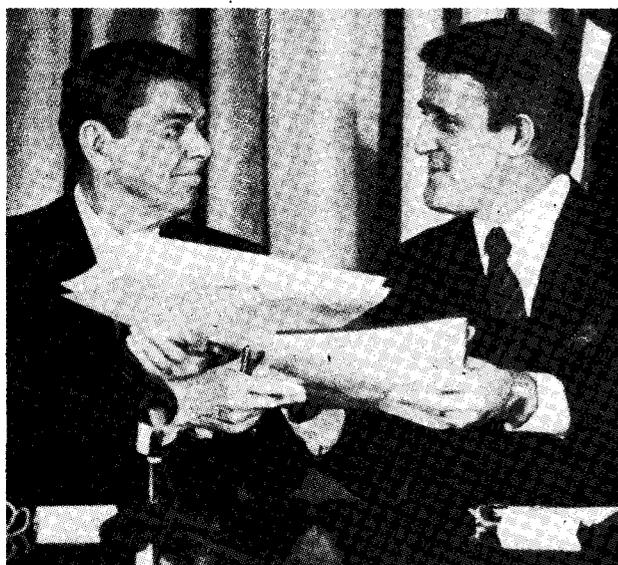


Canada's Trade Pact Elections

Unite North American Workers in Class Struggle!



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U.S./Canada trade pact aims to defend bosses' profits against economic power of Japan and West Europe... and against workers at home. Right: Rail strikers face down strikebreaking Canadian cops on Parliament Hill, August 1987.

The following is a joint editorial statement of Workers Vanguard and Spartacist Canada.

The November 21 Canadian elections became a referendum on the "free trade" agreement negotiated between Canada's ruling Conservative Party and the Reagan White House, which would eliminate all tariffs between the two countries over the next ten years. Despite an outburst of Canadian nationalism from the union bureaucracy and the social-democratic New Democratic Party, cynically played

up by the opposition Liberals who accused Tory Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of "selling out" Canada, the Conservatives won a 38-seat parliamentary majority. Passed by the U.S. Congress in September, the trade pact is set for parliamentary approval in Ottawa by January 1.

Initiated by the Canadian government in an attempt to get around increasing protectionist measures passed by the Democratic-controlled Congress, (continued on page 9)

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Drug Witchhunt Targets World's Fastest Man

Racism and Ben Johnson

The event was Ben Johnson's blistering gold-medal 100-meter sprint on September 24, but the name of the game is racism. *Time* magazine (10 October) described what followed: "After Canadian officials were notified that [Ben Johnson] had tested positive for the anabolic steroid stanozolol, a substance that is supposed to help build lean muscle mass, they hustled the Jamaican-born sprinter out of Olympic Village...and checked him into a Seoul hotel under an ignominious pseudonym. There, at 3:30 a.m. [they] stripped Johnson of the medal he had already given to his mother." No one would dare treat Wayne Gretzky this way. And they certainly didn't treat the four Canadian weightlifters who pulled out of the Olympics after their drug tests like this. There's something rotten here, and it's got nothing to do with steroids.

Canadian Olympic sprinter Angella Issajenko reported that when news of Johnson's drug test spread in Seoul, "A white team member came up to where the Jamaicans were sitting and said, 'You can have Ben back now. He's not Canadian now'" (*Globe and Mail*, 13 October). Courtney Brown, an Olympic athlete from Winnipeg, refused to run a relay race in protest against the racist comments of some teammates in the wake of the Johnson affair. "I thought it was sickening," said Brown. "I was outraged."

His hard-earned medal taken away, Johnson returned to "multicultural" Canada, and was humiliated and hounded like a criminal. The government claimed he caused a "national embarrassment," and banned him *for life* from national teams. Then they announced a "judicial inquiry" with draconian powers to seize documents, force testimony and hide its dirty work in secret sessions. After all this, the cops *arrested* Johnson, dragging him into a suburban Toronto court, because some "motorist said he was threatened with a gun by a man driving a black Porsche" (*Globe and Mail*, 24 October). The police pounced on Johnson's starter's pistol and charged

him with assault and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Big business, which had lusted to market Johnson for millions, dumped him—leaving him without 90 percent of his expected income. Taking their cue from the big-time politicians, businessmen and journalists (like the unspeakable Barbara Frum who wanted to know why Ben Johnson didn't smile more when "O Canada" was played), other racists crawled out, scrawling their filth on factory bulletin boards in Metro Toronto.

But there are also many decent people in this country, who could see through the lies, the racism, the hypocrisy. Kids gathering outside Johnson's Toronto-area home chanted "We love you, Ben!"



Posters with the same message went up in Toronto's heavily minority Eglinton and Oakwood area. T-shirts backing Johnson were hot sellers. And when the media jackals went after Johnson as he made his court appearance, a group of auto workers yelled out graphic advice about what Ben should do to them. *The International Track and Field Annual 1988/9*, in awarding honors for athlete of the year, said simply, "Ben Johnson is without doubt the world's fastest man." We say: Stop the racist persecution—Let Ben Johnson run!

ANTI-DRUG WITCHHUNT TARGETS BLACKS

Newspaper editorialists and other "solid citizens" cried (some no doubt into their cocaine, the rest into their drinks) about the "destruction of a role model." These are the same people who hype loutish hockey brawlers who can barely skate and praise professional football players who go back into the game after an injury pumped up with painkillers. But athletes like Ben Johnson had better be

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Labor/Black Power Stopped the Klan!

As the Malcolm X contingent pulled up at Philadelphia's Independence Mall after a 19-hour bus ride from Madison, Wisconsin, they formed up and marched in together with the two Chicago busloads, chanting, "Stop the Klan, this is the hour—Labor and blacks have got the power!" On this rain-soaked day, they joined with over 1,000 determined anti-Klan protesters on the site where the KKK and Nazi skinheads had said they would stage their "white pride" provocation. On November 5 there were no fascist killers in Judge Lewis Quadrangle—only a victorious celebration of black, white, Hispanic working people and students who were there to ensure the Klan won't ride in Philly.

Defending the rally against fascist intrusion was a disciplined and effective workers defense guard of union members, many in union caps and jackets, from the Philadelphia area and up and down the Eastern seaboard. This was a taste of the labor and black power that had forced the Klan and Nazi skinheads to back down. When the KKK lynchers and skinhead thugs threatened to strut into the heart of Philadelphia, the Partisan Defense Committee issued a call for a mass mobilization under the banner, "All Out to Stop the Klan!" In response, hundreds of people from Philly joined 13 busloads from the East Coast and Midwest to be there at the November 5 Mobilization to Stop the KKK in Philadelphia.

Many came in contingents named for heroes of the struggle against slavery: the Nat Turner Brigade from Norfolk, Frederick Douglass (Baltimore/Washington), John Brown (Cleveland), Harriet Tubman (Toronto/Cornell), General William Tecumseh Sherman (New York) and the Massachusetts 54th from Boston. Other contingents honored slain Chicago Black Panthers Fred Hampton and Mark Clark; Nicaraguan Sandinista Nora Astorga; Jewish Soviet general David Dragunsky, a World War II hero; and Jewish Communist Leopold Trepper, head of the "Red Orchestra" network which operated inside Nazi-occupied Europe. The *November 5 Mobilization Notes* reported that: "Upon learning the driver of their bus belonged to the same union local as Ray Phillips, the Greyhound striker murdered by a scab driver five years ago, Chicago trade unionists

named their bus the Ray Phillips Brigade."

Philadelphia was the city where the Reagan White House and its black overseers engraved their racist signature in the blood of black people. On 13 May 1985 the government dropped a bomb on the MOVE commune, incinerating eleven black people, includ-



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Over one thousand trade unionists, black activists, students and leftists united to make sure Klan didn't ride in Philly.

ing five children, turning a black neighborhood to ashes. On 5 November 1988, this was the city where the KKK was stopped. At the rally, the speakers platform became a tribune for those who have resisted state terror to speak of their pain, their anger and determination. Nelson Johnson, survivor of the Greensboro Massacre, Beverly Africa on behalf of MOVE, leaders of Philadelphia unions, black and gay organizations, socialist groups including the Spartacist League—these were among those who reaffirmed the common goal of this united front to stop the Klan, and presented their own particular points of view.

This victory against the fascists came on the eve of American capitalism's election "contest" to pick which millionaire would head up the ruling-class war on the working people, the poor and minorities. After a decade of Carter/Reagan reaction, and a campaign between Republican plutocrats and the Democrats' technocrat/Dixiecrat ticket, many saw in the November 5 Mobilization a way to fight back. Altogether, over 100 union locals and officials, as well as numerous civil rights and gay organizations, student groups, endorsed and contributed their efforts. The appeals from labor to support the November 5 action are a testimony to the deep chord struck by the mobilization.

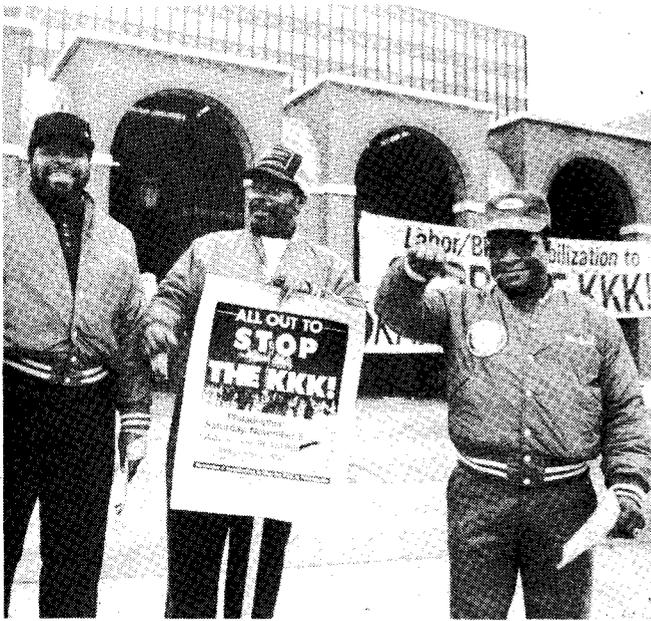
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Toronto Trade Unionist's Report

How We Organized for Anti-Klan Victory

On November 12 a Trotskyist League forum in Toronto heard eyewitness reports from the November 5 mobilization that stopped the Ku Klux Klan in Philadelphia. We print below, slightly edited for publication, the remarks by Janet Yip, a member of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers Toronto Local.

I'd like to give a little bit of background on where the Klan had planned the site of their rally on November 5. Philadelphia, considered the "City of Brotherly Love," went down the road of infamy



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Labor/black power built and defended the November 5 mobilization that stopped the Klan – a victory for all the intended victims of fascist terror.

in 1985. It was May 13, on Mother's Day, that members of a group called MOVE were bombed and incinerated by the city cops with the connivance of the national and local politicians. Eleven blacks, that included babies and little kids, were bombed and they met a fiery death that day. A black neighborhood was reduced to smoldering ashes. Sixty homes were destroyed, 300 left homeless. This was the domestic reflection of Reaganite terror, a terror that was meant to cow and to regiment the American population for the war drive.

After this hideous inferno, racist reaction was fueled throughout the country. In Philadelphia itself, white mobs chanting "MOVE, MOVE" intimidated and harassed a black and an integrated couple who had the nerve to move into a white enclave in Southwest Philadelphia. They ended up firebombing their homes. Across the United States racist beatings

and murders were on the rise. So it was not without significance that the fascist KKK and the skinheads chose to hold a "white pride" rally in the city of Philadelphia at the Liberty Bell, just before the presidential elections.

The Partisan Defense Committee initiated plans for an integrated labor-centered rally in response to this provocation. All across the nation, endorsements for the campaign came in from trade unions, community, minority and student groups. Among the most significant endorsers were the AFSCME (city workers) District Council 33 in Philadelphia; ILA (longshore) locals in Jacksonville, Florida and Norfolk, Virginia; Teamsters in California and Steelworkers in the Chicago area. Internationally, endorsements came in from as far away as West Germany, Britain, Israel, Italy and Mexico.

CANADIAN UNIONS SAY "STOP THE KKK IN PHILADELPHIA!"

Here in Canada, campaigns were launched in the cities of Vancouver, Sudbury, Montreal and Toronto. We got endorsements from the Black Community Council of Quebec and an official of the Ligue des Droits et Libertés in Montreal. In Vancouver, endorsements came in from officials of the Telecommunications Workers Local 30, Canadian Union of Postal Workers Vancouver Local, United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union. The Letter Carriers Union of Canada Local 12 in Vancouver backed the campaign and sent in a \$100 donation. In Sudbury, Local 6500 of the United Steelworkers of America, which are the miners, endorsed this campaign. And here in Toronto, endorsements came from officials in the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, the Canadian Auto Workers, the United Transportation Union (Freight Division).

I wanted to tell you a little story about what happened on October 20. Brother Storrington of the United Transportation Union and myself were invited to the Letter Carriers Union Local 1 general membership meeting to present the call for the rally. Our presentations were met with applause. And a motion was passed that endorsed the rally, sent down a donation of \$300, and also mandated the Local to send letters to the National Office and to the Ontario Federation of Labour encouraging similar endorsements.

We've also had a lot of support from the campuses. At McMaster University in Hamilton, student groups threw money together to sponsor a student and send her down to participate in the rally. At the University of Toronto here, students dug deep in their pockets to generate and give generously money towards bucket collections. I would also like to mention that CIUT, the campus radio station, gave us a 15-minute interview.



Anti-Klan contingent named for heroic revolutionary anti-racist fighter Harriet Tubman. Military strategist and spy for the Union Army, conductor on Underground Railroad which brought slaves to the North, Tubman (right) was in the revolutionary vanguard of the American Civil War.

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All around, people were rallying to the call: "Stop the KKK November 5!" Besides the student from McMaster in Hamilton, we had people from Montreal go down to Philly. And from Toronto we had a contingent of 25 people go down on the Harriet Tubman Anti-Klan Brigade.

We chose the name Harriet Tubman for our contingent because this was a very courageous black woman. She fought against the slavocracy during the American Civil War. She herself was a fugitive slave. She was very key in running the Underground Railroad that brought runaway slaves up into this country. She disguised herself as a man and served as an important military strategist for the Union Army. She lived for some time near here, in St. Catharines.

SMASH RACIST CANADIAN CAPITALISM!

There's a few points I just want to end with. Racism is very much as prevalent here in this country as it is south of the border. The Klan has ridden thousands-strong in the Prairies. We've got fascists running in the elections here. And racist murders by the state have been on the rise. Take for example J.J. Harper. This is the Native leader in Manitoba who was gunned down by the cops. Or what about Anthony Griffin, Lester Donaldson, Buddy Evans, Albert Johnson? These are all blacks who were annihilated by the cops.

There are people running around nowadays who say: yeah, we're against racism and the Klan and all that. People who come to mind are people like the Communist Party or the New Democratic Party. But what these people have been doing is running around waving the Canadian flag, speaking up for Canadian nationalism, you know, all against "free trade."

I just want to make a little point about the "free

trade" debate. Sure U.S. imperialism has been a great oppressor of many peoples—but the Canadian bourgeoisie is no better. Take a look at their immigration stand. Take a look at the union-busting that's been going around. The answer for us here is that the main enemy is at home, that's the Canadian bourgeoisie.

As a supporter of the Trotskyist League, I've concluded that the key to stopping race terror is labor/black mobilizations that are linked with internationalism. So, finally, I want to thank all the brothers and sisters and everyone else who helped build this mobilization. And I hope that we can continue to build such things and to work together to smash race terror, and to smash the capitalist system that breeds race terror.

Thank you. ■

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There was a real outpouring of community and labor volunteers in Philly. A quarter million leaflets were passed out on the streets, thousands of posters snapped up. Literature depots were set up at a union hall and local universities. Sound trucks cruised the streets. On campuses across the country, where minorities have been under siege, the November 5 Mobilization became an opportunity for the first nationwide protest against racist attacks. While the newspapers and TV tried to black out the anti-Klan protest, following the party line of the Main

vicious reminders of the fascist threat. In New York a gang of skinheads assaulted a New Jersey family who objected to their Hitlerite epithets. Temple Sholom in Philadelphia was defaced with swastikas. Skinhead Jon Metzger was invited to spew his filth on the NBC Geraldo Rivera show. Just how fascists "debate" was shown when the skinhead thugs initiated a brawl on national TV, assaulting black reactionary Roy Innis and breaking Rivera's nose. *And in Portland, Oregon on November 13 an Ethiopian man, Mulugeta Seraw, was beaten to death with baseball bats by a gang of white supremacist skinheads.*

A handful of skinheads from Baltimore appeared at the rally, not knowing that Weiss had turned tail and canceled out. They sported Confederate flags and Nazi swastikas on their black jackets and gave stiff-arm "Heil Hitler" salutes for the TV cameras. The cops tried to escort five Nazis into the rally in an attempt to provoke trouble. But they were met by black, white and Hispanic workers defense guards lining Market Street in solid formation who quickly closed ranks and repelled the skinhead scum. The squad of trade-union marshals was one of the most impressive parts of the anti-Klan demonstration. They came from AFSCME District Council 33 and a hefty contingent from the Laborers' union



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Solid line of union marshals from Philadelphia and U.S. East Coast defend November 5 rally from skinhead provocations.

Line bourgeoisie, radio spots announcing the demonstration were played on black radio, Hispanic radio, sports radio, news radio, campus radio.

The anti-Klan protesters came out on a cold, rainy Saturday morning to make a defiant statement. A week earlier, in a "pact" with the KKK, federal authorities praised the Klan for its "straightforward" negotiations and "orderly" intentions as the fascists backed down in the face of the mounting mobilization. Two-bit KKK "grand dragon" John Weiss whined on Tom Metzger's "WAR" ("White Aryan Resistance") phone tape: "We had to stop and postpone it because of the opposition who are socialists who came out with literature covering from New York to God knows where."

Weiss and Metzger had threatened to bring hundreds of white supremacists into Philly. The November 5 Mobilization stopped a major incursion of the KKK/skinheads into a multiracial Northern city. In the days before the demonstration, there were

in Philly, from black shipyard workers in the Virginia Tidewater area, transit workers from New York and Chicago, phone workers from NYC, and dozens of other unionists who came to insure a safe, orderly and democratic demonstration.

"PARTISAN ON THE SIDE OF THE WORKING CLASS"

The Partisan Defense Committee, which issued the call for the mass labor-centered mobilization to stop the KKK, is a class-struggle non-sectarian legal defense organization in accordance with the political views of the Spartacist League. Charles Brover, co-chairman of the PDC, told demonstrators that the PDC is based on the heritage of the International Labor Defense, headed by James P. Cannon, the founder of American Trotskyism. "We're partisan on the side of the working class," he said:

"The first lesson of common struggle is that

Stop the Klan, This Is the Hour —

an injury to one is an injury to all. That means we are non-sectarian. We defend cases irrespective of people's political views. That means we defend people with whom we disagree, sometimes people who wouldn't defend us if the tables were turned. We rely on the independent power of the working class and not at all on the courts."

The November 5 Mobilization was a striking confirmation of the Trotskyist strategy for combatting fascism with mass united-front action. This revolutionary strategy contrasts sharply with the reformists and nationalists who ended up as irrelevant sideshows to the November 5 Mobilization. The "African People's Socialist Party" postured with stopping the Klan "by any means necessary," but their only real activity was to petition "Mayor of Murder" Wilson Goode to protect black Philadelphia!

In a grotesque display of the twisted "logic" of black nationalism, the APSP leaflet demanded blacks not rally with the "Kú Klux Kommunisten." When a black woman worker getting off the Boston bus was told the leaflet she had been given was for "blacks only," she crumpled it up and threw it back. Across the street from the quad, the All-Peoples Congress front group of Sam Marcy's Workers World Party held a picket line of a couple hundred, then marched to City Hall. The APC never intended to mobilize the social power of labor and were too sectarian to join those who did. They were also cut off from their usual Democratic Party allies, who were too busy violence-baiting the November 5 Mobilization.

BATTLE OF CLASS FORCES

From the moment the Partisan Defense Committee issued the call "All Out to Stop the KKK," it touched off a battle of opposing class forces in Philadelphia. Mayor Goode, backed up by anti-communist outfits like the misnamed "Fellowship Commission" and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, immediately went on the warpath, slandering our demonstration as prone to "violence" in order to keep people away. There's something obscene about the black mayor, who ordered the bomb dropped on MOVE, slandering the people who organize to stop racist terror as a "danger." There's something shameful about the ADL, which purports to defend Jewish people, slandering those who would prevent another Holocaust as "violent."

Within the labor movement, the union bureaucrats who have rolled over in front of Reagan reaction hardlined it against the November 5 Mobilization. In the face of strong support for the demonstration from key city unions, the Central Labor Council pressured a few endorsers to withdraw as speakers. "Progressive" union tops like Transport Workers local head Roger Tauss and Hospital Workers chief

Henry Nicholas refused to endorse, just as they stood silent when Goode bombed MOVE. Instead, they were lining up their union members as voting cattle for Dukakis. The Democrats campaigned desperately in Philly in the final week—in one of their rare joint appearances, Jesse Jackson joined



Young Spartacus

United behind power of labor, students helped stop the KKK in Philadelphia, November 5.

Dukakis and Wilson Goode at a rally in Germantown.

In the interests of the Philly establishment, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* tried to do in the anti-Klan demonstration, first by blacking it out, and then toying with a little yellow journalism redbaiting smear. *Inquirer* staff writer Murray Dubin probed for a "background" job on the Mobilization: instead of listening to the speakers he crawled into the medical tent to ask the doctors if they were out-of-towners! A unionist in Michigan told the PDC that Dubin had called him up, fishing for whether his endorsement was legit, implying he was "duped" by the PDC. The unionist strongly stood by the PDC and its meticulous practices.

The city's campaign of lies and intimidation continued right through the demonstration. On the eve of the rally, Park Service police split the rally site with steel barricades, hoping to fence in the anti-Klan protesters. An 11 p.m. protest by the PDC got them taken down. One New Jersey black family who drove over an hour to attend the demonstration was blocked from entering Independence Mall by Philly cops who told them, "It's not a rally against the Klan, it's a rally against the police." The cops are used to having free rein and were enraged at the integrated labor power protecting the rally.

Driven inside by the rain after two and a half
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hours, the rally continued at the Blue Horizon Auditorium in North Philly, where over 600 packed the hall. For many the party was the first integrated social event they had ever attended. White college students from Madison celebrated with black shipyard workers and longshoremen from the South. The mobilization was a living refutation of the old "New Left" program of "sectoralism," in which each oppressed group is supposed to struggle separately for its own liberation. At the close, when the Nat Turner Brigade filed out to the bus for the long trip back home, the auditorium rang with applause and cheers for the black worker militants. As each of the other contingents filed out, the hall was filled with thundering chants of "We Stopped the Klan!"

BLACK LIBERATION THROUGH SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

Our victory came in a reactionary social and political climate where abortion clinic bombers are followed by the "god squads" of the Moral Majority terrorizing women, where racist attacks mount on the campuses and on the streets of white enclaves, where AIDS victims are witchhunted, and homeless people left abandoned on the streets of this vastly rich country. The November 5 Mobilization showed that the working people of America are ready to fight to defend the interests of their class, if given the chance. The key is revolutionary leadership, a Leninist party with the program and determination to lead the coming class battles and

champion the defense of all the oppressed.

The Greensboro Massacre by a KKK/Nazi death squad in November 1979 gave the go-ahead to racist terrorists in America. But from Detroit to San Francisco to Chicago and Washington, D.C., labor/black mobilizations initiated by the Spartacist League successfully interdicted the Klan in the Northern cities of America in the first years of Reagan reaction. The SL, although a relatively small communist organization, provided the leadership, and our revolutionary program expressed the felt desire of thousands who came out to *stop the Klan*. In each case, the mass mobilizations were built *against* the Democratic Party mayors and the so-called leftists who tailed after them. In each case, it was *black and red* together, getting a taste of the social power that the struggle for socialist revolution will unleash.

November 5 was a signal defeat for the Klan and skinheads, and a victory for the working people and minorities across America. The racist terrorists must be stopped from staging their deadly provocations like they did in Chicago's Marquette Park last August. Welding the power of the working class to the oppressed minorities, November 5 shows the way forward against the racists and the capitalist state which breeds them. The integrated union marshals who stood shoulder to shoulder in defense against the KKK represent the promise of the workers party which must be built in this country—a multiracial workers party to lead the fight for workers revolution.

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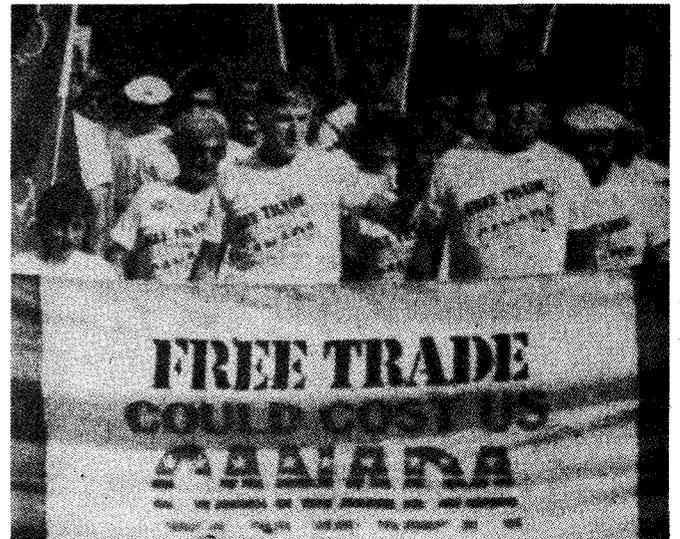
for the U.S. imperialists the trade agreement is an attempt to shore up the declining American Empire on its northern flank. Over the past decade the United States has gone from being the world's leading creditor nation to the biggest debtor. Its international competitiveness and solvency has deteriorated, especially vis-à-vis Japan. Now the American bourgeoisie is faced with the European Economic Community's plans to create a unified internal market by 1992, which financially and industrially would be the world's largest economic unit.

The *Washington Post* (21 November) headlined American rulers' "Big Stake" in the outcome of Canada's free-trade elections, noting a "real concern in the United States about a possible Fortress Europe after 1992." In Canada, major business organizations forked out \$1.3 million for pro-free trade advertising in all the major newspapers. The plan is to build "Fortress North America" centered on the world's two largest trading partners, drawing in Mexico (the U.S.' No. 3 partner) with something akin to Japan's "East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere" of the 1930s for their Caribbean and Central American neo-colonies.

As Marxists we are *for* the increasing economic unity of the world on a democratic and egalitarian socialist basis. This is a very different kettle of fish from a deal aimed at strengthening the power of the U.S. bourgeoisie. With the abolition of all remaining tariffs between Canada and the U.S. a common customs board between the two countries will be established to levy protectionist tariffs against their imperialist rivals, primarily the Japanese and European Common Market. At the same time such imperialist economic alliances serve to

reinforce the underpinnings of the imperialists' anti-Soviet military alliances such as NATO and the North American Air Defense (NORAD).

In opposition to the free-trade pact the labor bureaucrats on both sides of the border pushed for increased protectionism. An AFL-CIO leader argued against the abolition of tariffs "with our largest trading partner and one with which we have so many problems." The Canadian Labour Congress organized flag-waving demonstrations at the border, and Ca-



Pacific Tribune

Canadian Auto Workers chief Bob White leads nationalist, flag-waving demo, pushing chauvinist anti-American, anti-Japanese protectionism.

nadian Auto Workers marched with signs reading "Free Trade Could Cost Us Canada." When the bourgeoisie talks of the benefits of free trade, they mean strengthening their hand against the unions and tearing apart social programs. Yet the way
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to fight this is not by protectionist poison, setting Canadian and U.S. workers at each other's throats, but by *common class struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their Canadian junior partners.*

FREE TRADE OR PROTECTIONISM: THE WORKING PEOPLE LOSE

The 49th parallel dividing Canada and the U.S. is an artificial border, created by the British to safeguard their interests and the defeated counter-revolutionary Loyalists who fled the American Revolution. The English-speaking people of Canada and the U.S. share a common language and culture, and the two economies are already overwhelmingly integrated. But the free-trade agreement does not represent a coming together of the peoples of North America. Rather it is a cynical maneuver by the



Toyota-bashing in U.S.: sellout union tops' only answer to capitalist decay is trade war against Japan.

capitalists in Canada and the U.S. to maximize their profits, and it is the working people who will pay.

In her "independent review of the free trade agreement," titled *On Guard for Thee*, former Canadian judge Marjorie Bowker points out that the Canadian bosses will use the agreement as a club against Canadian social programs such as government-subsidized medical care and other universal social security programs with the argument of competing with two-tier wages and cheap labor in the U.S. The president of the Canadian Manufacturers Association put it baldly: "It is simply a fact that, as we ask our industries to compete toe to toe with American industries...we in Canada are obviously forced to create the same conditions that exist in the U.S...."

Only two days after the Conservative election victory the Gillette Company announced it was closing plants in Montreal and Toronto, throwing nearly 600 workers on the streets. This could be the first of many such closures, as American-owned

companies, many of which were established in Canada to get behind the tariff wall, opt to supply the Canadian market from plants in the U.S. that have lower overall labor costs and taxes. And it's not just Canadian workers that will suffer. The erosion of living standards north of the border will reverberate in increased union-busting attacks in the United States. But the campaign by anti-free traders like federal NDP leader Ed Broadbent to "save" Canadian industry from U.S. "domination" is as ludicrous as it is reactionary.

As far as "takeovers" go, given the fewer restrictions on investment in the United States over the past few years, capital export has tended to work in the opposite direction. In 1987, while American investment in Canada amounted to \$75 billion, Canada, with one-tenth the U.S. population, had \$45 billion invested south of the border, making it the fourth largest investor in the United States. Most recently, Canada's Robert Campeau bought out Federated Department Stores, Inc. (owner of Macy's) for \$8.8 billion. It was the largest foreign takeover of a non-energy corporation in U.S. history and more than 1,000 workers were axed by the Canadian entrepreneur.

The poisonous Maple Leaf nationalism of the labor tops and social democrats only serves to encourage feelings of national hostility among the working people, poisoning the possibilities for common class struggle while protecting "Canadian" bosses like the International Nickel Company. Inco squandered the millions it made in the brutal exploitation of mine workers in Northern Ontario and then made the miners pay through massive job slashing which has turned its company town of Sudbury into a mass unemployment center.

The union bureaucrats and the NDP have tried to sell the lie that "backward" American workers are responsible for the layoffs and givebacks. Four years ago, on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the great Flint sitdown strike that founded the United Auto Workers, Canadian Auto Workers president Robert White split the union. White claimed he was pulling the 120,000 Canadian auto workers out of the UAW in opposition to the giveback contracts negotiated by the International leadership. Having isolated Canadian auto workers, White is now signing his own giveback contracts. Rather than this reactionary nationalism, what's needed to take back the givebacks is a leadership that could unite auto workers from Hermosillo, Mexico to Detroit/Windsor and Ste. Thérèse, Quebec in joint strike action against the Big Three.

A GREATER NORTH AMERICAN CO-PROSPERITY SPHERE?

"From the Yukon to the Yucatan" is the battle cry of the Reaganite right wing as they look not

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simply to shore up the flagging U.S. economy but to "roll back Communism" from Central America to the Soviet Union. This latest version of Manifest Destiny was behind Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative (followed up by Ottawa's CARIBCAN scheme, to keep the islands profitable for Canadian banks). Now they're putting the screws on Mexico. But even the Mexican government, which has tightened the belts of Mexican workers to the point of starving them in carrying out Washington and Wall Street's austerity policies, recognizes that "free trade" with the U.S. would mean a wholesale Yankee takeover of Mexico's economy.

In contrast, Canadian capital overwhelmingly opted for a strengthened economic bloc with Wall Street in defense of their own imperialist interests. Nonetheless, as 19th century German "Iron Chancellor" Otto von Bismarck noted, in any alliance there is a horse and there is a rider. Bismarck should know: after the defeat of the 1848-49 German revolution he unified Germany on the basis of Prussian dominance, centered on a customs union (the *Zollverein*) excluding Austria, which was given teeth by Prussia's military victory in three wars. In the U.S.-Canada trade alliance, the American imperialists are clearly the rider over their much smaller and weaker junior partners in Ottawa.

Unlike English-speaking Canada, the French-speaking nation of Quebec is a separate nation which was forcibly incorporated into Canada. While the Canadian labor tops and the NDP social democrats raised the spectre of "Yankee" domination, the only domination the Québécois feel is that of English Canada, which brought down the jackboot in 1970 when Pierre Trudeau's federal Liberal government ordered the military occupation of Quebec.

Quebec was the only province other than Alberta where the Tories won a majority of the popular vote. Moreover, both the ruling Quebec Liberals and the bourgeois nationalist Parti Québécois (PQ)

supported the free-trade pact, claiming it would aid Quebec business by opening up new markets in the U.S. PQ leader Jacques Parizeau, who had split from the party a few years ago complaining that it had abandoned the cause of Quebec separatism, now crows that with open access to U.S. markets Quebec independence can be won without the compromise of an "economic association" with English Canada. But the trade deal and sharply increased integration with the U.S. could prove to be fool's gold for the Quebec nationalists.

Already an oppressed minority nation within the Canadian confederation, on a continental scale Quebec would be far more isolated and up against a greater English-speaking mass. The November 8 American elections saw the passage of reactionary "English Only" laws in several states. In the context of this backlash of bigotry against growing numbers of Spanish-speakers, the much smaller Québécois population can hardly hope that French will be recognized as an "official" language. As Gérard Docquier, Canadian director of the United Steelworkers of America, asked: "Under the free-trade deal, will we still be able to demand that the labelling of products be done in French, if the product is produced in Texas?" (*Globe and Mail*, 30 November 1987).

FOR PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM!

Meanwhile, the nationalist crusade against so-called American "cultural imperialism" is purely reactionary. The attempts to legally enforce "Canadian content" by blacking out the two principal centers of English-language culture—New York and London—only enforce ignorance, backwardness and isolation. Cultural and economic protectionism feeds bigoted xenophobia and racism. In the U.S. 23-year-old Vincent Chin was beaten to death with a baseball bat by a foreman who mistook Chin for Japanese and blamed him for the auto layoffs. In Canada, desperate refugees fleeing terror from Sri Lanka to El Salvador have been the target of the most vicious racism, from the halls of Parliament to fascist demonstrations in the streets.

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NDP Flops

Eighteen months ago Ed Broadbent's New Democrats sat smugly atop the opinion polls and spoke of forming, for the first time, a federal NDP government. Even more than usual, the bulk of the Canadian pseudo-left took up the cause of these very right-wing social democrats, who have proven again and again their desire only to better manage Canadian capitalism. As the elections approached, near-identical headlines in *Socialist Worker*, *Socialist Challenge*, *Combat Socialiste* et al. proclaimed "Vote NDP!" and "For an NDP Government!"

But Broadbent & Co. didn't even *pretend* to be a working-class alternative to Mulroney/Turner. Last winter Broadbent talked of a possible coalition government with the Liberals; during the campaign he even mooted a pact with the Tories. They disappeared all talk of withdrawing

from NATO; joined the racist clamor over Tamil and Sikh refugees; recruited bankers, industrialists and even retired generals to run on the NDP ticket. We of the Trotskyist League said there was absolutely no reason for workers to vote NDP in '88.

In the end, the NDP barely bettered its score of 1984, limping home with 20 percent of the vote. Packaging itself as the party of flag-waving patriotism, the NDP was squeezed out by Turner's Liberals who cornered the anti-"free trade" vote everywhere east of Saskatchewan. Only in the West, where they not the Liberals were seen as the main alternative to the Tories, did the New Democrats gain a few new seats.

For decades, countless Canadian would-be leftists have invested their energies in a fruitless quest to "win the NDP to socialism." For our part, we fight to *break* militant workers from the sell-out NDP tops and forge a revolutionary workers party, necessary instrument for proletarian emancipation.

Class Struggle...

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Racism, union-busting and anti-Sovietism go hand in hand. The Cold War social democrats' campaign to preserve Canada's "sovereignty" from "Yankee" domination does not extend to the anti-Soviet military alliances between Canada and the U.S. During the election campaign federal NDP leader Broadbent disappeared any mention of the NDP's paper demand for "Canada out of NATO." Rather, he promised to continue "cooperating" with the U.S. on defense matters.

The Canadian imperialists have long served as the loyal junior partners of U.S. imperialism in anti-Communist military adventures from Korea and Vietnam to the Near East. Where the "Yankees" aren't welcome, Canadian "peacekeeping" troops are sent in as the policemen for the American rulers. Most recently the Canadian government has offered to send troops to Central America to hold the line against revolutionary struggle in a region where Canadian bankers and industrialists have vested interests to protect.

To shore up the power of their decaying system the imperialists are making a bid to establish one North American imperialist common market through the increasing exploitation of the working class and the oppressed. What is desperately needed is a revolutionary, *internationalist* leadership of the working class that can unite the proletariat of this continent in class struggle.

Labor must champion the rights of all the oppressed: Full citizenship rights for all foreign-born workers! Defend Quebec's right to self-determination! Against the imperialists' attempts to drive down the living standards of all workers through

the superexploitation of undocumented workers and the establishment of "free trade" zones in Mexico and the Caribbean, organized labor must launch a real fight to organize the unorganized. And as the imperialists take aim at the remaining gains of the Russian Revolution, which abolished capitalist rule on one-sixth of the planet, we demand: Down with NATO! Down with NORAD!

The pro-capitalist labor bureaucrats call for more tariffs to protect "our" industries, "our" mines, "our" country. The factories, the mills, the resources of North America do belong to the working people. But to make them "ours" we have to break the power of the bosses through socialist revolution. When the workers have the wealth in our hands, then we can begin to work toward the genuine economic integration and fraternity of the world's people through building a planned socialist economy on an international scale. ■

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Ben Johnson...

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ideologically "pure" and morally "safe."

The Ben Johnson affair has been used to fuel a racist "anti-drug" witchhunt. In Toronto's heavily black Jane-Finch area the cops have been staging massive dragnets, rounding up hundreds of youth. The Metro Toronto Housing Authority (which owns huge apartment buildings there) has started evicting the families of anyone merely accused of "illegal drug activities." John Sewell, former "reform" mayor, recent head of the Housing Authority and darling of the NDP and self-styled "progressives," is obscenely explicit: "I'm not sure I want to defend the civil rights of the people against whom we have evidence" (*Globe and Mail*, 24 October).

Behind this lies the Inquisition's presumption of guilt combined with the Nazi doctrine of "collective punishment." And come January 1 a new law goes into effect which allows the government to seize all the assets, before trial, of anyone charged with certain crimes. Ostensibly aimed at "organized crime" and "drug trafficking," Bill C-61, like the infamous American RICO statutes on which it is based, is, in the words of prominent Toronto lawyer Edward Greenspan, "one of the most wide-ranging, vague and dangerous pieces of criminal law ever proposed in Canada" (*Globe and Mail*, 22 September 1987).

To see the full flowering of the "anti-drug" witchhunt, look at the U.S. ghettos today. In Atlanta, for example, police district "Zone 3" has been declared to be "drug infested," and so they've turned a black working-class area with union halls and a GM assembly plant into something resembling a free-fire zone for the cops.

At a November 5 protest against cop harassment in Jane-Finch, angry demonstrators marched to proclaim that "We are a decent community," that racism and unemployment, not drugs, are the root problem. Indeed, the social pathology of drugs and crime in the ghetto cannot be eliminated until youth have real education, decent jobs and a future to look forward to—and it will take nothing less than socialist revolution to get that.

The "war on drugs" is a racist sham. As teacher Lennox Farrell noted at the protest, "Go to Rosedale and Bay St., that's where the drug pushers are" (*Toronto Sun*, 6 November). All the illegalization of drugs has accomplished is to generate big bucks for the likes of the CIA (who use them to fund their counterrevolutionary killers), the Mob and the cops on the take. Laws against so-called crimes without victims—drugs, gambling, prostitution, homosexuality—threaten the privacy and rights of everyone and should be abolished.

RACISM AND SPORTS

In the teeth of racist North American society a tiny handful of black and other minority youth manage to make it to stardom in sports for a few, short, brutal years. But as soon as their talents are

no longer profitable for the bosses, they are dumped on the scrap heap. Tom Longboat, an Onondaga Iroquois born on the Six Nations reserve near Brantford, Ontario, won the 1907 Boston Marathon and "once was the best-known athlete in the world" (*Maclean's Magazine*, 4 February 1956). But after he returned from the slaughter fields of World War I, not as fast as he used to be, he was finished—ultimately dying broke and abandoned in 1949. As Ben Johnson said after suffering an injury this June, "Since I got hurt, no one cared. As long as I was running and making money, those guys were fine" (*Globe and Mail*, 3 October).



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LA cops terrorize minorities in racist "drug hunt."

But even for those on top, fame and big salaries are no protection from the racist jackboot. Ben Johnson is a black man who drives dream cars, like a Ferrari Testarossa. But to the cops, the only black men who have fancy cars are pimps, pushers or thieves, so they hounded him constantly. If a superstar and a hero like Johnson is not safe, what black person is? Certainly not Lester Donaldson, who like Ben Johnson was born in Jamaica and tried to make a success in Canada. First the Toronto cops destroyed his businesses, then they killed him in cold blood on August 13. And certainly not 19-year-old Anthony Griffin whose Jamaican-born parents will never see him try and make his way. The Montreal cops blew his head off one year ago.

Millions of black youth on this continent face a "future" under capitalism of either imperialist war or the devastation of the ghetto. For them life is only injustice with no rewards. But capitalism has not only spawned victims of its vicious racial oppression, unemployment, poverty, homelessness and hopelessness—it has created its own gravedigger. Black workers, strategically organized at the point of production, are potentially the most combative section of the North American working class. United in a multiracial revolutionary party along with their white brothers and sisters, they can lead all the oppressed in a class-struggle fight against the rotting capitalist system. In a socialist world, everybody can strive to be the best, like Ben Johnson. ■

Soviet Workers Must Crush Pamyat...

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Pamyat Nazis must be crushed before this festering sore becomes a gangrenous cancer threatening the Soviet state and its multinational people.

WHY HAS PAMYAT BEEN TOLERATED?

Writer Voskoboinikov bitterly relates how at one of the weekly Pamyat rallies:

"One scene was particularly outrageous, when one of the Leningraders raised a poster with the words: 'Workers of all lands, unite!' Before the eyes of both militia and 'commissars' this poster was snatched out of his hands and torn up, and he himself was immediately pushed back by Pamyat militants. Why did the militia officials so carefully 'safeguard' the interests of the sponsors of the meetings?"

It is an open secret that Pamyat has its protectors within the bureaucracy. One of its Moscow leaders is Valery Yemelyanov, a professional anti-Semite



Yevgeni Khaldei

Victorious Red Army tramples Nazi swastika, Austria, 1945. Twenty million Soviet citizens died to rid the Soviet Union of Nazi murderers.

attached to the Soviet diplomatic corps in the 1950s, who was convicted of the grisly murder and dismemberment of his wife in 1980. He was let off with a short term in a psychiatric hospital, only to re-emerge in Moscow when Pamyat became active. As we wrote last year, "With the advent of Gorbachev's *glasnost* (openness), everything from leftist currents to sinister ultranationalists are coming out of the closet" ("Pamyat: Russian Fascists Raise Their Heads," *Workers Vanguard* No. 434, 7 August 1987). Obscenely declaring itself the guardian of Russia's "memory" (*pamyat* in Russian),

Pamyat crawled to the surface and started organizing.

While still party chief in Moscow last year, arch-*perestroika* advocate Boris Yeltsin granted a two-hour audience to a Pamyat delegation. Both Raisa Gorbachev and anti-Gorbachev "hardliner" Yegor Ligachev heap praise on Russian artist Ilya Glazunov, whose latest work commemorates the 1,000th anniversary of the Russian Orthodox church by depicting *Stalin, Trotsky and Lenin* leading a Bolshevik mob over a road of skulls, under the gaze of Russian tsars and saints! (The government's official celebration of the millenium in June swelled Russian nationalist obscurantism—and seems to have provided the occasion for Pamyat to initiate its weekly rallies.) Most recently, tsar-lover Alexander Solzhenitsyn (who blames the *gulags* on *Lenin*) was invited to participate in an official committee appointed to erect a monument to the victims of Stalin's crimes.

With its conservative program of "socialism in one country," its repudiation of Leninist internationalism, its embrace of the hoary traditions of Russian nationalism, the Stalinist bureaucracy at best politically disarms the Soviet masses in the face of nativist fascist reaction and at times dangerously overlaps with outright Great Russian reactionaries. In his murderous campaign to smash the Bolshevik-Leninist Opposition led by Leon Trotsky, Stalin resorted to vile anti-Semitism. The Russian fascist groups that flourished among the counterrevolutionary émigré communities in the 1920s and '30s ultimately came to praise Stalin because he "had killed more Communists than Mussolini, Hitler, and Chiang Kai-shek combined," as one historian of Russian fascism observed.

IS THIS WHERE GORBACHEV'S RUSSIA IS HEADING? TO PAMYAT? IT HAD BETTER NOT BE!

Describing the dual character of the nationalist bureaucratic caste, resting atop the internationalist foundations of the workers state created by the October Revolution, Trotsky wrote:

"If it were possible to X-ray politically the whole Soviet apparatus, we would find in it: concealed Bolsheviks, confused but honest revolutionaries, bourgeois democrats, and finally, candidates for fascism."

—"New Defectors" (March 1938)

Under *glasnost* and *perestroika*, a whole political spectrum which had lain dormant under decades of heavy-handed repression has come to the surface in Gorbachev's Russia. Pamyat stands at one extreme—outright fascist counterrevolution. Lopping off that excrescence would open up possibilities for a revolutionary transformation that would bring authentic socialism to the Soviet Union.

Having in the past suppressed everything which was seen as a threat to its bureaucratic order, now that the lid has been somewhat lifted, the Stalinist regime allows Great Russian fascists to run loose in the streets. We certainly do not look to the



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Leningrad: birthplace of October Revolution and hero city in fight against Nazi invaders. Armed workers mobilized to defend the city during 900-day siege (left). Piskarevskoye Memorial Cemetery, burial place of over 500,000 of the one million Leningraders who died in the siege.

Stalinist regime, which won't recognize genuine fascists under its very nose, to now crush the Pamyat menace. Many Soviet citizens may be fearful, with good reason, that any crackdown would be a signal for renewed all-sided repression. The Soviet people must reassert their right to mass political demonstrations.

What is necessary now is an aggressive mobilization organized as widely as possible—from below, independently of the authorities—in Leningrad, to ensure the greatest preponderance in the relationship of forces against the dangerous Pamyat fascist fanatics. People from many different political persuasions can join together in *action* to smash Pamyat. They will undoubtedly attract many Leningraders with embittered memories who make up in zeal what they lack in physical stamina. Massive and determined demonstrations must eliminate this nativist Hitlerite menace, presenting the authorities with an accomplished fact.

It will take a Trotskyist party at the head of the Soviet working people to restore genuine soviet democracy. The crushing of Pamyat as a necessary measure of self-defense by the Soviet people will be a step on that road.

Reporting on an attempted Nazi demonstration in Moscow in 1982, the *New York Times* (29 April 1982) commented: "Memories of the war against Nazi Germany and its 20 million Soviet victims remain sacred in the Soviet Union, and Muscovites who heard reports of the attempted rally generally expressed shock that anyone would openly profess fascism." When the handful of Russian Nazis showed up in Moscow's Pushkin Square to "celebrate" Hitler's birthday, they were immediately pounced on and given short shrift by hundreds of students and youthful sports fans from the Spartak, Dynamo and Red Army Clubs.

The political climate which emboldens Pamyat to show its face has been enhanced by the Gorba-

chev regime's encouragement of capitalist profiteering and its disavowal of even lip service to the cause of the international class struggle. But there are many thousands of Red Army vets who remain proud of having fulfilled their "internationalist duty" combatting CIA-backed reactionaries in Afghanistan, and are well trained in defending themselves and the Soviet state against reactionary rabble. They are not about to let a ragtag gang of Nazis muscle their way into the city of the October Revolution. The mullah-led child-murderers should have been wiped out in Afghanistan; the Pamyat Nazis had better be stamped out in Leningrad!

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Russian Nazis Raise Their Heads

Soviet Workers Must Crush Pamyat!

Recent statements in Soviet newspapers report an ominous development. An outfit calling itself the "Russian National-Patriotic Front Pamyat" has been staging weekly demonstrations in the city of Leningrad. An Italian tourist who witnessed a Pamyat demonstration wrote to *Moscow News* (14 August), "A week has passed, and I'm still horrified. I felt as if I'd attended a real fascist meeting of the 1930s." "Surrounded by bodyguards in black shirts," Pamyat leader Dmitri Vassiliev rails against Jews while his cohorts blame the Chernobyl nuclear disaster on "enemy forces." The blood of every decent Soviet citizen boils over Pamyat's racist outrages. Leningrad must be cleansed of this fascist filth!

There is scarcely a street in Leningrad which does not evoke memories of this hero city's 900-day stand against the Nazi invaders and of the million or more who died to defend this western gateway to the Soviet homeland. From the somber mass graves of the Piskarevskoye Memorial Cemetery, burial place of more than 500,000 Leningraders who died in the Nazi siege, it is but a few minutes' drive to the Romyantsevsky Garden. Yet here, every Thursday, in this public park in the heart of Leningrad—the city of Lenin, the birthplace of the internationalist October Revolution—Pamyat has staged its disgusting spectacle. The proud people of Leningrad can't allow this to continue.

Leningrad writer Valery Voskoboinikov described one of the Pamyat rallies (*Moscow News*, 14 August):

"One speaker demanded that it should be forbidden for Russian men and women to marry members of definite alien races. Another called for the immediate deportation of Jews and members of other 'alien races' to 'their historical motherland.' Still another suggested declaring a ruthless war on those who 'concealed their ethnic origin under a Russian name!'"

In recent months, leaflets have appeared on walls demanding, "Russia is for Russians—Death to Yids!" Jewish gravestones in cemeteries in Moscow and elsewhere have been defaced. At a poetry reading by Andrei Voznesensky, who recently published a



Pamyat fascists march in Moscow, May 1987.

poem denouncing these acts, anonymous notes were sent to the stage reading, "All of you are Jews or sold out to Jews," "We will kill you." With their appeals for an anti-Semitic "Final Solution," with their ostentatious black shirts, with their racist diatribes against all non-Russian nationalities, these Great Russian "patriots" are more than extreme nationalists or latter-day Black Hundreds tsarist pogromists. *They are dyed-in-the-wool Nazis, the Great Russian offspring of Hitler.*

Pamyat should be made to feel the wrath of the survivors of the 20 million Soviet citizens of all nationalities who died fighting the Hitlerite invaders. For every one of these Pamyat fascists, there are tens and hundreds of fascist-hating workers, students, veterans and youth in military service who would eagerly come out to the Romyantsevsky Garden on a Thursday to teach the Russian Nazis a lesson. Who can doubt that a single militant demonstration of 50,000 outraged Leningraders, suitably prepared to defend themselves, coming out to *burn Nazi swastika flags* in Pamyat's face, ready to chase these Nazis to the nearby Neva River or drive them into the canals, would put an end to Pamyat? The

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