

Soviet Withdrawal Would Mean Horrible Bloodbath



Afghanistan Today



Der Spiegel

Liberated Afghan women demonstrate in Kabul. Mullah cutthroats (right) gloat over dead Soviet pilot.

Finish Off CIA's Afghan Warriors!

When the Soviet Red Army went into Afghanistan on 27 December 1979, we Trotskyists of the international Spartacist tendency declared "Hail Red Army in Afghanistan!" and called to "Extend Social Gains of the October Revolution to Afghan Peoples!" Propping up a shaky national-reformist regime on the USSR's vital southern flank against CIA-backed Islamic reactionaries, Moscow's intervention both defended the Soviet Union and posed the possibility of a revolutionary transformation of this hideously backward country. The Soviet troops brought with them literacy, doctors, and the first taste of liberation for Afghan women from the enslavement and

seclusion symbolized by the *chadori*, the smothering veil covering them in yards of heavy cloth from head to toe.

Now, in the hopes of striking a "peace" deal with Ronald Reagan, the Kremlin Stalinists are opening the door to a bloody Islamic *jihād* (holy war) against every form of social progress in Afghanistan. In Kabul Soviet foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze announced to the Afghan press in January: "We would like the year 1988 to be the last year of the presence of Soviet troops in your country." *Pravda* added that the Soviets could start pulling out as

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Tories Kill Seal Hunt

On December 30 the Conservative government dealt the final blow to the seal hunt with transport minister John Crosbie's announcement of the abolition of all commercial sealing. For generations the annual hunt has been the traditional, and in many cases only, cash industry of Canada's maritime Arctic population, particularly the Inuit. And in Newfoundland, with unemployment at 17.1 percent, the fishermen who went onto the ice floes each March depended on the hunt for economic survival.



Donald Marsh

Inuit child with her puppy. Tories, eco-freaks couldn't care less about her fate.

The international governmental attack on the seal hunt began with the European Economic Community's 1983 exclusion of seal product imports. With the vital European market lost, the price of pelts plummeted from \$32 to \$6. Today the Tories deny Inuit even that pittance, bowing to threats of an EEC boycott of Canadian fish exports. In a prolonged, protectionist "fisheries war," the government's Coast Guard pirates have seized Spanish vessels and excluded French fishermen from "Canadian" waters. Now they are willing to let the Inuit and Newfoundlanders starve.

The lingering death of the seal industry has driven many of the desperately impoverished Inuit over the brink of despair. With unemployment in Inuit communities running as high as 95 percent, this destruction of the only hope of a livelihood has helped trigger an epidemic of suicides among Inuit youth that surpasses even the staggering rate (the highest in the world) among Native Canadians as a whole. In the Quebec settlement of Broughton Island, which once had the highest per capita seal harvest in North America, one third of the Inuit teenagers have tried to take their own lives in the

last two years.

To the racist Canadian state with its murderous history of open genocide and iron-fisted brutality against Native peoples, the lives of the Inuit are dispensable. The Inuit today are decry for hunting seals, yet in Newfoundland the Beothuk Indians were hunted down "for sport," exterminated by British colonialists by the 19th century. The apartheid butchers of South Africa explicitly modeled their bantustan hellholes on the Canadian reservation system. In the 1950s whole Inuit populations were forcibly uprooted and transported thousands of kilometers from their homes in northern Quebec to the wasteland of Ellesmere Island to "assert Canadian sovereignty" over the Arctic. Systematically excluded from employment, denied education by this racist society, Native people can "choose" the isolation and destitution of the reserves or the enforced misery and degradation of life on the streets of hostile towns and cities.

In contrast the 18th and 19th century Russian colonizers and explorers in America were far more civilized in their relations with the native peoples of Alaska and the nearby islands. As described in the book *Russian America* (Binford & Mort, 1979) they intermarried, built schools, and were urged to treat "their new brethren and countrymen...with greatest kindness...." And today in the Soviet Union the Inuit and Chukchis are well-educated, literate peoples who earn higher wages than many Moscow professionals.

The Inuit are also direct victims of the sanctimonious petty-bourgeois moralists of the "environmentalist" lobby. For more than a decade Greenpeace carried out a war on sealing, often provoking sharp but measured responses from sealers defending their livelihoods. Yes, it's not pretty to see seals bludgeoned to death, but we just happen to think that Inuit and Newfoundland families and their kids are more important. Not so the self-proclaimed "animal liberationists," who sabotage medical experiments using animals and who in Britain threatened to poison candy bars in the name of "animal rights." The

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Workers Need a Revolutionary Party, Not...

NDP's Maple Leaf Pop Front

The Tory government is on the ropes. Mulroney rates even lower in the popularity polls than his widely discredited and despised senior partner in Washington, Ronald Reagan. And his government is as filled as Reagan's with crooks, who are continually being brought up on charges of patronage scandal, influence-peddling and various other financial and political chicaneries. Meanwhile John Turner, leader of the squabbling, faction-ridden Liberal Party, is widely perceived as a Bay Street bozo. So now the right-wing social democrats of the New Democratic Party are hovering near the top of the polls, and NDP leader Ed Broadbent is rated most favored party leader. Against the cabal of dimwits and two-bit hustlers on Parliament Hill, even the dull and colorless Broadbent is seen as the only politician with half a brain.

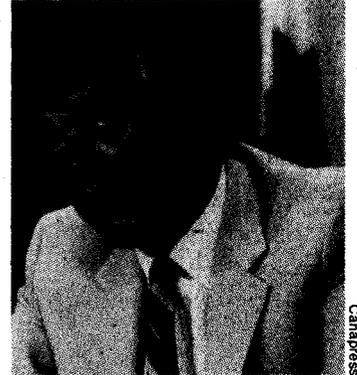
Sensing its biggest shot ever at managing Canadian capitalism—or more likely ruling in a coalition with the Liberals—the NDP is playing down its image as "labor's political arm." Screaming loudly that Mulroney is "selling out to the U.S." with the recently signed "free trade" pact, Broadbent & Co. are campaigning as the Number One defenders of the "true north strong and free." The NDP's anti-"free trade" crusade is of a piece with its long-standing nationalist protectionism and English-Canadian chauvinism. It reeks of racism, of xenophobia; it feeds anti-Communism and anti-union attacks. *Workers: don't buy this poison!*

So Inco is supposed to be a "good" boss because it's mainly Canadian-owned? Tell that to the miners of Sudbury, ravaged by thousands and thousands of layoffs. And who ran the biggest union-busting offensives last year? The *Canadian* railway bosses and the *Canada Post* Corporation. True to form, when the Tories smashed the national rail strike last summer, the NDP was right there to speed passage of the legislation through parliament. After stalling a bit, they did the same thing around the October postal showdown.

Nationalism and protectionism—against the Americans, against the Japanese, against anybody—is linked to everything reactionary and backward.



Pacific Tribune



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Auto Workers bureaucrat Bob White (left), NDP's Ed Broadbent (above) push racist protectionism, Cold War nationalism.

Just look at the record. During the government-orchestrated furor against Tamil refugees last year, Broadbent joined the racist chorus, calling for a "tougher look at all our immigration procedures" to prevent "abuse" by "quick buck artists." And the NDP has always been a rabid opponent of Quebec's right to self-determination. In 1972 the party tops supported the jailing of Common Front union leaders and denounced the powerful Quebec general strike.

Protectionist trade wars lead to shooting wars, in which workers and youth will be cannon fodder for imperialism. Sure enough, the Broadbent gang are charter members of the anti-Soviet war cabal. When it comes to prosecuting Cold War II, their nationalist "anti-American" rhetoric disappears real quick, as Broadbent vows to continue "co-operating" with the U.S. on "defense" matters. Around Polish Solidarność' counterrevolutionary power bid the NDP chiefs were direct frontmen for Reagan, trying to mobilize Canadian workers to the banner of anti-Communism. Now they promise *more* military spending than the Tories, while Broadbent "jokes" that "I'll campaign in my RCAF uniform." Yeah, and Reagan "jokes" about bombing Russia in five minutes.

FAKE-LEFT ON NATIONALIST BANDWAGON

With the smell of a federal election in the air, the fake-leftists are going all out behind the NDP and its Canadian nationalism. Leading the pack is the Communist Party (CP), eternally questing for the holy grail of an anti-monopoly, peace-loving, patriotic bourgeoisie. "The fight for Canada is on!" cries the CP. "What is required is nothing short

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of the biggest campaign in Canadian history involving all of the broad anti-free trade forces to smash the treacherous plans of the federal Tories to surrender Canadian sovereignty" (*Canadian Tribune*, 12 October 1987). It's the same, old, Stalinist "unite to fight the right" class collaboration, designed to "bring about the defeat of the Tories in the next election" (21 December 1987).

Just behind come the Russia-haters of the International Socialists (IS). In bold front-page print,



Ottawa Citizen

Parliament Hill, 1987: Cops battle railworkers as NDP helps Tories pass strikebreaking bill.

their *Socialist Worker* (December 1987-January 1988) vows "to build and support any and all campaigns designed to defend Canadian workers" against the "assault" of the "'free trade' initiative." Last February the IS wrote that "tired leftists seem to be turning to [the NDP] as an alternative to fighting back for themselves." The IS itself must be dead tired to come up with headlines like "When socialism was possible" (November 1987). Of course their anti-Soviet campaigning may not be going down so well just now, what with "Gorby chic" and all. And their occasional "anti-NDP" rhetoric is just that: rhetoric. They always call "vote NDP," whether there's an election coming or not.

Finally, limping along at the rear is the Alliance for Socialist Action (ASA), whose *Socialist Challenge* (November-December 1987) pledged to "join in this struggle" against "a rotten pact." While most of the opposition is "unfortunately...likely to take the form of a defense of the Canadian state," nevertheless "the NDP is quite correct to demand an immediate federal election...." When, naturally, the ASA can hit the hustings for Ed.

Perpetual support ("critical" or otherwise) for the pro-capitalist social democrats is a hallmark of the Canadian fake-left. There's no earthly reason

any self-respecting militant worker should vote for the NDP today. Its whole campaign is based on nationalist anti-Soviet reaction. And as if Broadbent & Co. weren't rotten enough on their own, they are already talking about a coalition deal with the Liberals, a wretched anti-working class popular front wrapped up in the Maple Leaf.

Not only is the anti-"free trade" campaign reactionary, it's ludicrous. The Canadian economy is *already* completely tied to the U.S. Mulroney's crowd merely wants to extend this by signing up in a continental protection racket against the Japanese capitalists (a North American Greater Co-Prosperty Sphere). What's needed to rip through this rotten "free trade" faction fight between profit-bloated bosses is some good old-fashioned class struggle.

And what is this Canada they all want to defend and protect? This country was founded by United Empire Loyalists who opposed the American Revolution. From the start it has been based on anti-immigrant reaction and special oppression of the Québécois. And, lo, the *English queen* is still on the money! This "rich white man's country" is literally the fringe on the surrey of North America, a second-rate imperialist country whose beaver plays jackal for the American eagle.

A lot of people rightly hate the Tory government. Mulroney and his gang have gone after just about everybody: workers, old people, students, women, black and Asian minorities. It will require some hard class struggle to smash these all-sided attacks. The key to this is *breaking* labor militants from the pro-capitalist NDP. We of the Trotskyist League are committed to forging a multiracial, internationalist revolutionary party in struggle against Broadbent's social democrats. That is the necessary instrument to defeat the bosses' onslaught and lead the struggle to overthrow capitalism in the North American socialist revolution. ■



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Victory for Chicago Labor: **Black Family Defeats Cop Frame-Up**

When Chicago cops invaded the home of black bus driver Cassandra Seay last July 21, viciously beating her and terrorizing her children and mother, and then arresting Cassandra on trumped-up charges, they didn't count on her being a member of a powerful union that could fight back. Militants in the integrated Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) organized to defend Seay, mobilizing their union brothers and sisters to fill the courtroom at every hearing. And they won—on December 23, Cassandra and her mother Callie Bryant were found innocent of every bogus charge brought against them by the racist Chicago cops. When the verdict was announced acquitting them of charges of battery, resisting arrest and obstructing a police officer, the courtroom erupted into applause and cheers.

During the trial Callie Bryant, Cassandra's 17-year-old son David and her daughter 12-year-old Wendí all testified that they helplessly watched the sustained, brutal beating of Cassandra as she was handcuffed on the floor. Barely able to stand, Cassandra was taken from her home and forced into a police car. With blood soaking her pants to her knees, police ignored her requests for medical attention for hours, leaving her and Callie shackled to a bench in the police station. Outrageously, David and his brother D'Artagnan are still facing charges of aggravated battery and criminal damage to property.

Militants in the ATU organized to ensure that Cassandra Seay didn't face capitalist injustice alone. Beginning in August, they called for the union to mobilize labor/black power to stop the wave of racist cop terror in Chicago. In October over 150 ATU members signed a motion and dozens came



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Cassandra Seay (second from left) and her mother Callie Bryant (center) with transit union supporters.

to the Local 241 meeting to demand that their organization take action. As a result of this pressure from the ranks both transit locals called on workers to fill the courtroom in defense of "one of our own" on November 24 and again on December 22.

The campaign to defend Cassandra Seay and her mother attracted support from unions around the U.S. From Britain there were protests from 35 Sheffield bus drivers and 42 London Transport unionists. Our Spartacist League/U.S. comrades called on Chicago labor and blacks to mobilize on December 22 to bury this racist outrage.

From New York City, where cop terror and racist atrocities have brought the city to a flash point, to Montreal where black youth Anthony Griffin was executed in cold blood by police, mass labor/black action is urgently needed to stay the hand of the killer cops and race-terrorists. Key to the final victory over racist capitalist oppression in North America is the construction of a multiracial revolutionary party in which black workers are destined to play a leading role. Speaking to Cassandra Seay's supporters celebrating the acquittals Kevin Quirk, an ATU Local 241 militant who initiated the union defense, said:

"This is a tremendous victory for all of labor and blacks. It was the mobilization of our union and other unions, that packed the courtroom and rallied behind this family, that spiked this racist frame-up.... This is a step in the struggle to build a society where workers and blacks can be free from these vicious racist frame-ups and cop terror." ■

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1933: When Toronto Workers Smashed the Fascists



Toronto workers, 15,000-strong, form up in Clarence Square at start of historic two-hour strike against Hitlerism, July 11, 1933. Nearly 100 unions and Jewish organizations were represented.

On the night of August 16, 1933 in Toronto's Willowvale Park (now Christie Pits) thousands of working-class Jews joined by hundreds of Italians and Ukrainians taught a powerful lesson to a gang of swastika-waving punks who tried to stage an open fascist provocation. The city's decent working people declared with militant action that no mob of "Hail Hitler"-shouting racist creeps was going to turn Toronto into a Nazi town. For several years, as one Italian militant summed up: "There was never any more of that type of [Nazi] demonstration. Cause they were told that if they started any nonsense again, we'd come in again and kick the hell out of them."

A recently published book, *The Riot at Christie Pits* by Cyril H. Levitt and William Shaffir (Lester & Orpen Dennys, Toronto, 1987), recounts the events of that night. The capitalist media, which in 1933 denounced the anti-fascists, today bemoan this "unfortunate" "race riot," asserting it can't happen again in "multicultural" Canada. A lie! Canada today is still a racist "white man's land," seething with hatred, bigotry, violence against the "foreigners," the blacks, the South Asians, the Central American refugees.

The capitalists' Cold War hysteria over "international terrorism," targeting minorities, labor and leftists for state repression, finds virulent expression in all manner of official and "unofficial" racist terror. Cops gun down black people in Montreal and Toronto. The government's open anti-immigrant racism spawns fascist race-hate rallies. Anti-Semitic filth like Zundel and Keegstra get front-page publicity as Ottawa continues to protect Nazi war criminals. The vicious state persecution of concentration-camp survivor Dr. Henry Morgentaler fires up Moral Majority fanatics to attack women seeking abortions. The facade may (at times) be smoother, the official rhetoric more muted, but this is still a vicious, bigoted country. No less than in the 30s, mass *labor/minority mobilizations* are the key to smashing racist and fascist terror.

For the working people of the early 1930s, "Toronto the Good" was anything but. In the midst of the Depression nearly one in three had no job, no income and no prospect of getting either. The "Belfast of Canada" was run top to bottom by the white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant Orange Order whose clubs and beaches posted signs, "Jews and Dogs Not Allowed" and "No Entrance for Jews." The Ku Klux Klan car-

ried its race-terror into nearby Oakville, while the cops would openly kick little Jewish kids down the streets, hurling vile racist epithets. They were aped by racist thugs who beat up Jews and Catholics for being in the "wrong" neighborhood. Indeed the government itself declared Canada the "wrong" country for Asians, Jews and others, closing off immigration in the 1920s. During World War II, the racist ruling class slammed the door on desperate Jewish refugees, declaring "None is too many" and sentencing them to death in Hitler's gas chambers.

The Orange Order's "defense of British values" encompassed not only anti-Semitic, anti-"foreigner" racism, but an all-sided attempt to straightjacket the population into Moral Majority-type "rectitude." Cabbies were threatened with losing their licenses if they didn't sign the teetotalers "pledge." Cops invaded theaters to ensure the actors' kisses didn't exceed 20 seconds. And on the "Lord's Day" even kids' sandboxes were closed, the swings padlocked: "Nobody swings on Sunday!" declared the Orange city bosses.

Since the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike the Canadian ruling class was on a full-scale red-hunt, out to suppress working-class organization and stifle political dissent. The RCMP staged midnight raids against suspected "radical" non-citizens, literally kidnapping them to Halifax and deporting them without even the pretense of a trial. Strikers were violently attacked, left-wing meetings broken up, hundreds arrested. In 1932 eight Communist Party (CP) leaders were jailed, charged with "seditious conspiracy" and belonging to an "unlawful association" under Section 98 of the Criminal Code. In Toronto Brigadier-General Draper, Chief of Police, vowed "to stamp out this communist menace," calling out his "Cossacks" to bust up demonstrations of the unemployed and beat and arrest left-wing soap-boxers. The Red Squad got its start, informers framed up militants and hall owners were told not to rent rooms for communist meetings. It was an open, declared war of state repression.

"STRIKE AGAINST HITLERISM!"

The triumph of fascism in Germany, marked by Hitler's coming to power in 1933, was a world-historic defeat for the international working class. The most highly organized proletariat in the world, betrayed and misled by the Stalinists and Social Democrats, lay prostrate before the Nazi gangs, now armed with state power. While working people shuddered at what the future held, significant sections of the bourgeoisie, not least in Britain and Canada, saw in Hitler's "strong state" and the Nazis' genocidal lust for "racial and moral purity" echoes of their own program to maintain their class dictatorship. In the 30s, as today, the capitalists saw in the fascist gangsters a force to be kept waiting in the wings, to unleash if all else fails to crush working-class revolution.

On 11 March 1933 the Toronto *Evening Telegram* (forerunner of today's racist, anti-labor *Sun*) ran

a piece openly endorsing Hitler, who "wants, and rightly too, to build the Fatherland... There are very few but will sympathize with him in his desire to keep the germ of Communism from growing to full bloom" (quoted in Levitt and Shaffir). Exactly four months later, on July 11 (one day before the annual Orange Order parade), the Toronto working class gave its response to Hitler's Canadian admirers. At 3 p.m., up and down Spadina Avenue, center of the needle trades, thousands of workers, mostly Jewish, downed tools and hit the streets. Representing about 100 unions and other organizations, 15,000-strong, 2 percent of the city's population turned out as Toronto reverberated with the call to "Strike Against Hitlerism!" For once Draper's Cossacks had to back off—in the face of such massive social power they were forced to issue a permit, the first of its kind in 12 years. At the culminating rally in Queen's Park the very first speaker, dubbed a "moderate" by the *Globe* (12 July 1933), declared: "The working class of all nations must fight, and will continue to fight, until Hitlerism is dead and buried."



Trotskyists took the lead in organizing for class-struggle fight against fascism.

Key to this massive outpouring of anti-fascist determination, organized by the "Joint Council of Action, the common organ of Trade Unions and Conference against Fascism and Pogroms," were the Trotskyist revolutionaries of the International Left Opposition (ILO). Canadian ILO leader Maurice Spector was a principal organizer of the two-hour strike and speaker at the demonstration. The CP Stalinists tried unsuccessfully to gut the class character of the action, presaging the turn to the class-collaborationist "People's Front Against Fascism," by demanding an appeal be made to Ontario's Tory

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premier. The Trotskyist Spartacus Youth Club (SYC) paper *October Youth* (August-September 1933) reported that the Stalinists refused to distribute "last-call" leaflets after their maneuvers failed. On the demonstration itself, "The S.Y.C. marched under the banner of the International Left Opposition. With us were the workers of the Star Knitting Mills numbering about sixty."

In their front-page call to build a "General Strike against Fascist Terror" the Trotskyists' *Vanguard* (July 1933) called on the workers of Toronto to "Demonstrate for the United Front of the Working Class!" "Demand the release of class-war prisoners" and concluded:

"Demonstrate against the imperialist war plans and for the defence of the Soviet Union.

"Down with Hitler and Mussolini! Long live the international solidarity of the working class in its struggle for political and economic liberation from capitalism!

"Forward to Victory under the Banner of Lenin and Trotsky!"

SMASHING THE SWASTIKA GANGS

In the aftermath of this historic strike the "respectable" mainstream organization of prominent Jews, the League for the Defence of Jewish Rights (LDJR), joined with the bourgeois press to rail against the "Reds." Rabbi Samuel Sachs, LDJR chairman, publicly condemned the militant protest and preached faith in "Canada's adherence to the ideals which dominate life in Great Britain" (*Globe*, 3 August 1933). With the official Jewish leaders publicly dissociating themselves from militant anti-fascist actions, and fueled by the spate of anti-Semitic garbage published in papers like the *Telegram*, the racist punks took the opportunity to announce the formation of a series of Swastika Clubs, getting front-page publicity.

Spewing that they intended to "keep the beaches clean," to this day a code-word for racist terror, on the evening of August 1 almost 100 marched along Toronto's eastern beaches boardwalk, flaunting the Nazi swastika and singing filthy anti-Jewish songs. They painted signs outside the Balmy Beach Canoe Club with the swastika and "Hail Hitler." But as soon as word of this provocation got out 60-70 Jewish youth hopped onto some trucks and sped out to the Beaches area. Marching five and six abreast, with a large dog in front, they checked out the clubhouse and neighboring streets, looking for swastikas and ready to "take care of ourselves." The cops rushed in, demanding that the anti-fascists leave the area.

The next night the Swastika punks gathered again, announcing plans to mobilize on the coming holiday Sunday. The *Telegram* (3 August 1933, quoted in Levitt and Shaffir) gave them open support: "If there is a group of Beaches residents who unite under the sign of the Swastika to preserve the char-

acter of their district, good luck to them...." But on Sunday, August 6, truckloads of Jews arrived at Kew Gardens to defend picnicking and bathing families. They tore swastika emblems right off the backs of the racists and gave a number of them a good hiding. Only intervention by the police prevented them doing the same to two leading Hitler-lovers.



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July 11 anti-fascist demonstrators at Queen's Park. Speakers included Trotskyist leader Maurice Spector.

Alarmed that militants were actively organizing to defend themselves against the lynchers, the Jewish community "leaders" rushed to head off future actions, telling Jewish youth to shy away from Swastika Club provocations and demanding that the racist Orange Order government "outlaw" the Clubs. Meanwhile the LDJR was actively whitewashing the fascist punks! As its representative A.B. Bennett stated: "If the Swastika Clubs are really sincere in the statement that their only aim is to assist civic authorities in keeping the Beaches clean, we are prepared to meet and cooperate with them" (*Telegram*, 4 August 1933, quoted in Levitt and Shaffir).

Toronto mayor William Stewart was happy to indulge the League's suicidal desire to treat with the "Swazis" (as the press dubbed them), and a meeting was held in City Hall on August 9. After two and a half hours of polite discussion about "untidiness at the eastern Beaches" and Rabbi Sachs'

suggestion that the Nazis "adopt the broom as your emblem...or perhaps you might adopt the maple leaf" (*Globe*, 10 August 1933, quoted in Levitt and Shaffir), all joined together to sing "God Save the King!"

With the Jewish leaders declaring their undying faith in the good offices of the mayor and his attack dog Constable Draper, the Hitler-lovers went into high gear. On Monday, August 14 the fascists staged an open Nazi rally in Kitchener, Ontario, built with the help of announcements in the Toronto dailies. Between two Union Jacks and pictures of the king and queen a gigantic swastika dominated the platform. But the brown-shirted speaker never gave his talk on "What is Canadian Fascism?" because, in the droll report of the German ambassador, "Those present, among whom were found socialists and Communists as well, were supposed to have become unruly."

Meanwhile that same Monday night at Christie Pits, right at the end of a baseball game between St. Peter's and the mostly Jewish Harbord Playground team, a gang of racists unfurled a five-foot long swastika banner and stormed the field. Later "Hail Hitler" and a big swastika were painted on the park's clubhouse roof: a message, said one thug, that "We want to get the Jews out of the park." But militant Jewish youth had no intention of being driven out of anywhere, especially from a park bordering on the overwhelmingly working-class Jewish Spadina area.

For the next two days militants organized in the factories, boxing clubs, stores and streets, determined that at Wednesday night's baseball rematch no one was going to get away with calls for genocidal terror. Before the game even started one Swastika Club supporter got his, and during the second inning close to 1,000 Jews armed with "batons, lead pipes and other weapons" moved on a bunch of "Willowvale Swastikas" who had been shouting "Hail Hitler." Right at the end of the game, suddenly there appeared a large white blanket, and a huge outcry of "the swastika, the swastika" echoed throughout the area. The Jewish youth attacked Hitler's flag-wavers, beat them and tore the symbol of mass murder into shreds. But the racists, with the aid of the cops, counter-mobilized and fighting spread for blocks.

The word went out through the Jewish area, the battle was on! Wagons, chicken trucks, cars screeched up to restaurants and boxing clubs, picking up more and more fighters, Jewish, Italian, Ukrainian, from College, Bathurst, Spadina. Soon "dump trucks, full of guys brandishing pick axes, pipes and so on" poured into Christie Pits to get the Hitlerites.

By 10:30 the battle was raging fiercely. The cops, whose presence earlier was deliberately minimal so as to "let the Nazis get their licks in," mobilized and turned on the anti-fascist militants. Trucks were turned back, activists were beaten and at 11:30 motorcycle cops drove into the throngs of anti-Nazi fighters, trying to run them over and choke them with the heavy black exhaust fumes. But despite

Draper's Cossacks' best efforts, there was no question in the minds of working people that they had carried the day, sending a number of racists to the hospital for a rest.

The next day crowds along Spadina were exultant at their victory. Not so Rabbi Sachs who was "deeply ashamed of the conduct of the Jewish youths." A delegation of Jewish worthies rushed off to City Hall, and according to Levitt and Shaffir, announced their "appreciation for the city's handling of the affair," offering "full cooperation."

BUILD A MULTIRACIAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY!

If the "official" Jewish leadership had had its way, Swastika Clubs would have festered all over Toronto, playing on deep-going nativist "Empire Loyalist" reaction. The July 11 anti-Hitler demonstration and the massive mobilization to crush the Nazi-lovers at Christie Pits had to be organized *against* those who preached reliance on the cops, who had faith in the supposed glories of "British institutions" and who pleaded with the racist Orange Order to "ban" the Hitlerites. Only powerful *working-class-centered* action in the streets and factories could stop the fascists and drive them back into their ratholes.

Today again the race-terrorists feel the wind in their sails, blowing from Washington and Ottawa. Cold War anti-Communism has fueled the KKK, neo-Nazis, Aryan Nations, Canadian Anti-Soviet



November 1982: Spartacist-initiated Labor/Black Mobilization stopped the Klan in Washington, D.C.

Action Committee and other such vermin. *But the fascists can be stopped.* Four times in recent years, labor-centered mobilizations initiated by the Trotskyists of the Spartacist League/U.S. have spiked their lynch-mob terror rallies.

In June 1982 the Nazis tried to march on Gay Pride Day through Chicago's Lincoln Park, but 3,000

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early as May 1. That would mean leaving in the lurch the Afghan women, teachers, leftists, workers and soldiers who have fought for the last ten years to drag their country into the 20th century! The price for this obscene bid to placate U.S. imperialism is to hand over hundreds of thousands of Afghans to be tortured, flayed alive, beheaded and dismembered as infidels by the mullahs, tribal khans and feudal landlords. This is treachery!

The imperialist press is rubbing its eyes in disbelief. "Light in the Khyber Pass?" asked the *New York Times* (9 January). "Could it really be true? A Soviet-free Afghanistan" editorialized the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (10 January). And the *Toronto Globe and Mail* (8 January) was blunt: "The Soviet Union finally appears ready to beat an ignominious retreat..." This is what they're after: not a deal but defeat, to install an anti-Soviet regime in Kabul and complete the encirclement of the USSR by hostile regimes all along its southern border. As we wrote in "Afghanistan and the Left: The Russian Question Point Blank" (*Spartacist* No. 29, Summer 1980):

"Afghanistan is a flash of lightning which illuminates the real contours of the world political landscape. It has exploded the last illusions of détente to reveal the implacable hostility of U.S. imperialism to the Soviet degenerated workers state."

We warned then:

"It is possible the Kremlin could do a deal with the imperialists to withdraw, for example, in return for NATO's reversing its decision to deploy hundreds of new nuclear missiles in West Europe. That would be a real counterrevolutionary crime against the Afghan peoples."

A Soviet withdrawal now will embolden the deeply discredited Reagan regime, encouraging it to step up its murderous contra wars against Nicaragua, Angola and Kampuchea as well. Not withdrawal but victory! Red Army—Finish the job!

AFGHANISTAN: TARGET OF COLD WAR II

To mark the eighth anniversary of the Soviet intervention, thousands of Afghan counterrevolutionaries in Pakistan rallied around burning effigies of Gorbachev, chanting "Death to Russia! Death to Communism!" That same day TASS reported that Afghan thugs invaded the Soviet mission in the Iranian city of Isfahan. The imperialists' Afghan "freedom fighters" have vowed to kill all Communist collaborators. They mean it. Already, they have assassinated more than 2,000 schoolteachers for trying to bring literacy to a country where, before, 90 percent of the population was illiterate. The *mujahedin* have also justified shooting down an airliner taking Afghan children to study in the USSR, claiming they were being "brainwashed" by Satan.

These feudalist reactionaries want to return to a 7th century society based on the cruelest social parasitism, criminality and slavery.

The status of women is everywhere a barometer of social progress, and an article in the *Toronto Star* (29 November 1987) detailed some of the gains



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Reagan and Gorbachev at summit. Peace with imperialism is a Stalinist pipedream.

for women under the Soviet-backed government. Among these are "the freedom to dress as they please, to work in the civil service, to join the armed forces and other institutions."

Emancipated women in particular are threatened by the Islamic reactionaries. The vice president of the All-Afghanistan Women's Council went to university in Kabul with Gulbaddin Hekmatyar, now one of the top Afghan contras. "In 1971, when women came out in public with no veil, Gulbaddin's supporters sprayed acid in their faces," she said. "When women wore stockings, they shot at their legs" (*London Guardian*, 5 January). As one Islamic fanatic declared at the anti-Communist orgy in Pakistan, "We are Afghans and we do not allow women to come out. Women have no opinion in determining the future of Afghanistan" (*New York Times*, 28 December 1987). The withdrawal of Soviet troops would mean they face the prospect of hideous slaughter.

Not only Afghans will die. For Washington and its allies, Afghanistan was the opening shot of the second Cold War, a global drive to "roll back" supposed "Soviet expansionism." Democrat Carter's "national security" czar Zbigniew Brzezinski stood at the Khyber Pass in a U.S. Army jacket and pointed an automatic rifle at Afghanistan. Republican Reagan took aim at Sandinista Nicaragua and soon was bankrolling contra mercenaries from Central America to Southeast Asia. In his second term this became the "Reagan doctrine" of attacking the Soviet "evil empire" on its fringes. Even after the Iran/Contra fiasco the Reaganauts are hoping to "win one" in Afghanistan. But they can't unless the Kremlin hands it to them.

The Gorbachev/Reagan summit produced a wave of popular euphoria—people overwhelmingly desire peaceful relations with the Soviet Union. But "arms control" treaties like the one signed in Washington, requiring the Soviets to destroy four warheads to every one of the U.S., are a hoax which in no way reduce the threat of nuclear war hanging over mankind. If the imperialists are willing to limit some existing (particularly Soviet) arms, it's because they're madly developing new weapons systems themselves.

There is a fundamental conflict: the Soviets want *coexistence*, the imperialists want *counterrevolution*. Nowhere is the futility and danger of trying to appease the war-crazed U.S. rulers clearer than in Afghanistan with Reaganites and Democrats alike insisting on withdrawal of Soviet troops as the key test for Gorbachev's "peace" drive.

INTENSIFY THE WAR—MOP UP THE MULLAHS!

On ABC News' "This Week with David Brinkley," Soviet foreign ministry spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov proclaimed: "We are going to withdraw, and the process of national reconciliation will take place, and you will have a nonaligned Afghanistan; nonsocialist, also" (*Washington Post*, 14 December 1987). The idea of "Finlandizing" Afghanistan is pure illusion. The most minimal bourgeois-democratic measures, such as a modest land reform, provoked a savage feudalist backlash. Even bringing back the king, deposed in 1973, as the Soviets are seeking, won't restore a stable, pliant buffer regime. As for the program of "national reconciliation" with the *mujahedin*, it would have been easier for Lenin's Bolsheviks to form a coalition government with the tsarist Black Hundreds, who look downright liberal in comparison to the Afghan cutthroats!

The possibility of bringing this land of feuding tribes, opium smuggling, bride price and religious obscurantism out of the Middle Ages is directly tied to the achievements of Soviet Central Asia. Many of the initial Soviet troops were in fact Tadzhik, Turkmen, Kirghiz, Uzbek and Kazakh soldiers from just across the border. The *Globe and Mail* (5 February 1987) noted, following some nationalist riots in Kazakhstan, that the threat of Islamic fundamentalism in the USSR "is limited by relative economic comfort in the central Asian republics. While religious commitment and population trends ring ominously, the memory of what life without the Soviets was like is on their side." But as the Kremlin has restricted social reforms in Afghanistan, U.S.-armed *mujahedin* (holy warriors) have even begun to strike across the border into Tadzhikistan.

At Moscow's urging, the authentically Afghan People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) regime has tried to conciliate the rebels. Agrarian reform was cut back, all ceilings on land ownership for the feudal landlords and Islamic clergy were lifted, the mullahs were exempted from taxation. Education for girls was made "voluntary" instead of compulsory. In November PDPA leader Najibullah called a *loya jirgah*, bringing in tribal and religious chiefs. In the name of Allah and "Islamic consciousness," the red star was removed from the Afghan national seal and the country was renamed the Republic of Afghanistan, dropping the "Democratic" because of Communist connotations. As Najibullah was appealing for a "political solution" by holding out the prospect of Soviet withdrawal, the guerrillas responded with rocket blasts that shook the meeting room.

The only "political solution" that will benefit the Afghan masses is for the Soviet army to intensify and finish the war by mopping up the Afghan contras. This sentiment is evidently shared by many in the Soviet Union, notably within the army. According to the *Los Angeles Times* (5 November 1987), recent issues of the Soviet defense ministry



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Woman computer technician in Soviet Central Asia (left); Afghan woman under the veil (right). Extend Gains of October to Afghan Peoples!

newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star) have featured articles complaining that the unilateral ceasefire declared by Kabul last year allowed the rebels to regroup and reararm, shooting down civilian airliners "right and left" while Afghan troops returned to their bases and Soviet troops were made to hold their fire.

Over the past year, the U.S. has shipped more than 600 Stinger surface-to-air missiles to its Afghan mercenaries. While some were sold to the Iranians and used against the U.S. in the Persian Gulf, the imperialists claim the Stingers together with British Blowpipes are taking down an average of

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one Soviet helicopter gunship a day, while making it impossible for Soviet fighter jets to fly close support. Referring to the Soviet MI-24 helicopters which were key in wiping out guerrilla strongholds in Afghanistan, one *mujahedin* leader boasted: "For



Soviet troops leaving Afghanistan after Kremlin announced troop reductions.

nine years the dragon ruled the skies over Afghanistan. Now the dragon is dead." The solution is simple, and McDonnell Douglas has it—the "Black Hole Infrared Suppression System." As advertised in the December 1987 issue of *Scientific American*, the Black Hole system makes helicopter exhaust "so cool it is ignored by heat-seeking missiles."

CARRYING OUT THEIR INTERNATIONALIST DUTY

The real barrier to Soviet victory in Afghanistan is not on the military front. As one senior Reagan official admitted, even armed with Stingers "a possibility of a resistance victory...there never has been." An article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (22 December 1987) noted that the Soviet military "knows that the Red Army cannot be defeated by the mujaheddin," and "there has been a sharp improvement in the [Afghan] army's performance." This was demonstrated at the end of December in the successful drive by Soviet and Afghan troops to break the guerrilla siege of Khost, just a few miles from the Pakistani border, disrupting a key arms route and killing over 2,000 rebels. A U.S. government official carped: "The Soviets are showing they still have the firepower to go anywhere they want." So they do. The obstacle is political.

Gorbachev has called Afghanistan a "bleeding wound." But it has been the Kremlin Stalinists' efforts to strike a deal with the mullahs and their imperialist godfathers which have needlessly prolonged the war, allowing the imperialists to keep

the blood of Soviet soldiers flowing. Much is made of opposition to the war within the Soviet Union, turning a tiny protest in Moscow (eight protesters carrying signs demanding "Withdraw Soviet Troops from Afghanistan") into a major event. But the most common demand reported in demonstrations of Afghan war veterans and letters to the Soviet press is not for withdrawal but *recognition* of the valiant internationalist contribution by Soviet youth.

There have been increasing demands to build a monument in Moscow to commemorate Soviet soldiers fallen in battle against the CIA's Afghan contras. In a letter to *Pravda*, the father of Sergeant Yuri Shevchenko, who died in Afghanistan, asked why his son's heroic sacrifice could not be inscribed on his gravestone: "Why can't it say that he died carrying out his international duty in Afghanistan? What are we ashamed of?" (*Pravda* monthly English edition, October 1987). Beholden to the Stalinist dogma of "socialism in one country," Gorbachev & Co. are "ashamed" of anything that smacks of revolutionary internationalism, because it stands in the way of pursuing their reactionary illusion of "détente" with the imperialists. At the 27th Communist Party congress in 1986, Gorbachev denounced any concept of "revolutionary war" as "Trotskyite" heresy.

Meanwhile, the war-crazed psychos in the White House are exporting counterrevolutionary wars around the globe, and the Afghan rebels have received the biggest subsidies. Over the past year they were reportedly bankrolled to the tune of \$660 million—six times what the Nicaraguan contras got—and in 1988 this is scheduled to rise to \$1 billion. The Democrats have out-Reaganned Reagan in boosting the cause of the bloodthirsty Afghan "freedom fighters," for here they see a perfect opportunity to bleed the Russians without the overhead of direct U.S. intervention and the dread spectre of "another Vietnam." From slapping grain, technology and cultural embargoes against the Soviet Union to giving a hero's welcome to five Red Army deserters, Ottawa has fully backed its Washington allies. Former leader of the Ontario NDP Stephen Lewis, literally the labor frontman for imperialist foreign policy as Canada's UN ambassador, made his name internationally with wild tirades against

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Soviet "butchery," "sickness" and "depravity."

Any hope of peacefully coexisting with this crew of Cold Warriors is ludicrous. The imperialists seek to destroy and dismember the Soviet Union by economic pressure, destabilization and war, to overturn the revolutionary gains of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution and restore "free market" capitalist exploitation. The USSR is too strong militarily and the loyalty of the Soviet peoples too deep to risk a direct assault right now. So they attack on the periphery of Soviet power. Pledging to pull Soviet troops out of Afghanistan, Gorbachev & Co. are not only sacrificing the lives of millions of Afghans on the altar of "détente" but leaving the Soviet Union open to imperialist provocation and attack on this crucial southern flank.

Only total Soviet victory over the mullahs can bring peace and the prospect of national and social liberation for the peoples of Afghanistan. To carry out what many in the Soviet Union, homeland of the October Revolution, rightly see as their internationalist duty in Afghanistan requires a proletarian political revolution in the USSR against the Kremlin oligarchy to restore the revolutionary internationalist traditions of Lenin and Trotsky's Bolsheviks.

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blacks, unionists and Jews saw to it that they never got the chance. A few months later in Washington, D.C., the KKK said they would stage a march in America's capital, targeting especially immigrants fleeing death-squad terror in Central America. They got the green light from Reagan's White House, and the cops mobilized to protect them. But in conjunction with unionists from the area the Spartacist League initiated the Labor/Black Mobilization to Stop the KKK, bringing out 5,000 mostly black unionists and youth on November 27 who faced down the cops and sent the fascists scurrying into the sewers.

In Washington, as in Toronto in the 1930s, the liberals cried to "ignore" the fascists, while others even worked themselves into a lather about their supposed rights to "free speech," i.e., to organize for mass murder. Various reformists appealed to the capitalist government—to KKK-endorsed Reagan!—to "ban the Klan." The fake-lefts and most black Democratic Party officials were quite willing to let the KKK march, organizing a gabfest for bourgeois politicians and preachers miles away. It was left to our Trotskyist organization, armed with a program of intransigent class struggle against capitalist barbarism, to organize the necessary forces, black and red, to stop the Klan's march for death.

Fifty-five years ago the powers-that-be of Orange Toronto systematically insulted, harassed and degraded the "foreign" Jewish community of Spadina and Kensington, encouraging the fascists' swastikas

and race terror. Today in "multicultural," "progressive" Toronto, the "foreigners" set up for state persecution and racist violence range from blacks in Lawrence Heights and the Jane-Finch Corridor to Tamils in St. Jamestown and more. Defeating fascist and racist barbarism and the capitalist system which spawns it requires the construction of a multiracial, internationalist vanguard party determined to lead the struggle for proletarian revolution. ■

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only animal they won't defend is the human one.

Of course we Marxists oppose the extermination of any species. The capitalists' pursuit of profit has produced environmental disasters and the extinction of many forms of life. Furthermore we vehemently hate blood sports like fox hunting indulged in by the likes of the decrepit British ruling class. But this is not the issue here. Indeed the Tories' ban even forbids the culling of the worm-infested grey seals which cause parasitic infections of cod stocks and kill millions of fish. Even from an environmental viewpoint, this prohibition is irrational and stupid.

The "environmentalists" are hypocrites, still feeding and clothing themselves—which means the killing of cows and lambs, "inland seals," in abattoirs. The "animal liberationists" want to return to the "natural way" of doing things; but nature's way is no more a pretty sight than the seal hunt. Moreover, man is part of nature. The history of our species is the struggle to master the forces of nature to provide a decent, worthwhile life. Only socialist mankind, in full control of the productive resources of society, can preserve the co-inhabitants of this planet while putting an end to human misery and want. ■

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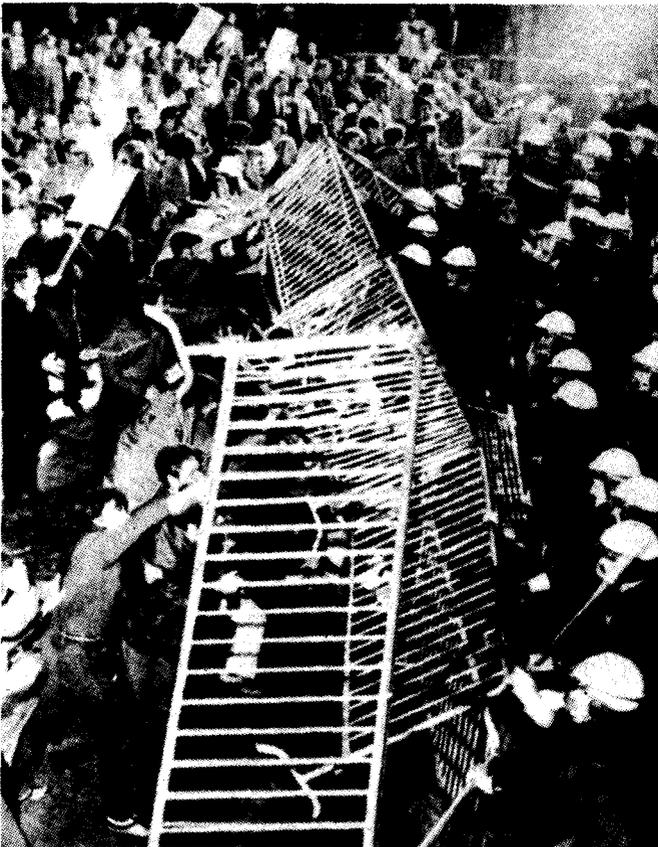
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Star, 14 November 1987). Three hundred people gathered for the funeral in suburban Laval on November 14. Rev. Philip Santram told the congregation: "The whole community is enraged and saddened, irrespective of ethnic background." But Montreal police chief Roland Bourget told reporters: "I'll stake my reputation on the belief that it was not a racially motivated incident" (*Macleans*, 30 November 1987). And when killer cop Alain Gosset was suspended pending a face-saving "investigation,"



No Credit

Montreal *La Presse* strikers confront police, 1971. Militant Quebec labor must mobilize against racist terror!

his racist cohorts in the Policemen's Brotherhood denounced even this slap on the wrist.

The cops knew Gosset's track record all too well. In 1981 he beat a Ghanaian professor so badly, calling him "a damn nigger" as he pummeled him, that he was forced to pay \$2,500 in damages in an out-of-court settlement. And this racist psychopath is hardly unique. Look at what happened to black Montreal-area businessman Francis Ojo: beaten, bloodied, thrown into a police cruiser and repeatedly made to revile and debase himself by plainclothes cops. He was accosted for no apparent reason other than walking with a white woman along downtown Drummond St. Then there was Mr. Velasquez, a man of Chilean origin who came across some cops roughing up some black youths at a subway station,

growling about sending them "back where they came from." When he intervened, he was beaten up and arrested. The incident only came to light because of Mr. Velasquez' job: as a "race relations" instructor employed by the police department!

This is the stuff of everyday life for Montreal's 120,000-strong black community, mainly relatively recent immigrants from Haiti, Jamaica and other Caribbean countries, as well as for the substantial South Asian-derived population. It's similar for blacks and Asians in cities throughout Canada. Remember the police murders of black men Buddy Evans and Albert Johnson in Toronto in the late 70s; the brutal treatment meted out over the years to Japanese and East Indian immigrants in Vancouver; the cross-burnings of the genocidal Ku Klux Klan in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Cold War anti-Communism of the 80s has given a green light to racists in and out of uniform. But Montreal in recent years has seen an especially sharp rise in nativist racist reaction.

An article in the South Asian paper *Montreal Serai* (December 1987) reported:

"A few months ago a sizeable group of activists, several of them from the St. Jean Baptiste society, staged a demonstration outside the Quebec Immigration offices against the arrival of the 'boat people' from Sri Lanka and India. Mouthng horrendously xenophobic slogans against 'immigrants,' they trooped around the block shouting against the 'destruction of Quebec's heritage and culture.' Montreal's cops are a sign of these times...."

And an 11 December 1987 *New York Times* article entitled "A City's Blacks, No Longer Merely Les Invisibles" noted: "If the going has been rougher for the immigrants in Montreal, black leaders believe it may be because the city has been absorbed with the fight for advancement of French Canadians...."

Quebec nationalists like René Lévesque's Parti Québécois have fought to protect the French language and culture against both arrogant English-Canadian chauvinism and the significant immigrant population, many of whom speak English as a first or second language. The PQ's main language legislation of the 1970s (Bill 101) went far beyond redressing historic anti-French discrimination and denied the principle of equal language rights in areas like education. We of the Trotskyist League have long championed the right of self-determination for Quebec—an oppressed nation within the Canadian confederation—because its forcible national subjugation by English Canada is a *barrier* to the necessary class unity of English- and French-speaking proletarians against capitalism. We seek to *break* the grip of nationalism and chauvinism, wherever they raise their ugly heads. And nationalism in Quebec, including under today's Bourassa Liberal government, has meant increasingly savage attacks on oppressed blacks and Asians, and on the powerful Quebec labor movement.

For nearly two decades, Quebec labor has been

the most militant in all North America. Its combativity fueled by opposition to national oppression, the Québécois working class has sparked numerous Canada-wide labor struggles. The 1972 Quebec general strike was the most explosive class battle in North American labor history, reaching near-insurrectionary proportions. But the left-talking labor bureaucracy squandered and betrayed this militancy by delivering the working class into the hands of Lévesque's bourgeois-nationalist PQ. In power, Lévesque & Co. repaid the debt by breaking strikes and enacting draconian anti-union legislation. Today Bourassa's Liberals have picked up where the PQ left off. In October 1986, Quebec cops murdered CSN union member Gaston Harvey in Pointe-au-Pic during the Manoir Richelieu strike. Only days before the Anthony Griffin shooting, two CSN staff organizers were railroaded to prison for their activities in this strike, thanks to frame-up provocations by a bomb-planting CSIS police agent infiltrated into the union's headquarters.

MOBILIZE LABOR, MINORITIES TO SMASH RACIST TERROR!

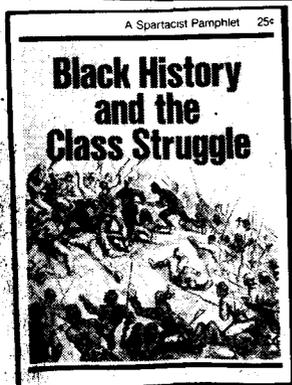
The enormous social power of Quebec labor must be unleashed against the bosses' murderous attacks on workers and the oppressed. But this requires a break from nationalism, and the forging of a new, revolutionary leadership to act as an internationalist "tribune of the people." CSN president Gérald Larose addressed the November 21 Montreal demonstration from the steps of the Palais de Justice, calling for struggle "against all the forces of repression" (*La Presse*, 22 November 1987). But not a single union contingent or banner was present on the march. Instead speakers like Liberal MP and ex-solicitor general Warren Allmand were given a platform to campaign for a "public inquiry" into the Montreal police. Three days later, provincial "justice" minister Herbert Marx announced the setting up of just such an inquiry.



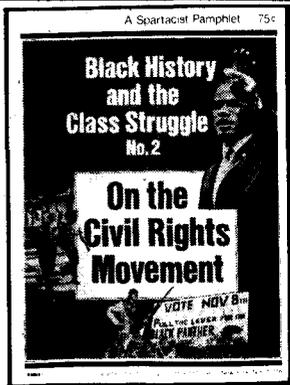
Toronto, November 21, 1987: Trotskyist League joins protest against murder of Anthony Griffin. SC Photo

Schemes like this are worse than useless for the oppressed. The system of racist repression and capitalist injustice, in Montreal and everywhere, can't be "reformed," it must be brought down. Five years ago our comrades of the Spartacist League/U.S. led 5,000 mainly black workers in Washington, D.C. to stop a threatened Ku Klux Klan provocation. In Montreal on November 21, black youth bought Spartacist pamphlets reporting this historic victory and proudly held them aloft as placards while chanting the headline, "Stop the KKK!" It took revolutionary organization and leadership to stop the Klan in 1982. It will take the building of a revolutionary vanguard party to organize the outrage and avenge the brutal state murder of Anthony Griffin—a party which unites all the oppressed with the power of labor to sweep away the lynch mobs, the cross-burners, the cop executioners and all the racist terrorists through the North American socialist revolution. ■

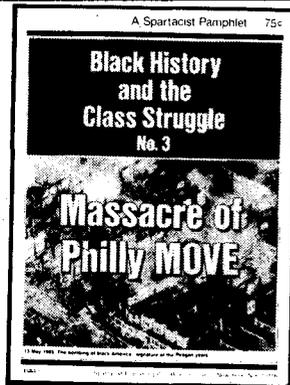
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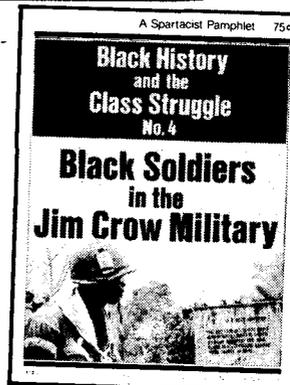
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Racist Cop Murder in Montreal

It was wanton, racist murder. Just before dawn last November 11, black youth Anthony Griffin was arrested in Montreal's west end for allegedly refusing to pay a cab fare. According to the notoriously brutal Montreal cops, he tried to run away through the Notre-Dame-de-Grâce police station parking lot. Ordered to stop, he obeyed and turned, com-

Vengeance for Anthony Griffin!

pletely unarmed, to face the arresting police. He was blown away by a single shot to the forehead. *Executed by the cops, because he was black.*

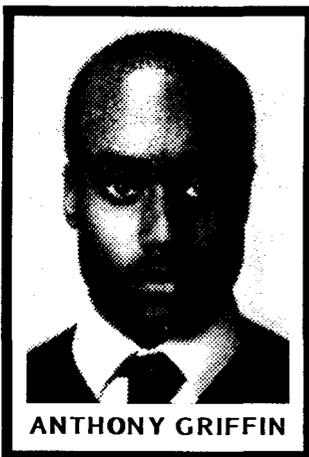
Ten days later, 2,500 angry demonstrators marched in protest through downtown Montreal. "We want justice! Nous voulons la justice!" rang the angry, determined chants. A black woman's homemade sign read: "The penalty for running is death—What should be the penalty for murder?" Three-quarters black, but joined by many French- and English-speaking whites, the demonstration descended on the Palais de Justice with Anthony's Jamaican-born parents at the head. Immediately behind, a large banner swirled in the winds and snow

of a bitterly cold day: "Anthony: Plus jamais ça! We'll never forget!"

Never again! Every black person who has ever been stopped or harassed by the cops had to think: "It could have been me—and I could be next." *The entire Montreal-area labor movement should have been mobilized to protest this outrage.* Mass action in the streets and factories would have served notice to the cops that decent people will not tolerate their racist atrocities. Jail the killer cop and throw the key in the St. Lawrence! Down with "gun control" laws, which disarm the oppressed before the armed violence of the capitalist state! For the right to self-defense! Vengeance for Anthony Griffin requires mobilizing the social power of labor and all oppressed to smash racist terror and fight for working-class power.

RACISM QUEBEC-STYLE

Nineteen years old at his death, Anthony Griffin had been a private in the Royal Canadian Hussars. A neighbor, Lorraine Jebara, remembered him as "quiet and reserved. He was a nice kid. There were never any problems, never any quarrels. That's why I'm so shocked. Everybody liked Anthony" (*Toronto* (continued on page 14)



ANTHONY GRIFFIN

Montreal: 2,500 angry protesters express outrage at racist November 11, 1987 cop execution of 19-year-old Anthony Griffin.

