lebanon!**

For two weeks, 7,000 Palestinian fighters trapped in west Beirut held off Israeli tanks with small arms

and rocket-propelled grenades. Armed to the teeth by U.S. imperialism—\$1.5 billion worth this year alone—the Israelis carried out the siege of west Beirut in ways only describable in terms of the Nazi holocaust. Infants burned alive by phosphorus shells; whole apartment buildings pulverized by 2,000-pound bombs; total cutoff of food, water and electricity; canvas stretchers covered with blood and flies.

"From 20,000 feet, the terrified people of the city must have looked like fleas to the Israeli pilots as they rushed frantically to escape destruction" (*Newsweek*, 23 August). To the Zionists, they were fleas—every Palestinian is a terrorist to be

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exterminated like an insect. And terrorism is something Begin knows a lot about. In 1948 he was a leader in the Zionist Irgun, which massacred 240 Arab civilians at Deir Yassin; today he's a terrorist with state power.

Down with Near East Pax Americana!

In deference to U.S. public opinion (60 percent disapproved" of the Israeli invasion according to the Gallup poll), Reagan had himself photographed bowing at Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Admittedly, there are tensions between U.S. imperialism's global interests and the Zionists' territorial appetites—Reagan still dreams of an anti-Soviet "strategic consensus" stretching from Riyadh to Tel Aviv and it's hard to see the Saudi sheiks joining up while Begin's troops occupy Jerusalem.

they were invited by Christian president Chamoun to put down a rebellion by Lebanese Moslems against the "confessional" system. This scheme, which gives disproportionate weight in the government to the Maronite Christian minority, was established by France in 1943. And the French troops who have come to Lebanon at the request of the PLO are none other than the infamous mercenaries of the French Foreign Legion, whose bloody history of suppressing social revolution and colonial rebellion extends from Vietnam in the '40s and '50s, to Algeria in the '60s to Zaire in 1978. Of course, the "peace-keeping" role of the U.S. Marines is well known throughout the colonial world.

That U.S. and French imperialism are seen by the PLO leadership as allies shows the dead end to which Arafat has come. The goal of the PLO has been to establish a bourgeois Palestinian state and for years they have looked to the UN and Arab League diplomacy to get it. Having no perspective of proletarian revolution, and having been militarily crushed by

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Palestinian prisoners captured during Israelis' drive for the "final solution."

But Reagan could hardly contain his glee as 800 U.S. marines—part of a multi-national force of 2,000 American, French and Italian troops—arrived in Lebanon to disperse the PLO to eight Arab countries. "We all owe him a debt of gratitude," said Reagan in reference to his "special envoy" Philip Habib, who negotiated the PLO's surrender. Israeli "Defense" Minister Sharon was more blunt, citing "the reduction of much of the Soviet Union's influence in the region"—U.S. imperialism's harvest from the Zionist genocide.

Imperialist Troops Out!

In the end, all the PLO got was to be spared the humiliation of being herded out of Beirut with Zionist bayonets at their backs. It's eloquent testimony to the bankruptcy of the PLO leadership's political perspectives that their "saviors" were none other than the U.S. and France—the Zionists' quartermaster and Lebanon's former colonial master. The last time the Marines were in Lebanon was in 1958 when

the Zionists and abandoned by their Arab "friends," the PLO now begs the imperialist powers. Ironically, the PLO today seeks the creation of its nation state in the very same manner in which Israel was formed—by imperialist sponsorship.

But this is 1982 and Reagan isn't about to help out the PLO at the expense of Israel—U.S. imperialism's most important anti-Soviet ally in the Near East.
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Reformists on the Run

“Ban the Klanners” in Anti-Trotskyist Frenzy

BCOFR Peddles Big Lie

VANCOUVER—On May Day this year supporters of the Communist Party and the Workers Communist Party in their "capacity" as the May Day Committee passed a motion equating the Trotskyist League (TL) with the race terrorists of the Ku Klux Klan with the aim of keeping us out of the demonstration. Sound familiar? It is. The technique is known as the "Big Lie." It was first developed by Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels, and was given status on the left by Stalin's Moscow Trials frameups—Trotskyists were accused of being agents of Hitler and the Mikado and then murdered. In short it is a setup for repression.

In the name of "getting the Trots" no lie is too big, no bloc too rotten for Stalinists of all stripes. Pro-Kremlin Stalinists and Russia-hating Maoists could find common cause for this end. And if this bloc wasn't rotten enough they were ready to include the cops in this grand alliance to silence the revolutionary politics of the Trotskyist League—threatening a court injunction to enforce the exclusion. And it wouldn't have been the first time the reformists called in the armed thugs of the capitalist state to do their dirty work.

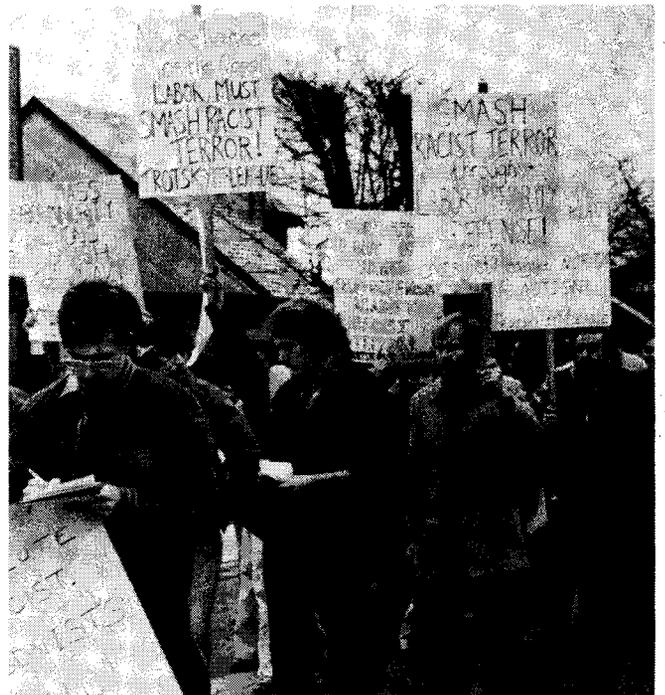
In the context of Reagan's drive to war against the Soviet Union, backed by his junior partners in Ottawa and finding its domestic reflection in the rise of the fascists and Cold War reaction, the bulk of the so-called "left" in North America has been in rapid flight to the right searching for an alliance with the "progressive" bourgeoisie. As the Trotskyist League increasingly stands out as the communist pole with our sharp-edged defense of the October Revolution and our program of independent working-class struggle at home and abroad the reformist left has been driven into a frenzy of slander, physical provocation and the use of the cops to seal us off. Desperate for a popular front over El Salvador the fake-lefts called in the cops March 27—from Vancouver to Toronto to Washington, D.C.—to exclude the Trotskyists because of our call for military victory to the leftist insurgents and defense of Cuba and the USSR.

Similarly the Stalinists in the May Day Committee wanted to keep "their" march free from the contamination of revolutionary politics. But on May Day the Big Lie didn't go down. Members and officials of 12 different unions signed a TL-initiated letter of protest slamming the May Day Committee's motion. The Telecommunications Workers Union (TWU) Local 5 passed a motion against the exclusion attempt and sent a letter of protest. Postal workers said they would refuse to participate as marshals if it became service in an anti-Trotskyist goon squad. So the

May Day Committee backed down. And the TL marched on May Day.

This was a real slap in the face to the miserable reformist retailers of the Big Lie in the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism (BCOFR)—under whose banner flourishes all manner of flora and fauna of B.C. parochialist "leftists": Stalinists, social democrats and fake-Trotskyists. So now the BCOFR is frantically trying to churn up the same slanders that were thrown back in its face on May Day. Indeed this campaign against the Trotskyist League is far more than this outfit has ever done against the fascists.

BCOFR leaders Charan Gill and David Ages shot off a letter to TWU Local 5 on June 11 in which



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Vancouver, January 1981. TL contingent protests racist fire-bombing of Sidhu family house.

they write: "We agree that left-leaning political groups should not be excluded from Mayday activities. The problem comes when attempting to define what is what." And from there they have a great deal of trouble defining "what is what." So they characterize the TL as having "played a very disruptive role in many activities." No back-up is given for this charge of "disruption" because of course none exists. But then who cares? In its inherited form the Big Lie must be self-evidently false, be

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Thousands Mobilize to Stop Nazis in Chicago!



Workers Vanguard

June 27. Successful SL-initiated labor/black mobilization stopped Nazis from goosestepping in Lincoln Park.

Trotskyism vs. Stalinism at TL Forum

Opponents of fascist terror scored a big victory in Chicago June 27 when more than 3,000 angry demonstrators prevented the Nazis from goosestepping against the Gay Pride parade in Lincoln Park. Organized and led by the Trotskyist Spartacist League/U.S. (SL/U.S.) the labor/black-centered mobilization brought people from all over Chicago—unionists, blacks, gays, Jews, Arabs and others—to stop the Nazis and defend themselves.

This largest anti-fascist action in the area in decades was a powerful ray of hope for black people—a breach in the wall of fear engendered from the Nazis to the White House. And June 27 gave a taste, but only a small taste, of the social power of massive labor and black militant mobilizations which can sweep away the unspeakable Hitler punks and defend embattled minorities. It showed the way to fight race terror—not through adventurist small-group confrontations with the cops, or suicidal and idiot appeals to the capitalist state which systematically defends the fascists, but militant class struggle leading to the conquest of power by the working class.

In Toronto, July 24, and in Vancouver, August 13, the Trotskyist League (TL) sponsored forums where a video of the successful action was shown. The Toronto forum featured Myra Owens, National Committee member of the SL's youth group, the Spartacus Youth League, who also addressed the June 27 demonstration; and Oliver Stephens, editor of *Spartacist Canada*. Diana Coleman, Spartacist Party candidate for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, an organizer of the SL-initiated April 19

Committee Against the Nazis (which stopped the Nazis from "celebrating" Hitler's birthday in San Francisco in 1980) and former phone worker and member of the Militant Action Caucus of the Communications Workers of America, was the guest speaker in Vancouver.

As Coleman pointed out, black participation was key to the Chicago demonstration. For blacks to come from the South Side of Chicago to a demonstration in Lincoln Park took not simply commitment but guts:

"It was black workers who came out to a white section of Chicago, which is probably the most segregated city in the United States, and who had to get up that morning and go out to this demonstration not knowing whether it would be there or not. What these black workers knew was that when the Nazis and the Klan are attacking gays their ultimate victims are blacks in the United States who make up a goodly section of the proletariat and certainly its most combative section."

But not everyone sought to mobilize opposition to the Nazi death threats. The demonstration was built in opposition to those like the organizers of the Gay Pride march who told people to "ignore" the Nazis. Many leftists did their best to sabotage the anti-Nazi mobilization. The Communist Party (CP) got out of the way of the SL-initiated rally, refused to endorse or build it, although various of its supporters came out to speak. There was Norm Roth, an ex-UAW local president and a leader of the CP's Trade Union-

Fake Lefts Call for "Pax Americana" in Mideast

August 29—Backed against the walls of besieged West Beirut the PLO leadership turned to the American imperialist quartermasters of Zionist genocide for salvation. Now U.S. Marines from the Sixth Fleet and a contingent from France and Italy are in Beirut—disarming and expelling the heroic PLO fighters. And, with the presence of U.S. troops in Lebanon, Reagan has established a beachhead in the Near East for his fanatical drive to war against the Soviet Union. Trotskyists say: Defend the Palestinians! Imperialist troops out of Lebanon!

Who could believe that the U.S., which arms the Israeli war machine and supports its invasion of

all economic aid) to Israel. They studiously avoid mentioning, much less opposing, U.S. troops in Lebanon. And when Trotskyist League (TL) supporters came to a Toronto demonstration August 27 with placards calling for U.S. and all imperialist troops out of Lebanon, the CP tried unsuccessfully to "get rid" of us with its usual tactics of gangsterism and thuggery.

In part the CP does not want to contravene official PLO policy. But more fundamentally the Stalinists actually believe that the U.S. imperialists and their junior partners in Ottawa can be pressured into playing a "progressive" peacekeeping role. In

Rudi Frey



**PLO driven from Beirut.
No "victory" for the
Palestinians.**

Lebanon, or France, the historic champion of Maronite Christian domination, will protect the Palestinians from their mortal enemies? Well, it wasn't just Arafat. North American leftists too called on Reagan to enforce Pax Americana in the Near East. In the U.S. Sam Marcy's Workers World Party demanded "effective U.S. action to achieve an Israeli withdrawal." Together with the pro-Moscow Communist Party (CP) the Marcyites held a conference in New York City calling on the U.S. government to oppose Israeli expansionism and support the national rights of the Palestinians! (see "Pro-PLO Gabfest for 'Pax Americana'," *Workers Vanguard* No. 311, 6 August).

Echoing this call the Canadian CP bitterly complained that "Washington stops short of doing the one thing it has the power to do—cut off Israel's war machine and publicly condemn the military invasion" (*Canadian Tribune*, 19 July). The various vigils and demonstrations organized by CP front groups have "safely" restricted their demands to Israeli withdrawal and an end to U.S. arms sales (not even

fact the CP claims Canada already plays this role, hailing the Canadian jackal imperialists as "brave neutral mediator" in recent "peace" demonstrations. These are the same people who oppose military victory to the Salvadoran workers and peasants, instead looking to the imperialist "doves" to broker a "negotiated settlement" between the blood-drenched junta and the leftist insurgents.

Pleading with Trudeau to impose "economic and political sanctions" on Israel the CP said not a word about Trudeau's offer to send Canadian troops to Beirut. Indeed Canada won its spurs as the "brave neutral mediator" for sending troops to the Suez in 1956—which won Lester Pearson the Nobel "Peace" Prize. Today Canadian "peacekeeping" forces police the Golan Heights, enforcing the imperialist-sponsored status quo and playing the same role as the UN troops on the Litani River who served as one-way borderguards for Zionist expansionism. The CP calls on the Canadian imperialists to "protect" the Palestinians from Zionist genocide. Revolution-

aries demand the removal of all Canadian troops from the Near East, together with the UN troops and the multinational "peacekeeping" force in the Sinai (which under the cover of Camp David has led to the direct introduction of U.S. imperialist armed forces in the area).

For a Socialist Federation of the Near East!

A CP front-group-sponsored meeting on the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in Toronto on August 11 featured as its main speaker a renegade from Trotskyism. The TL intervened to expose this deserter who betrayed the struggle for a revolutionary internationalist party in the Near East uniting both Hebrew-speaking and Arab workers in the desperately necessary fight for a socialist federation of the Near East. Today he has thrown in his lot with the reformist and nationalist (more precisely bi-nationalist: Palestinian and Zionist) traitors of the pro-Moscow Rakah.

The Stalinists have a long and sordid history of betrayal in the Middle East. As TL speakers pointed out it was Stalin's Russia (not Truman's America) that helped put Zionist Israel on its feet. The world Stalinist movement at the time glorified Zionism as "progressive" and a "national liberation movement" against British imperialism. Moscow not only voted for the decisive UN resolution establishing Israel, carved out of the living body of the Palestinians, but was the first to recognize the new Zionist state.

TL speakers nailed the Kremlin bureaucracy and its various and disloyal client states for repeatedly stabbing the Palestinians in the back. In response supporters of the Lebanese National Movement (LNM)

—which includes the Lebanese Communist Party—rushed to whitewash Ba'athist Syria, Moscow's main ally in the region, which had quickly negotiated a separate ceasefire with Israel in early June, thus allowing Begin/Sharon to use all their military might against the PLO.

The LNM supporters desperately tried to rewrite history, denying that their leader, Walid Jumblatt, had publicly pronounced the PLO "finished" and called for Arafat's surrender at the very beginning of the Israeli invasion. They even tried to excuse Syria's action in 1976 when it intervened against the PLO and demonstrated to the Zionists in the seige of Tel Zaatar how an entire Palestinian settlement may be strangled to death.

If anything has shattered the myth of Arab "unity" behind the Palestinians it has been the Zionist invasion of Lebanon. U.S. imperialist and Zionist spokesmen are positively gloating over the obvious willingness of the Arab regimes to see the PLO destroyed. As one PLO commander bitterly observed: "It's not Israel that broke us. It's the Arab world." Even those cheerleaders for Arab nationalism in the fake-Trotskyist Revolutionary Workers League (RWL) can be heard to complain that the Arab sheiks and OPEC colonels they once heralded as "defenders" of the Palestinians stood "idly by while the Palestinians were savaged by Israel."

What now? The RWL tells the Palestinians to look to murderer Ayatollah Khomeini for salvation proclaiming that the "mass mobilizations and revolution in Iran are there as examples" (*Socialist Voice*, 5 July)! Some example! The RWL's "imam" has the

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East. Reagan hailed the state-of-seige election in Lebanon, which placed Israeli-backed Phalangist Bashir Gemayel in power, as a "positive development." It is quite fitting that Israel—which armed the blood-soaked regimes in South Africa, Chile and Argentina that even Jimmy Carter wouldn't openly touch—should have the Phalangists as its only ally in the Near East. Founded in the 1930s by Gemayel's father, the Phalange is modeled after the Spanish Phalange of Franco and the Hitler Youth!

The international Spartacist tendency is unique on the left for our insistence on drawing the class line against both Zionism and Arab nationalism. All the fake-lefts are united in hailing the so-called "Arab Revolution," conceived of as a kind of never-ending, transcendental "process" directed against Zionist Israel and carried forward (with more or less "steadfastness") by the Arab regimes. The utter bankruptcy of this fictitious "revolution" was demonstrated by the complete inaction of all the Arab states, from the Saudi sheiks to "rejectionist" Iraq to "confrontationist" Syria to the crazed Libyan madman Qaddafi—who actually advised the PLO fighters to "commit suicide so that their blood could rekindle the Arab revolution"—in the face of the Israeli bombardment of Beirut. Of course, this is not the first time the Palestinians have been stabbed in the back by their Arab "brothers." There was the Syrian massacre of Palestinians at Tel Zaatar in Lebanon in 1975-76. And the Jordanian king who told a group of Palestinian fighters arrived from Beirut that "you have held the flag high and fought well for your rights" massacred 10,000 Palestinians in the "Black September" of 1970.

The slogan of "fight Zionism" in the mouths of the Arab rulers is used to divert class struggle at home while these same rulers betray the Palestinian cause in a thousand ways. A look at any of the Arab regimes, whether ruled by colonels mouthing "anti-imperialist" rhetoric or by sheiks swimming in petro-dollars, demonstrates their inability to resolve any of the democratic and national tasks within their own borders, much less provide genuine support for Palestinian national justice. Self-determination for all the nationalities in the Near East, including the Palestinians and the Hebrew-speaking people, can come about only by exploding the Zionist and Arab reactionary regimes from within through revolutionary proletarian class struggle. As Trotsky said of social struggle in the colonial and semi-colonial countries: "the complete and genuine solu-

tion of their tasks of achieving *democracy* and *national emancipation* is conceivable only through the dictatorship of the proletariat as the leader of the subjugated nation, above all of its peasant masses" ("What is the Permanent Revolution?", 1930).

It is the proletariat which is the potential powerhouse of progressive social change in a Socialist Federation of the Near East. The solution to Palestinian national rights lies in joint class struggle by all workers in the region against the kings, colonels and Zionists. But the PLO has prevented the Palestinian proletariat from taking the road of class struggle, channeling rebellions which could have taken a revolutionary direction—in Jordan in 1970 and Lebanon in 1975-76—into self-isolating movements which were then easily defeated.

The PLO and its fake-left cheerleaders write off the Hebrew-speaking workers as hopelessly wedded to the Zionist state—ignoring the potential for class cleavage in Israel expressed most sharply by the recent demonstrations of over 50,000 against the invasion of Lebanon. The reformists strive with all their might to bind the Arab workers to their own masters by promoting the myth of the Arab revolution. They alternately cheer the leaders in Baghdad, Damascus or Teheran depending on who is the most "progressive" at any given moment.

Capitulation to nationalism has opened the door to direct imperialist intervention and another Palestinian diaspora. The paralysis of the Arab bourgeois regimes—inextricably linked to imperialism no matter how "radical" their verbiage, and fearing their own oppressed masses far more than they fear Israel—leaves the Palestinians defenseless at the hands of the Zionist butchers and their Phalangist allies.

The Main Enemy Is at Home!

The working people of Israel must be broken from Zionism and Arab workers from Arab nationalism. In particular, the Palestinians must break with the PLO leaders—their would-be exploiters whose bankrupt nationalist program has led to the current catastrophe. Only revolutionary class struggle can obtain the right of self-determination for the Palestinians. This is the proletarian perspective—to unite the workers of the oppressed nations with those in the imperialist centers who do not flinch from opposing their "own" bourgeoisie.

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march in Washington against Jim Crow segregation rather than join the imperialist military cause, supported the internment of the Japanese in concentration camps in Canada and the U.S., signed "no strike" pledges and hailed the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

World War II was not a war against fascism but an inter-imperialist conflict. The policy of authentic Leninists in the "democratic" capitalist countries was fundamentally the same as in World War I: the main enemy is at home! Revolutionary defensist toward the Russian deformed workers state, the Trotskyists were revolutionary defeatist toward their "own" imperialist bourgeoisie. The Stalinists, of course, with their narrow, nationalistic policy of "socialism in one country" worked not for revolution in their own lands but for a popular-front alliance with their own ruling classes.

Thus the Stalinists cheered the persecution and jailing of Trotskyists under the Smith Act for their revolutionary opposition to the imperialist war. Then, in the 1950s, the Smith Act—a supposedly "anti-Nazi" law—was used against the CP. Here was a real example of the capitalist state's "Ban the Klan" laws—not used against the fascists but against the left!

CP Joins the Cold War Popular Front

Bringing the logic of Stalinist betrayal a little closer to home a TL speaker pointed to the March 27 El Salvador demonstration in Toronto where the Stalinists called the cops in an attempt to silence our call for military victory to the leftist insurgents in El Salvador. She also pointed to the May 30, 1981 El Salvador demonstration in Chicago where the CP and its reformist friends called in the trigger-happy, racist Chicago cops—the murderers of Black Panther leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark—to seal off the revolutionaries of the Spartacist League. These are the same cops who came out in force on June 27 to defend the Nazis—165 in uniform, including a line of mounted cossacks, and many scores of plain-clothesmen.

When confronted with these facts Goldstick proudly proclaimed that the CP "would do it again." And indeed they will try. In his presentation Stephens spoke of the reformists' campaign of slander, physical provocation and the use of the capitalist cops against the Trotskyist League and explained the underlying political reason: our class-struggle politics. We come out hard against the drive to war against the Soviet Union pushed by Reagan and backed by his junior partners in Ottawa which finds its domestic reflection in the rise of fascist terror.

It is the Russian question that conditions all aspects of politics at home and abroad. But it is precisely this question that the pro-Kremlin Stalinists must duck in order to court the "progressive" bourgeoisie. They scream blue murder at our call "Defense of Cuba/USSR Begins in El Salvador" because they appeal to the imperialist "doves" to broker a negotiated settlement between the blood-drenched Salvadoran junta and the leftist insurgents. They look to pressure the imperialist mass murderers into becoming a "force for peace," appealing to Reagan's junior partners in Ottawa as the "brave neutral mediator."

While the Stalinists push the deadly illusion of "detente" and "peaceful co-existence" with the im-



CP's *Daily Worker*, 1945, hailed Truman's A-bombing of Hiroshima as part of the "war against fascism."

perialist warmongers, we Trotskyists fight for the defense of the Soviet Union through the extension of the gains of the October Revolution. This requires getting rid of the Stalinist bureaucrats who undermine the workers states. As Comrade Stephens drove home in his summary, it was 30 years of Stalinist rule that drove the historically socialist Polish proletariat into the arms of Solidarność' counter-revolution "through their grotesque mismanagement of the economy, through their mortgaging it to the imperialists, particularly the West German banks, through their suppression of workers democracy, through their lording it over the working masses, through handing it to the peasants and their private land."

Stephens posed the alternative to the class-collaborationist politics of the Stalinist "Great Organizers of Defeats"—the program of Trotskyism:

"This is a program to break through the death-lock that Stalinism has in the workers states, that opens them up and undermines them in the face of renewed imperialist war drive. We say not detente, not peaceful co-existence, but workers revolution. Workers political revolution in the deformed and degenerated workers states to unshackle them from their Stalinist misleaders, and socialist revolution in the capitalist world. That is the way forward, and that is fundamentally the difference between Trotskyism and Stalinism."

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"Ban the Klanners" . . .

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often repeated and preferably have the force of state power to make it stick. For the BCOFR the accusation of "disrupters" serves to alibi goon squads and cop-enforced exclusion against the Trotskyists..

What drives the BCOFR crazy is our politics. In spite of themselves Gill and Ages make a telling statement of their own political bankruptcy. They

claim that the BCOFR has had "no choice" but to attempt to exclude the TL from its demonstrations: "The alternative was to hand over our mobilizations to any group which brought big banners and loud slogans and pushed its way to the front." Indeed the BCOFR does not want Trotskyists on its demonstrations with "big banners and loud slogans" calling to mobilize the power of labor to stop the fascists. The BCOFR wants to make sure that its "mobilizations" are safely channeled into appeals to the "good offices" of the bosses' government to "Ban the Klan."

Desperate for a bloc with everyone from scab mayor Harcourt to the union-busting Socreds to "fight the right," the BCOFR stands opposed to labor/minority mobilizations that can stop Klan/Nazi terror. Instead they look to the supposedly "neutral" capitalist state to stop fascism and racism. It is the most elementary Marxism that the ruling class will never "stop" the fascists, who are meant to be the shock troops, the last line of defense of the decaying capitalist system against the working class and all the oppressed. Strategies that call on the capitalist state to "Ban the Klan" disarm labor and minorities whose organized strength is the only way to stop the fascists. At the same time they prepare the ground for anti-left witch-hunts—history has shown that such laws will be used against the left, not the fascists. It is the logical political extension of its "Ban the Klan" strategy that the oh-so-respectable "anti-racists" of the BCOFR are desperate to silence the TL.

It's not just that the BCOFR's strategy is an ineffective way to fight fascist terror. It's not just that it doesn't work. It is not intended to fight fascism at all. And this goes for all the competing

reformist factions in BCOFR who are busy duking it out over calling on the capitalist state to "Ban the Klan," "stop the Klan" or the social democrats who simply want to ignore the fascists altogether and call for toothless education campaigns.

They all make the same tired old calls for "unity" and "fight the right" rhetoric. These are the code words for what is the real strategy of the BCOFR—to get behind the "progressive" bourgeoisie. And to demonstrate their reliability to the liberals these self-proclaimed "anti-racists" will do everything in

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Vancouver. BCOFR screams about Bainsite thuggery!? On March 8 fake-left called cops to exclude East Indian supporters of CPC-ML front group.

their power to remove the Trotskyists.

On May Day the Stalinist organizers of the march weren't concerned about stopping the Klan—who they fully expected would show up to provoke, if not attack, the demonstration—but to stop the TL! Why? They were worried that we would mobilize the demonstrators against the fascists! Here was an open admission of the power and attractiveness of our class-struggle strategy to stop race terror, to those who genuinely want to fight fascism. On June 27, 3,000 trade unionists, blacks, gays, Jews responded to the call of our comrades in the Spartacist League/U.S. to stop the Nazis' intended provocation of the Gay Pride march in Chicago. The Nazis were stopped! Our politics show the way forward to fight race terror and win and therefore the reformist left, like the BCOFR, must seek to silence us on other grounds.

In its letter to the TWU the BCOFR howls about the gangsterism and thuggery of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) [CPC-ML]. But the BCOFR shares in these methods. At the International Women's Day march this year the reformist left, including supporters of the BCOFR, surrounded a

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contingent largely composed of East Indian women organized under the banner of a CPC-ML front group, the "Democratic Women's Union"—and called in the cops to back up this exclusion. This set up all of these women for police attack and possible deportation. Moreover the spectacle of white leftists attacking East Indian women was an open invitation to the race terrorists of the Ku Klux Klan.

Just as they share the same methods against their political opponents the BCOFR and CPC-ML share the same political logic, namely despair in the revolutionary capacity of the working class. If labor won't stop the fascists, then what's left but small group mock heroics, à la CPC-ML's call on the East Indian community to go it alone against racist terror, or the BCOFR's reliance on the liberals. For all its vigorous denunciations of the BCOFR's call on the state to "Ban the Klan" CPC-ML shares its class-collaborationist appetite for "anti-fascist unity." Marching under the banner of the "People's Front Against Racist and Fascist Violence" the CPC-ML carries forward the old-time Stalinist tradition of the popular front.

In an editorial the BCOFR boasts of its "important role" in developing "an increasing unity among the progressive peoples of the lower mainland." It is the unity of anti-communism...get the TL. So in the next breath this same editorial slanders the TL as "merely use[ing] people's causes to further their own interests and attempt[ing] to disrupt what they cannot exploit." This could have been taken from J. Edgar Hoover's anti-communist tract "Masters of Deceit."

As Stalin said paper will take anything that's written on it and he understood that the Big Lie was more than just a war of words. In the mouth of the BCOFR "disrupter" serves the same purpose as "terrorist" in the mouth of the government. If they can say anything about communists in Cold War North America it is only to prepare the ground so anything can be done to us. But we don't intend to be "got" by the anti-anti-fascist finger-men in the BCOFR whose slanders are aimed at setting us up for state repression. The May Day Committee couldn't make their smears stick, neither will the

BCOFR. Our party is precious to the cause of socialist revolution. We will take the measures necessary to defend it, because it is a defense of the interests of all working people. ■

Fake-Lefts . . .

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same program for the Kurds, Baluchis, Arabs, Azerbaijanis, the left, workers movement and all the oppressed as the Zionists do for the Palestinians—genocide.

Infused with the spirit of "allah über alles" the RWL presents the nationalist ideology of the PLO as some kind of religious fatalism by which the Palestinians accept humiliation, oppression, genocide in the name of some future pie-in-the-sky land. So in the face of Zionist genocide the RWL declared:

"...the PLO cannot be crushed. The fact is, the PLO is not just a political organization or military force. It is the expression of the aspirations of more than four million Palestinians who are fighting to regain their homeland. Those aspirations cannot be stifled as long as the Palestinians exist."

—*Socialist Voice*, 5 July

The Zionist blitzkrieg in Lebanon has driven hundreds of thousands of Palestinians into yet another exile and has so shattered their nationalist organization, the PLO, that Arafat asked for U.S. Marines to guard the refugees. Yet the RWL and CP Stalinists hail this catastrophe as a "victory." These are traitors to the cause of the genuine national and social emancipation of the Palestinians which demands that they be broken from the PLO, the organization of their would-be exploiters, and that the working people of Israel be broken from Zionism. Arab and Israeli workers must see that the main enemy is at home. Only a party with an internationalist and proletarian vision based on Trotsky's theory of permanent revolution can unite Hebrew workers with Arab toilers in the struggle to create a socialist federation of the Near East. ■

Toronto Letter Carriers Back Anti-Nazi Action

On July 15 a general meeting of the Letter Carriers Union of Canada, Local 1 (Toronto) passed a motion of political/financial solidarity with the Spartacist-initiated anti-Nazi mobilization held June 27 in Chicago. We reprint below the text of the LCUC motion, introduced by Audrey Minton.

The June 27 Committee Against the Nazis, Box 6441, Main P.O.; Chicago, IL 61820 is still appealing for funds to meet the expenses of this successful anti-fascist action. These postal workers understood the need to help—you should too!

WHEREAS:

On June 27 labor, blacks, Jews, gays and socialists numbering in the thousands stopped the Nazis from goose-stepping through Chicago's Lincoln Park, an intended provocation against the Gay Pride parade held the same day; and

WHEREAS:

Klan/Nazi terror is on the rise throughout North America feeding off Reagan and Trudeau's drive towards war against the Soviet Union, brought home in mass unemployment, union-busting, givebacks and increasing social and economic misery; and

WHEREAS:

The Klan/Nazis want to smash unions; their guns are loaded and aimed at every trade unionist, black, Asian, Jew, socialist and all minorities. And every cross-burning, every fascist demonstration that is allowed to go unchallenged only whets these murderers' appetite for more violence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Local 1 states its support for the June 27 mobilization to stop the Nazis in Chicago by making a donation of \$200 to help meet the expenses of this mobilization.

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that kept the minority Trudeau government in power in 1972.

Ironically, the train in which Trudeau rode was on loan from governor-general Ed Schreyer. Schreyer who today serves as "her majesty's" representative in Canada spent some years serving the capitalist class as the NDP premier in Manitoba. Indeed he won his spurs in the eyes of Trudeau & Co. as one of the first provincial premiers to enforce the federal government's wage controls in 1975.

Across the country union ranks are looking for ways to fight back through their unions against austerity, unemployment and union-busting. Pounding on the podium at this year's CLC convention McDermott promised them a fight to "the bitter end" against concessions and wage controls. "This is a commitment in blood" the big-mouthed labor faker declared. But the Cold War labor lieutenants of the capitalist class have no intention of leading any such fight. McDermott's speech was simply designed to worry Trudeau a little and let the delegates blow off steam.

Trudeau didn't seem too worried but McDermott's call for a general strike sure did upset federal NDP leader Ed Broadbent. In a statement to the press this defender of capitalist law and order warned that he would not put up with any "civil disobedience." Indeed the social democrats lent a hand in pushing through the back-to-work law that was the first shot in a massive government attack that broke the CUPW strike in 1978.

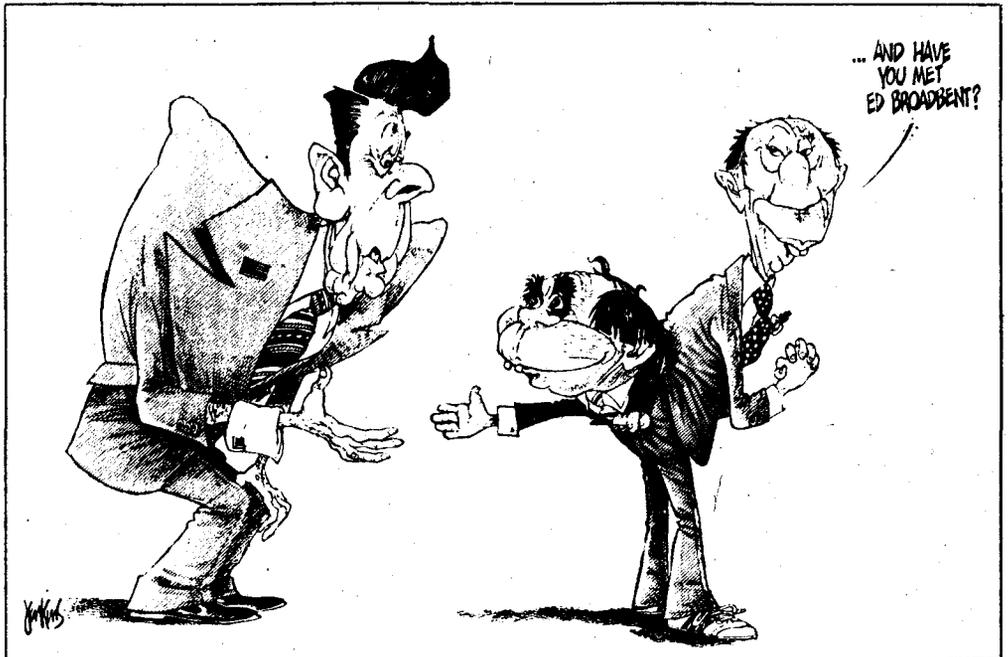
Just days after the CLC convention Inco miners struck against the nickel barons who were demanding a three-year wage freeze. In August 40,000 B.C. government employees hit the bricks against the Socreds' attempt to enforce a wage controls contract on their union. At one point over 100,000 were on strike in B.C. Montreal transit workers are fighting a running battle with the Parti Québécois' (PQ) "make-the-unions-pay" drive. The labor movement knows it has nothing to lose by refusing to crawl before the massive attack on their unions. But at the same time, neither do they see what they have to gain from labor reformism.

The demand for "more" appears hopeless when there does not seem to be any more. Bread-and-butter unionism, even of the most militant variety, just can't operate when capitalism is in economic crisis. This was only too graphically demonstrated by the Inco strike. The miners stayed out for over eight months in 1978/79, tenacious in the face of the company's massive stockpiles of nickel, and stopped a drive to take back hard-won gains. They were determined to do the same this time. They walked out and set up strong, mass picket lines forcing the bosses to fly into the plant in helicopters. But four weeks into the strike Inco announced

that it was going to shut down the mine until October. The union bureaucracy presented the "choice" of living on \$40-a-week strike pay or collecting several times that in unemployment insurance. Some choice! The miners voted to end the strike.

It didn't have to be this way. Inco has squandered \$1.5 billion milked from the sweat of the Sudbury miners over the past decade. By seizing the mines and holding them hostage, the miners could have sparked a labor counteroffensive that could have won not only for them but for all of labor. It's not a question of simple militancy but of a political program to mobilize labor against the whole boom-bust system of production for profit which has subjected workers to alternating speedup and layoff until they are thrown on the scrapheap.

At the CLC convention McDermott mused, "Perhaps we thought the class-struggle was dead, but maybe it isn't." The fat-cat union tops who left the Inco workers to hang have certainly done everything



in their power to kill it. And every "giveback" only whets the capitalists' appetite for more. Faced with the threat of a strike September 14 General Motors is hardlining it all the way, laying off 1,500-plus just two weeks before the contract expiry date and threatening to move production out of Canada if the United Auto Workers (UAW) doesn't buy the concessions package rammed down the throats of the U.S. auto workers.

Canadian UAW director Bob White who has promised a fight to the finish against concessions in fact fears any real struggle. Auto workers have voted overwhelmingly to strike: Ford, 88%; GM 92%; Chrysler 99%. Worried that this could erupt into a major class battle escaping control by the blatantly pro-capitalist UAW tops he is desperately trying to channel unrest into the old, disastrous "apache" strategy of striking one company: GM.

Using the power that built the union—the sitdown strike—the Canadian auto workers can galvanize a labor counteroffensive for: no givebacks, for a shorter workweek at no loss in pay, for a decent union-level income for all the jobless. And not just in Canada. This could be the spark to ignite labor across North America. Thousands of auto workers—

including 48% of those voting at GM—turned thumbs down to Fraser's giveback deals.

Last February at Ford's enormous River Rouge plant in Dearborn, Michigan, the Rouge Militant Caucus, a class-struggle opposition, put forward a program of bold class struggle:

"We have the power... We need to organize a two-day sitdown, beginning here at Rouge, the heart of Ford's operations. With a wave of such sit-in demonstrations, we can lead millions of workers, black and white, into action and smash concessions for good. Screw Reagan's anti-Soviet war budget: let's squeeze concessions out of them!"

This program is gaining a hearing today among UAW militants in the U.S.

The key is leadership. The labor bureaucrats are never going to lead such a fight because it is a direct attack on the capitalists' sacred private property "rights." The fight against givebacks is the fight against the Frasers, Whites and McDermotts and for a revolutionary leadership. Everyone from the auto bosses to the bourgeois press is screaming that White is a flaming and irresponsible militant for his phony no-concessions posture. But White is no less the "responsible labor statesman" than Doug Fraser.

The differences between White and Fraser have nothing to do with "militancy" vs. "conservatism." Rather they are reflective of the influence of the wretchedly right-wing but nonetheless mass-based social democrats of the NDP in Canada. As in Britain the social democrats' program is protectionism and calls for government takeovers. The labor bureaucrats push for the election of an NDP government which, like the successive Labour governments in Britain, would bail out bankrupt firms—giving the capitalists more money than they could get from liquidating their assets, and subjecting the workers to wage restraint, speedup and layoffs.

Just look at Chrysler for an example of the NDP's program. Tying the workers' fate to the bankrupt auto company the social democrats and labor skates looked to the government for a bailout. Since then there have been more layoffs at Chrysler while those still on the job have had a "concessions" contract rammed down their throats. The Trotskyist League warned that the deal would be used to gut the union and set a pattern for GM and Ford. We advocated militant class struggle to defend the workers' interests: Seize the plants! If Chrysler's broke sell it off and keep the proceeds—not a penny for the shareholders and the banks!

With profits falling and whole industries dying there is no longer any room for trade-union reformism. And with no room left to maneuver the labor

fakers and their social-democratic allies are turned directly into the handmaidens of the capitalists. So now they are scrambling to find a way to get the bosses' profits back. Together with the auto companies McDermott, White and the NDP are waving the maple leaf banner of this rich white man's land, pushing racist anti-Japanese protectionism schemes. Demanding import quotas and Canadian content laws is the flip side of the same coin as giving concessions—keep the auto companies "competitive," i.e., increase the capitalists' profits at the expense of working people internationally.

At the same time the NDP's call for protectionism finds its reflection in the rise of Klan terror. KKKers have paraded hooded and robed down the streets of Vancouver—an NDP stronghold and a center of anti-Japanese racism. The social democrats' calls for protectionism—and indeed immigration quotas—to "save jobs" only embolden the fascist creeps in their campaign of terror against labor and all minorities. The fascists see themselves simply as the concentrated strong arm version of the union-busting racism emanating from Parliament Hill and the mouths of the social democrats.

And if the capitalists have no program to rebuild basic industry they sure as hell have a program to beat the competition: war! Remember Hiroshima! The labor tops and social democrats who are pushing protectionism are helping to ideologically line up the working people for inter-imperialist slaughter.

CLC tops, NDP: Trudeau's partners in crime

At the CLC convention a motion was passed almost unanimously to "mobilize maximum opposition to [wage] controls wherever they are introduced or imposed on Canadian workers up to and including ... a general strike." Since then Dennis "we will not walk backwards" McDermott has done exactly nothing against Trudeau's wage controls—not to mention the B.C. Socreds' and the PQ's outright assaults on provincial government employees.

Worried sick about the NDP's electoral chances the B.C. Government Employees Union leadership called the ranks to mass meetings after one week out on strike and asked them to vote once again against the contract offer—which they did by a whopping 93%—and then sent them back to work! In Quebec the left-talking labor tops, who have been known on occasion to call for a "workers government"

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Defend the *Body Politic*!

More than four years after the cops' jackboot raid on its offices the Toronto gay liberation newspaper, the *Body Politic*, was acquitted on June 15 for the second time on charges of distributing "obscene, indecent, immoral or scurrilous material" through the mails. Less than one month later on July 13 the Ontario Attorney General's office launched proceedings to drag the *Body Politic* through the courts in round three by appealing the acquittal again!

So systematic and vicious is this state persecution that even a *Globe and Mail* (19 July) editorial asked:

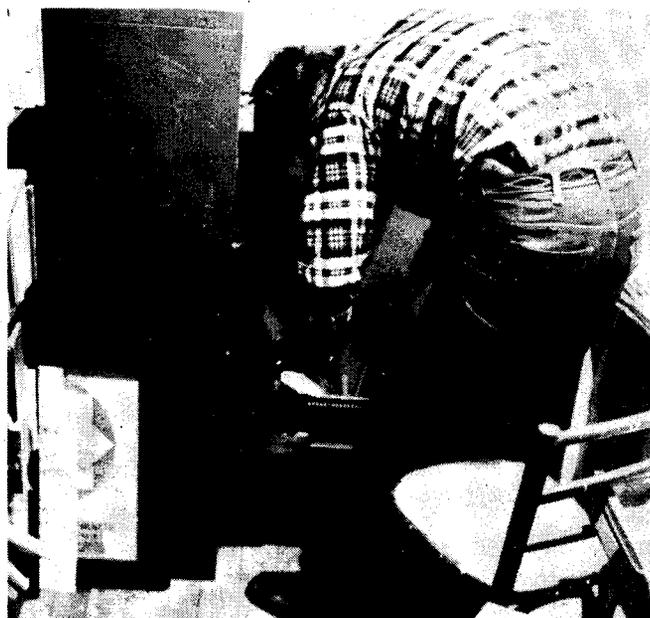
"Does the Attorney General's office intend to go on prosecuting until it finds a court that will convict? Does it think that is justice?"

Indeed from the 1977 cop raid to today the state's vendetta against the *Body Politic* has been a mockery of even bourgeois "justice." The morality squad which seized 12 crates of documents (including subscription lists) was out to stop publication of the paper; a *de facto* execution of sentence in the guise of obtaining "evidence" for then-unlaid charges.

Since then it has been no holds barred in attempting to pin a guilty verdict on the *Body Politic*. Hoping to "set the tone" three weeks before the second retrial the cops staged another raid in early May. This time they laid "obscenity" charges against all nine members of the *Body Politic* collective together with the paper's publisher, Pink Triangle Press, for an article in the April issue entitled "Lust with a Very Proper Stranger."

The anti-gay witchhunt doesn't stop here. On April 21 the cops charged Kevin Orr of Toronto's Glad Day Bookshop with "possession of obscene material for the purpose of sale." Last year over 100 Toronto cops launched a Gestapo-style raid on four gay bathhouses and arrested over 250 people. Democratic rights are indivisible! If the state and its

armed thugs can get away with raiding the *Body Politic* (trying to shut it down), rounding up "found-ins" in gay bathhouses or closing gay bookstores, left-wing offices and union halls could soon be on the agenda. The Trotskyist League of Canada demands an end to the state persecution of the *Body Politic*. Drop all the charges! Stop the anti-gay witchhunt!



Plainclothesman rifles *Body Politic* files, Toronto, 1977. Cops seized 12 crates of documents.

The bourgeoisie's war drive against "godless Communism" abroad and minorities and unions at home finds its reflection in the resurrection of Cold War social reaction and repression. While the Attorney General's enforcers of "morality" in puritanical Orange Ontario drag the *Body Politic* through their courts the Federal government has been pushing for amendments to the Criminal Code to make "sexual acts" involving more than two people punishable with up to five years in jail! Government out of the bedrooms!

The Klan and the Nazis are growing on the fringes of anti-Soviet, "Moral Majority" reaction. On June 27 the degenerate Nazi creeps wanted to goosestep against the Chicago Gay Pride parade. Targeting homosexuals as the weakest link in their chain of terror, the Hitlerites said they were going to hold a "Death to Queers" rally. But in a smashing victory, thousands turned out to stop them cold. This action, organized and led by the Trotskyist Spartacist League/U.S., proved once again that even the defense of basic democratic rights requires a Leninist vanguard party struggling for the liberation of all the oppressed through proletarian socialist revolution to smash the yoke of capitalism once and for all.

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Class-Struggle . . .

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and "socialism," have so tied the militant Quebecois working class to "their" government—the nationalist PQ—that Levesque feels he has free rein in demanding massive wage cutbacks for public sector workers (indeed it was the leadership of these unions who have backed the PQ most strongly).

Of course any real fight against wage controls is necessarily a fight against the capitalist government, posing the question of which class shall rule. For all its bravado at the CLC convention the labor bureaucracy has now come out in favor of controls and McDermott is quite open about it:

"If we had a government prepared to accept a planned economy and to draw up a long-term strategy, and if it wanted to talk to us as friends about an incomes policy, they wouldn't have any trouble with us."

—*Globe and Mail*, 4 September

Indeed a rationally planned workers economy is what is needed to free mankind's tremendous productive resources from the fetter of decaying, anarchic capitalism that turns the enormous wealth squeezed out of the working class into misery, poverty and the threat of nuclear holocaust. That task requires a socialist revolution, the expropriation of the capitalists by a revolutionary workers government. McDermott, of course, has no such thing in mind. He dreams of a more streamlined, more efficient, more "humane" brand of capitalism to be administered by the NDP—or at least with their participation.

More than 40 years ago Leon Trotsky, with Lenin a leader of the Russian Revolution, explained what McDermott & Co. are about. Noting that the huge capitalist consortiums and the capitalist state collaborate at every step, Trotsky pointed out:

"Hence flows the need of the trade unions—insofar as they remain on reformist positions, i.e., on positions of adapting themselves to private property—to adapt themselves to the capitalist state and to contend for its cooperation. In the eyes of the bureaucracy of the trade union movement, the chief task lies in 'freeing' the state from the embrace of capitalism, in weakening its dependence on trusts, in pulling it over to their side. This position is in complete harmony with the social position of the labor aristocracy and the labor bureaucracy, who fight for a crumb in the share of superprofits of imperialist capitalism. The labor bureaucrats do their level best in words and deeds to demonstrate to the 'democratic' state how reliable and indispensable they are in peacetime and especially in time of war."
—"Trade Unions in the Epoch of Imperialist Decay"

And war is exactly what's on the capitalist agenda. With the entire bourgeois economic order falling apart, the increasingly desperate capitalist class sees no way out except through rolling back the social gains of the October Revolution, even if that means blowing us all up. As the anti-Soviet war drive heats up, givebacks and austerity will be demanded more openly as sacrifices for the "national defense" against the USSR. Race terror and witch-hunting are the domestic face of the Cold War. Defense of the gains of the October Revolution which

overthrew capitalism in Russia is key to the defense of the workers' interests at home.

The racist Cold War bureaucrats who run the Canadian unions can't fight the capitalists' anti-labor offensive against the unions at home because they share the program of Reagan, backed by his junior partners in Ottawa, to "roll back" Communism abroad. The labor tops and the NDP went all out to build demonstrations in support of Solidarność—the union all the imperialist union-busters and warmongers loved. Solidarność' program was to make Poland "safe" for GM and to bring the "prosperity" of Detroit and Sudbury to Gdansk. While loath to use the fighting weapons of labor—the picket line, the strike, the sitdown, labor/black defense against race terror—the labor bureaucrats and the NDP "rediscovered" the picket line in the service of solidarity with Solidarność' counterrevolution on the docks in Vancouver where they attempted to block-ade Polish ships.

From Central America to the Near East to Eastern Europe the NDP social democrats are the ideological frontmen for the drive to war against the Soviet Union. And they have had plenty of experience in Cold War anti-communism. The NDP's predecessor, the CCF, cut its teeth purging Communist Party militants from the unions, including and especially the UAW.

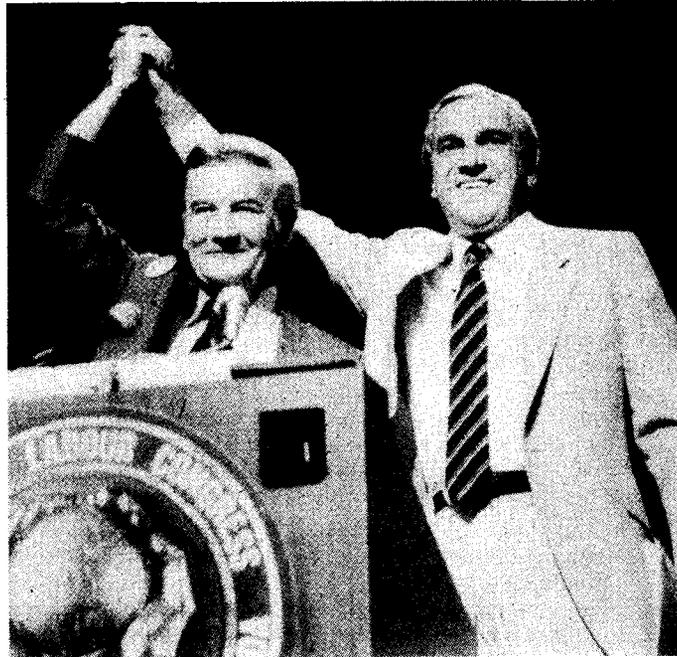
Working people across Canada hate the Trudeau government. But the "political solution" is not McDermott's call to elect an NDP government. Indeed McDermott is having trouble selling this snake oil to the ranks. At the CLC convention there was significant opposition to hailing the NDP as an "alternative"—in particular from public sector workers. Appealing to this sentiment CUPW president Jean-Claude Parrot declared, "We are being asked to replace our union action with active support for a party which has no principled position in favor of workers." But Parrot's militant brand of business unionism is no answer. Parrot staked his career on the demand for a Post Office Crown Corporation. And the "payoff"?—Michael Warren's attempts to cut jobs, enforce speedup. Meanwhile Parrot's sidekick Pierre Samson, president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, advocates that Canadian labor follow the example of Lech Walesa's drive for counter-revolution in Poland! It's "rollback" unionism abroad and "giveback" unionism at home.

The key to unchaining labor is a revolutionary leadership fighting to bring the power of labor to bear in industrial and political action against the bosses and their government. The working class needs a party, built in the struggle against the racist Cold War union tops and the anti-Soviet strikebreakers of the NDP, to link the needs of the unemployed to the potential power of the employed workers, to unite the multiracial working class around its class interests through struggle on behalf of all the oppressed, to weld our struggles to those of our class brothers throughout the world. We need a workers party fighting for a workers government committed to expropriating the capitalist class through North American socialist revolution. Down with Cold War austerity—Defend and extend the gains of the Russian Revolution! No to Protectionism—For international working-class solidarity! For labor/minority mobilizations to smash Klan terror! Unchain labor—Oust the sellout bureaucrats! You can't fight Trudeau with the NDP! For a workers party fighting for a workers government!■

For a Class-Struggle Offensive!

You Can't Fight Trudeau with the NDP!

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Angry Sudbury workers tell Trudeau where to get off; CLC's McDermott says NDP is the answer.

The ink had yet to dry on his union-busting wage controls bill for government workers when prime minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau casually embarked on an "all expenses paid" cross-country vacation in his luxury express train. Ever the self-styled "man's man" of maple leaf millionaires, Trudeau has never bothered to conceal his contempt for the working people. When his entourage met striking B.C. Government Employees Union workers in Salmon Arm, B.C. and flying tomatoes in Rogers Pass, Trudeau "hand-delivered" the message he has been giving to labor all along: the finger. Although increasingly hostile receptions had necessitated a secret schedule, by the time Trudeau's sealed train hit Sudbury 1,000 workers hand-delivered their own messages of eggs, rocks and rotten tomatoes.

Sudbury—where the Inco bosses run the town like their own personal fiefdom, where 10,000 miners have lost their jobs in the past decade, where there is 40% unemployment and the demand for welfare is so great that there is a municipal deficit—symbolizes the devastation wrought by the crisis of capitalism. Whole communities are being turned into

desolate ghost towns as entire sectors of basic industry are shut down. Soup lines have become a fact of life from Port Alberni, B.C. to Saint John, N.B. Now more than ever it is desperately necessary to fight! It will take a program of bold class struggle to beat back the bosses and the Trudeau government's anti-labor offensive.

Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) chief Dennis McDermott has vowed to bring down the Trudeau government—not through labor action but through voting NDP. *You can't fight Trudeau with the NDP!* Wherever and whenever the NDP has been in power it has more than demonstrated its capacity to serve as the loyal administrator of capitalism. From breaking strikes in B.C. and Saskatchewan to pushing racist, anti-Japanese protectionism the NDP is out to make capitalism "work"—at the expense of the working class. With Reagan's junior partners in Ottawa, the social democrats are 100% behind the imperialists' anti-Soviet war drive, brought home in war against labor, minorities and the poor. Bring down Trudeau by voting NDP? This is the party

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