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1,200 Protest Nazis in San Francisco

April 19—San Francisco's Civic Center was the scene today of a mass labor mobilization against the Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan. 1,200 demonstrators, mainly unionists and minorities, responded to the call of the April 19 Committee Against Nazis (ANCAN) to "Stop the Nazis from Celebrating Hitler's Birthday." Representatives of 22 unions including the Communications Workers of America (CWA), Teamsters, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU), International Association of Machinists (IAM), Postal Workers, Letter Carriers, Inland Boatmen's Union, International Typographical Union (ITU), Office and Professional Employees (OPEIU), Steelworkers, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and United Electrical Workers (UE) endorsed or attended, and many sent speakers. An official contingent of 50 phone workers from the CWA carrying their union banners representing locals 9410 (SF) and 9415 (Oakland) marched in to join the demonstration.

ANCAN convener and ILWU Local 6 General Executive Board member Bob Mandel said at the rally, "This rally is a victory. There are no Nazis here! They were afraid to come. San Francisco is not a Nazi town—it's a labor town. We showed that here today. They wanted to



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celebrate race hatred and genocide. They thought they were going to celebrate Hitler's birthday. But the unions, Jews, blacks, Chicanos, gays, Asian-Americans and socialists responded to ANCAN's call to sweep the Nazis off the street. This rally, an impressive show of unity and militancy, mainly working people in this town, serves as a warning to them. We will not tolerate cross burn-

ings, racist terror, defiling of synagogues in the Bay Area!"

Vince Courtney, president of SEIU Local 400, came up to the platform to tell ANCAN and the assembled anti-Nazi demonstrators, "I'd like to congratulate you on your victory today." Seymour Kramer, president of the San Francisco School Bus Drivers' Local, UTU 1741, told the demonstrators: "We're proud of

what we do, of helping to integrate this society. And I want to invite any reactionary, any Ku Klux Klanner, any Nazi, to stand in front of my bus.... Because 162 of us are ready to roll over them."

Al Nelson spoke for the Bay Area Spartacist League, the organization that initiated and helped to build today's *continued on page 11*

Washington: Fake-Lefts Wallow in Anti-Sovietism

Democrats Dominate Anti-Draft Demo

Carter's threat to reimpose the draft brought out—for the first time since the peace crawls during the Vietnam War—thousands of students to march on Washington, D.C. Over 30,000 came from campuses throughout the Midwest and East Coast, riding for as long as 16 hours in buses for the March 22 "National Mobilization Against the Draft." The Spartacus Youth League (SYL), known on many campuses as the group which defends the Soviet Union against Carter/Brzezinski's Cold War drive, mobilized heavily for the demonstration. The SYL contingent of 60 came from Harvard, Cleveland State University, Boston University, New York Tech, New York University, Wayne State University, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the University of Wisconsin (Madison), and included members from all our East Coast and Midwest branches. Sales of both *Young Spartacus* and *Workers*

Vanguard (biweekly newspaper of the Spartacist League) were brisk as lively debate and discussion centered on our banner slogan "Hail Red Army in Afghanistan!"

The March 22 mobilization was to be the *pièce de résistance* for the various social-democratic and Maoist-dominated anti-draft coalitions. The Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) orchestrated the rally to ape the anti-Sovietism of the bourgeois parties while "pressuring" the ostensible opponents of the draft therein—Kennedy and Republican John Anderson. Not shy in their anti-Sovietism, DSOCers sported signs reading "U.S. Stay Out, USSR Get Out." Such anti-communism would have justly enraged any gathering of radical, antiwar youth in the late '60s. DSOC founder and long-time supporter of "democratic"

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SL/SYL contingent at March 22 anti-draft demonstration.

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imperialism Michael Harrington addressed the crowd, "I have come not to burn the American flag, but to cleanse it." Campaigning for Kennedy, Harrington managed to slip in a friendly word for Anderson as well—"a good man in the wrong party." No one more left-wing than Ben Chavis from the Wilmington Ten spoke from the rally platform, which was stacked with Democratic Party luminaries like Bella Abzug and Ted Weiss as well as a spokesman from the right-wing, anti-union libertarians.

Comic relief was provided by the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade (RCYB—youth group of Bob Avakian's cult, the Revolutionary Communist Party). Half time never ended for these "more Mao than thou" lunatics, who strutted around the crowd dressed in black and red vowing not to go to work on May Day. Their banner portrayed the U.S. and the USSR equally as "warheads," intentionally mimicking the coneheads of *Saturday Night Live*. (No insult is intended here to the television series; its sense of comedy and social reality often exceeds that of the Avakianites.) What politics the RCYB has left can be "summed up" by its support to the CIA-backed Islamic "rebels" in Afghanistan against the Soviet Union. Typical of their anti-Sovietism was the RCYB chant, "They say the Russians should make us mad, but Uncle Sam is just as bad!"

The RCYB's groveling pro-Peking cousins in the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB) and Communist Youth Organization (CYO) go all the way with the U.S.A. and openly advocate anti-Soviet military action by the U.S. bourgeoisie, denouncing the Carter administration only for "appeasement" of the Russians. It is only crass opportunism that keeps these NATO-loving Maoists from calling for the draft, as more forthright Peking mouthpiece William Hinton has (see article this page).

Preferring to busy themselves selling red, white and blue anti-draft buttons rather than march under their own banners, the Communist Party (CP) and Young Workers Liberation League joined with the rabidly anti-Soviet DSOC and Maoists in channeling anti-militarism into flagwaving patriotism. For its part, the sometimes putatively Soviet-defensist Socialist Workers Party's (SWP) only political presence at the march was a *Militant* sales team but they also occupied their favorite post: SWP honcho Maceo Dixon was "chief marshal" for the DSOC/Democratic Party-dominated rally.

We have seen this before. Under the guise of a "single-issue" movement, reformists of all stripes are quite willing to deliver over politically radicalizing, activist youth to the electoral fleshpots of the Democratic Party, the party of war and racism. In today's anti-draft

movement, the fake-lefts' efforts to tie the issue to bourgeois electoral campaigns is reminiscent of the antiwar platforms built by the SWP and CP for Democratic Party "doves." And our opposing task as communists is now, as it was in the '60s, to raise the central class issues posed by U.S. imperialism and militarism: unconditional defense of the deformed and degenerated

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Bella bellows...

workers states and anti-capitalist revolutions against imperialism.

Once Again the Russian Question

For many students, March 22 represented their first vaguely political act. Many had never encountered the organized left before they got off the buses in Washington where they were confronted with every variety of leftist literature and the same question on everyone's lips: what about the Soviet Union?

No thanks to DSOC and their Democratic Party pals—nor to the rabidly anti-Soviet Maoists of the RSB, RCYB, CYO—someone was there in Washington to combat Carter's anti-Soviet Cold War claptrap: the SYL and *only the SYL!* We hail the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, calling for the victory of the Soviet Red Army over the CIA-backed mullahs, who are fighting to maintain the brutal enslavement of women—the veil and the bride price—and the legally sanctioned power of the clergy over the overwhelmingly illiterate population. We are for the defeat of U.S. imperialism at home and abroad. Such a perspective has nothing in common with pacifism or "cleanse our flag" social patriotism. Nor can our anti-Soviet opponents stomach it. That is why in mid-February the RSB, CYO, RCYB and DSOC "unified" to physically exclude the SYL from a MidCARD (Midwest Coalition Against Registration and the Draft) conference in Kalamazoo, Michigan. That is why more recently at San Francisco State University an anti-draft coalition excluded us from the same event at which

they were to debate ROTC. Well, they may try to run from the Russian question, but it won't run from them—as we're certain William Hinton could explain.

Join the SYL!

Open political debate and struggle against our anti-Soviet and social-patriotic opponents within the anti-

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Harrington follows.

draft movement have led to the recruitment of some of the most politically conscious and militant students to the

SYL. The emergence of the Militant Anti-Draft Caucus at the Champaign-Urbana campus of the University of Illinois and its evolution toward the SYL is an important vindication of the power of our Trotskyist program and fighting perspective. Some students who were initially shocked by our "Hail Red Army!" banners have come to respect the SYL's forthright communist opposition to imperialist militarism and our defense of the Soviet Union.

Now that the March 22 demonstration is over, the problem of what to do next faces members of single-issue anti-draft coalitions. Those students who simply desire to keep themselves out of the "peacetime" draft may well decide that their battle is over, registration and the draft becoming more and more distant possibilities. But for those who have begun to question the vicious cycle of the capitalist system—the rounds of economic crisis and imperialist war and the brutal oppression of blacks, women and the working class as a whole—the real fight has only begun. The draft? It's part and parcel of Carter's war drive against the Soviet degenerated workers state. We in the SYL have no problem knowing what to do next—our fight is against every aspect of capitalist oppression and imperialist militarism. Join the SYL and build the vanguard of the proletarian revolution! ■

Fanshen's Hinton Embraces Carter's Draft

Peking Review reads like a U.S. State Department publication as the Chinese Stalinists have consummated their counterrevolutionary alliance with U.S. imperialism against the USSR. The Peking loyalists of the Communist Youth Organization (CYO) and Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB) have had to go through some funny contortions to support Carter's grain embargo and Olympics boycott against the Soviet Union and at the same time oppose his anti-Soviet draft.

But William Hinton, long-time supporter of every utterance of the Stalinists in the Forbidden City, is not burdened with pretensions of building a radical youth movement on the campuses. So at a U.S.-China People's Friendship Association forum on "China's World View" held March 28 on Chicago's posh Gold Coast, he came out squarely for Carter's war drive, calling for a strong conventional army and nuclear force for the U.S. to combat Soviet "hegemonism."

The audience of bejeweled liberals and pro-Peking Communist Party Marxist-Leninist (CP-ML) supporters politely clapped as Hinton embraced the U.S. military. A confused supporter of the Coalition Against Registration

and the Draft (CARD) asked if Hinton's support to the army meant he was in favor of the draft. Hinton laughed. "Of course the draft is necessary! If you don't think so just wait another six months!"

The CYOers and RSBers in the audience squirmed in their chairs and looked at their feet. These disgusting opportunists didn't dare raise a word of opposition or dispute Hinton's prediction as to their future stand on the draft. Just as Hinton bemoaned his own participation in the student anti-draft movement in the 1930s, you can bet the Maoists will bemoan their opposition to the draft in a short period of time. These social patriots are only so comfortable participating in CARD now because opposition to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is one of its principles of unity!

As a Spartacist League supporter pointed out in the discussion at the forum, the U.S./China alliance is a mortal danger not only to the Soviet degenerated workers state, but to China itself. If the U.S. can defeat the USSR and open it up to capitalist exploitation, China will be next. Who will these State Department Maoists be cheering for then?

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Bay Area Peaceniks Debate ROTC

SYL Protests at Berkeley...

Ten years ago, at the height of the Vietnam War, the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) was afraid to show its face at campuses around this country. Wherever the military recruiters went they were met with militant protests: "Tell us about Vietnam," "Stop the napalming," and the demand "ROTC off campus!" During the early seventies ROTC was removed from Stanford, Yale, Harvard and many other colleges. Yet when the Berkeley Undergraduate Political Science Association held its "balanced" panel discussion on the draft March 10, one of the panelists was Captain Mike Taylor, director of the Cal ROTC! About 300 students turned out for the noontime event, where the other featured speakers included Republican congressman Pete McCloskey, anti-nuke gadfly Daniel Ellsberg and Lee Halterman, an aide to Congressman Ron Dellums.

As the event began a Spartacus Youth League (SYL) spokesman rose to denounce the presence of ROTC director Taylor as an outrage and an insult to the more than a million Vietnamese slaughtered by U.S. bombs and napalm. The SYL demanded that this member of the imperialist officer corps leave immediately. As an SYL leaflet distributed at the forum put it:

"The A-bombers of Hiroshima are mass murderers. Nothing to debate with the butchers of Hiroshima and My Lai! The presence of ROTC on this campus is

outrageous. Its presence at an 'anti-draft' event is intolerable.... We don't need ROTC's 'thoughts'—we know what they stand for! The recruiters of tomorrow's Lt. Calleys should be driven off campus."

When the call to oust ROTC went unheeded, over a dozen people in the audience, including members of the SYL and their supporters, began to chant "ROTC off campus" and "No debate with My Lai butchers." Throughout the militant demonstration members of the "third-camp" Maoist Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade (RCYB) sat on their hands and refused to join in the protest. When asked by a demonstrator, "Don't you want to see ROTC off campus?" the only answer a sullen RCYB could give for his refusal to participate was, "Because I hate the Spartacist League." "More than you hate ROTC?" This member of the so-called May Day brigades couldn't answer that one.

In the wake of China's deepening alliance with U.S. imperialism the Maoist groupings have been lining up with the U.S. against the Soviet Union. The dissident Maoist RCYB has joined right in, decrying the danger of "Soviet hegemonism." The fruit of this dangerous line can only be betrayal. Its abstention during the SYL protest has given the RCYB the "honor" of supporting a platform for the U.S. military, and ultimately military recruitment. But this



Berkeley SYL Protests ROTC director at March 10 debate.

is not surprising from an organization which supports the CIA-backed Afghan mullahs and landlords against the Kabul regime and the Red Army, whose program of nationwide literacy, land reform, and an end to the trafficking of women is *progressive*. There are and can be no neutrals in the renewed Cold War. There is a class line and you must stand on one side of it or the other. The militants of the SYL put it succinctly in one sign for the demonstration: "Red

Army Yes! ROTC No!"

A number of people challenged the SYL for wanting to stifle free speech. Hogwash! ROTC on campus is not a question of free speech. The deeds of ROTC are criminal deeds, recruiting and training the past, present and future mass murderers for America. (Remember the Blue Beret program which trained cadets for counterinsurgency and assassination?) The presence of ROTC Capt.

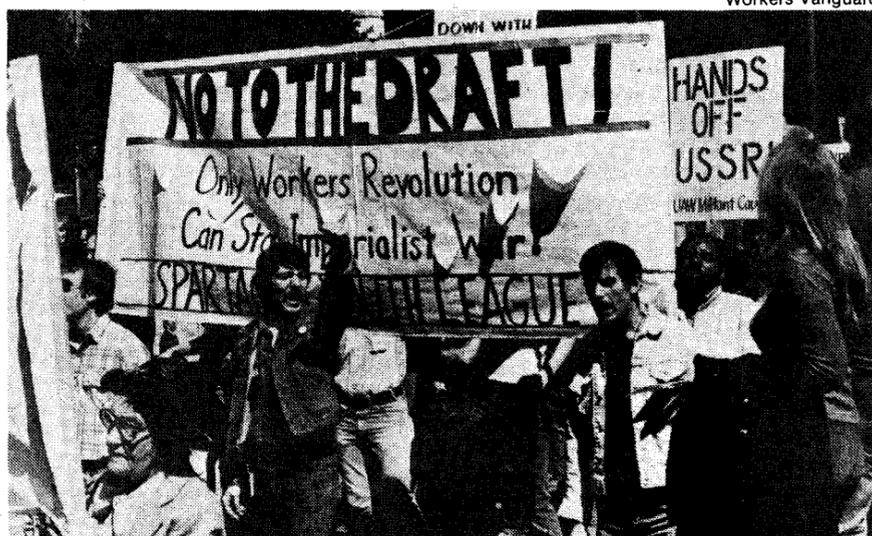
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...Excluded at S.F. State

The Spartacus Youth League at San Francisco State issued the following leaflet when the Student Coalition Against Military Intervention (SCAMI) excluded the SYL from their meetings while at the same time inviting ROTC to a "debate." SCAMI issued out of a handful of student groups which organized an anti-draft rally on February 11 and it has attracted considerable interest on the West Coast. It was initially formed around five points of "unity" based on the lowest common denominator of its founding organizations. After only one meeting, SCAMI began to blow apart when fundamental political differences could no longer be masked. SYLers intervened in the SCAMI meetings noting that its second point of "unity" implied that U.S. military intervention could in fact be supportable—and the papered-over differences erupted. Young anti-draft militants, many becoming active in politics for the very first time, learned first-hand that only the SYL has a serious program for fighting imperialism, as well as the guts to fight openly for its socialist views.

SCAMI Excludes Communists, Invites ROTC to Debate

Students who seek to effectively oppose the draft and Jimmy Carter's Cold War drive must confront the question of which strategy and program to fight behind. The Spartacus Youth League (SYL) wants students to know that the Student Coalition Against Military Intervention (SCAMI) has proven by its deeds that it is an obstacle to the struggle. At its March 20 meeting it voted to exclude the SYL and to seek a debate with the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), demonstrating that they can share a platform with the butchers of Vietnam but must silence the voice of the SYL, despite their



SCAMI couldn't stomach SYL's revolutionary opposition to the draft.

written commitment that "Everyone is invited to attend and participate."

What Is SCAMI?

SCAMI, a coalition of liberals, pacifists, anti-nukers, Libertarians and an assortment of fake-leftists such as the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), New American Movement (NAM), News and Letters Committee and the Union of Radical Political Economists (URPE), has from the start purposely ignored the class nature of Carter's war drive. They do so not only in order to keep those like the right-wing, openly pro-capitalist Libertarians within their ranks, but more importantly to avoid taking up the question of the Soviet Union, the foremost target of U.S. imperialism. In contrast the SYL defends the planned economy and collectivized property of the USSR against imperialist attack. Only the victory of a working-class political revolution, not the triumph of reactionary, decaying capitalism, can cast aside

the parasitic, Stalinist bureaucracy and open the road to socialism.

ROTC: The Record

During the '60s and early '70s ROTC was a focus of antiwar protests and was driven off dozens of campuses across the country. ROTC, which recruits and trains the officer corps of the U.S. military, was rightly linked with the mass bombings, the napalming, the My Lai massacre—in short, the genocidal campaign waged by U.S. imperialism to smash social revolution in Vietnam. "ROTC Off Campus" was a central demand of the 1970 Kent State protest where National Guardsmen murdered four students. For SCAMI to seek a debate with the future Lieutenant Calleys of ROTC is to spit on the graves of the martyred Kent State students. Despite all the problems of the New Left student movement, it at least knew there was nothing to debate with ROTC!

It is this same liberal logic which says you can debate fascist action groups like

the Klan and expose their "ideas." But here as well, the "ideas" of ROTC translate into military hardware to crush opposition to capitalist exploitation. It is an outrage that a so-called leftist organization is willing to offer ROTC a platform for that purpose!

SCAMI Resorts to Race-Bait

To prove just how far SCAMI would go to avoid a serious political question, one of their members resorted to a timeworn slander—race-baiting. When a black SYLer who spent four years in the Marines protested the vote to debate ROTC or any wing of the U.S. military, a SCAMI member replied, "So, you have the token black do it." Besides this remark's viciousness, it proves SCAMI's stated concern for minorities a cynical sham. The so-called left organizations like YSA, NAM, URPE and News and Letters which accept this and go along with debating ROTC deserve only contempt from serious anti-draft activists.

The SYL Takes Sides!

Unlike SCAMI, the SYL has refused to duck the *class* questions involved with the draft: Which side are you on in a conflict between the U.S. and the USSR? Are you for the Red Army in Afghanistan or are you for the CIA-backed Islamic rebels and the sale and seclusion of women? The class struggle demands taking sides!

- Down with Carter's anti-Soviet War Drive!
- Hail Red Army in Afghanistan!
- Not a Penny, a Man or a Woman for the Imperialist Army!
- No to the Draft! Red Army Yes, ROTC No! ROTC Off Campus!
- For Unconditional Military Defense of the USSR Against Imperialist Attack! ■

Peoples College:

Andrew Young School of "Socialism"

At Northwestern University (NU), the Spartacus Youth League (SYL) has been talking to a number of students in For Members Only (FMO), the black student organization. We have been fighting to win these students to the strategy of black liberation through socialist revolution. Another group, Peoples College (PC), is attempting to sell these students a sectoralist, pro-nationalist bill of goods packaged in Marxist rhetoric. They have recently announced plans to set up a "Study and Struggle" group on campus.

PC is grouped around left-nationalist professor Gerald McWhorter, a.k.a. Abdul Alkalimat, who has knocked around the black studies departments of various universities for years. PC is an association of black professors and graduate students which occasionally attempts to cover its cravenly reformist nationalism with Maoist verbiage. They have set themselves up in black studies and political science departments throughout Chicago-area colleges. In a heavily black and working-class area they are narrowly campus parochial. Never do they address the revolutionary potential of black workers and virtually nothing is said of the desperate situation of black youth in the ghettos.

Big Talk, No Action

Although on paper the PC calls for "liquidation" of fascist scum like the Klan and the Nazis, their words mean nothing. While the SYL struggled to mobilize NU students, including members of the PC, to come to a protest in Detroit against the bloody Klan massacre of leftists, trade unionists and blacks in Greensboro, the PC hid safely in their studies and classrooms. Five hundred people, including the hard core of militant Detroit black workers, turned out on November 11 to protest the Greensboro murders.

At the SYL-sponsored video showing of the demonstration, a member of the PC came, not to explain why they did nothing around the Detroit demonstration, but to praise the reactionary woman-hating mullahs in Afghanistan and Iran!

The PC's abstract, do-nothing approach to "opposing" the fascist scum is reflected in its program for black liberation. It is opposed to integration and busing and calls for "more [?] quality education in the black community," thereby accepting the racist separate and unequal status of black education. Revolutionaries support busing as a minimal step toward breaking down the forced ghettoization of blacks in this society. We call for extending busing to the suburbs so that all inner city kids can receive better



Peoples College hero Mugabe strikes a deal with British colonial governor.

education. The reality of America is the capitalists don't give a damn about the lives that rot away in the inner cities. Any serious program for black liberation must address this.

To the extent that it leaves the campus milieu, PC engages in the most sub-reformist activities in the tow of black Democrats. Take for example PC's activity around the black census. These reformists are telling blacks that coming up with the numbers will force this government to do right by black people. This is a dangerous illusion! Let us not forget that blacks are the majority in South Africa. Black people have no

future under capitalism and half-way measures will not suffice!

"Democratic" Imperialism

PC has been involved in the liberal moralist divestment campaign. While this campaign does absolutely nothing to assist the struggle for black liberation in South Africa, it strengthens Carter's anti-Soviet "human rights crusade" by appealing to the "democratic mission" of U.S. imperialism.

PC's claim to struggle against apartheid is belied by its position on the

African army and the CIA, revolutionists knew that there was a side to take. While having no political illusions in the nationalist MPLA, the iSt called for the military victory of the Soviet-backed Cuba/MPLA alliance against the U.S.-backed South African military invasion. In such a proxy war between the U.S. and the USSR, revolutionists stand for defense of the degenerated and deformed workers states, and understand that a victory for the South African apartheid masters would be a defeat for the oppressed throughout the world. We also denounced all the fake-lefts who stood "neutral" along with Henry Kissinger in this conflict. Kissinger's "neutrality" included sending CIA funds and arms to the South Africans.

Today, the rotten sellout of the black liberation struggle in Zimbabwe, where the British are brought in as overseers, is supported by the PC. While the PC denounces "imperialist manipulations and attempts to impose a neo-colonial settlement upon the Zimbabwean people," they turn around and support Mugabe and the "Patriotic Front" for doing just that. These Uncle Toms want nothing more than to sit next to Ian Smith in the Zimbabwe parliament, the black masses be damned. The liberation of black Africa will be achieved through workers revolution based on the millions-strong black proletariat of South Africa. This revolution will not only deal once and for all with the apartheid regime in Pretoria, but as well with all imperialist black lackeys like Muzorewa and Mugabe.

The phony militants of the PC are not serious about revolution; they are only concerned with jealously guarding their professorships and "positions" in the universities. The SYL attempts to win black militants to a class struggle program for liberation—revolutionary integrationism: the integration of blacks into an egalitarian socialist society. This fight begins with the struggle for jobs, fully integrated schools and housing and against racist attacks and must lead to a workers revolution led by a black Trotskyist cadre as part of a multi-racial vanguard party. Join the SYL! ■

DSOC Calls the Cops Again

EVANSTON, Illinois—The professional anti-communists of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) have grown ever more desperate in their campaign to exclude the Spartacus Youth League (SYL) from political life at Northwestern University (NU). On March 4 a member of the SYL tried to attend a publicly advertised DSOC forum. DSOC member Mike Loftin was so afraid to confront the revolutionary socialism of the SYL that he sent fellow DSOCer Mike Kelley to fetch the cops. Informed by Kelley that the SYLer was not a student, the campus police issued a criminal trespass warning and forced the SYLer out of the building. The cops threatened him with arrest if he dared come to the campus again.

By calling the cops—the same cops who harass blacks that happen to wander onto this bourgeois academic enclave—the political cowards of DSOC are calling on the administration to do their dirty work and threatening the democratic rights of all labor, left

and black organizations on campus. University administrations use McCarthyite rules against "outside agitators" to censor and suppress political activity on campus. The right of left and civil rights groups to be heard on campus was the issue that sparked the Berkeley Free Speech Movement in 1964. DSOC's despicable use of the administration in its attempt at political censorship cannot go unprotested!

An SYL leaflet denouncing DSOC's actions received support from campus workers and students outraged by the violation of our democratic rights. An SYL-initiated petition protesting DSOC's act of calling the campus cops and demanding that the criminal trespass warning be dropped was signed by members of the Progressive Students Coalition, campus workers, a member of a black athletes' organization, and a student who is a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. Philosophy professor Kenneth Seeskin, who participated in the forum from which the SYL was excluded (and who

was not aware at that time that the cops had been called) sent a letter to the head of the NU Department of Public Safety demanding that the criminal trespass warning be dropped and the SYL be allowed to attend public events on campus.

It is certainly ironic that at a forum entitled "Capitalism or Socialism" DSOC called the capitalist cops to victimize communists! DSOC's use of the cops and the administration against the SYL flows from its political reliance on the parties, organs and instruments of bourgeois democracy. For these supporters of the racist, strikebreaking, warmongering Democratic Party "democracy" doesn't apply to communists. And at Northwestern it applies only to those who can afford the \$6000-a-year tuition! While DSOC runs to the cops to have leftists thrown off this campus bastion of class privilege, it is ever-so-protective of the "rights" of imperialism's murderous butchers: last fall DSOC refused to endorse an SYL-initiated united front call for a demonstration against Navy recruiters on

campus.

This isn't the first time that DSOC has tried to have SYLers thrown off campus. The same Michael Loftin initiated a move last fall to have the SYL excluded from Progressive Student Coalition meetings and later complained to the Student Government about "outsiders" on campus (see *Young Spartacus* Nos. 76 and 77). Loftin's actions led to a one-day freeze on the organizational status of the campus Friends of the Spartacus Youth League (FOSYL).

DSOC will not get away with its outrageous political censorship! As students last fall rallied to get the FOSYL reinstated on campus, support is mounting to prevent the SYL from being silenced. Even Penny Von Eschen, a leading student member of DSOC, says that it was "probably a mistake" for Loftin to call the cops. Students, teachers and campus workers must condemn DSOC's action. Drop the criminal trespass warning! Abolish all rules prohibiting free access to campus! ■

BU Elections

SYL Campaigns Against Cold War Drive

BOSTON, April 11—"100 votes for the Red Army" was the way Liisa McCormick, Boston University (BU) Spartacus Youth League (SYL) candidate for student union president, characterized the student election results for the SYL slate. McCormick won 47 votes and SYL vice-presidential candidate Marijke Alkema won 51 votes on a campus made notorious by its union-busting führer, President John Silber.

McCormick explained that this election took place in the context of a renewed cold war drive against the Soviet Union. As Jimmy Carter threatens draft registration for the imperialist army to fight the Russians, the question for students is posed point blank: "Which side are you on?" The SYL rallied opposition to the draft under the banner "Hail Red Army!" It called for the victory of the Soviets against the CIA-backed reactionary mullahs in Afghanistan who are fighting to maintain the bride price and the veil. The SYL's Trotskyist defense of the USSR did not go unnoticed in this election campaign. As Marijke Alkema spoke to crowds in front of the student union, a bench of pro-imperialist students broke into a chorus of "My Country 'Tis Of Thee." But hundreds of others were sparked with interest in the SYL's revolutionary socialist politics. Our campaign literature was snapped up and sales of *Young Spartacus* were at a record high.

In an interview with the BU campus *Daily Free Press* (7 April) Alkema stated, "We want to use this election as a platform to win students over to the side of the working class." In fact, at BU the SYL is known as the only group which honors picket lines and fights to build student support for striking campus unions.

The SYL actively took up defense of five tenured professors threatened with firing by the hated Silber administration ("the BU Five") for honoring the picket

lines of striking clericals. We sponsored a fundraiser for their defense, brought in militant trade unionists from around the country to speak about the importance of the picket line and gathered over 700 signatures at the beginning of the semester to demand the charges against the BU Five be dropped. Confronted with this protest, the administration recently agreed to drop the charges, but "Mad John" Silber has certainly not abandoned his union-busting drive. Emboldened by the Supreme Court's "Yeshiva Decision," which denies faculty the right to unionize, Silber has forced the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) to renegotiate the sympathy strike clause in their contract and just last week summarily fired a well-known militant among the Buildings & Grounds workers, Bob Tocci.

The SYL responded to Tocci's firing by immediately issuing a leaflet calling for united action by students, faculty and campus workers to fight the administration's "divide and conquer" attacks. But our opponents, a motley collection of student bureaucrats and supporters of the liberal, muckraking *bu exposure*, have consciously sabotaged attempts to mobilize the entire campus against the administration. In fact, the "Progressive Students Party" (PSP) slate has made scabbing their tradition. Last year they ran as the "Friends of the Union" slate—behind the picket lines of striking faculty and clerical workers! And it was only when the SYL publicly exposed them at a strike support meeting and argued that "On strike means shut it down! No business as usual!" that these strikebreakers finally withdrew from the campaign.

This year, the PSP postured as militant fighters against the administration, but its campaign materials explicitly called for electing themselves to the board of trustees! As student reps to



SYL candidates Liisa McCormick and Marijke Alkema.

these union-busting, budget-slashing thieves, the PSP whined that it would argue against "unreasonable" tuition hikes. In a candidates' debate during the campaign, Liisa McCormick countered that genuine leftists would not serve as advisors to the trustees but fight to abolish them. The university should be run by those who teach, study and work there. Tuition is already "unreasonable" and black enrollment at BU is around 2 percent. McCormick stated that higher education should be a right, not a privilege. Private universities like BU should be nationalized with open admissions, no tuition and a state-paid stipend for all. The *bu exposure* denounced this as "ridiculous" and squealed that the quality of their education would be jeopardized by opening the doors to working-class and minority youth.

It is not surprising that "progressives" who cross picket lines have nothing to offer blacks and the poor, but the

haughty arrogance of these ivory tower elitists is particularly offensive in Boston where the battle for school desegregation has dominated city politics. Each September when the buses roll, the Boston Marshals (a paramilitary racist organization) declare open season on blacks. Last fall when a 15-year-old black high school student, Daryll Williams, was shot on the football field and the racial tensions in Boston were thick enough to cut with a knife, the SYL brought the issues to the campuses. This included a radio interview at Boston University on the strategy for fighting racist attacks—For Labor/Black Defense!

The SYL has demonstrated to students that there is an alternative to the sandbox student parochialism of the fake-leftists, and the vote totals showed significant support for a fighting communist program. A communist program is not simply a good thing to vote for, but a guide to action to fight for a socialist future—Join the SYL! ■

Racist Witchhunt Targets Wayne State SYL

DETROIT, April 15—The Wayne State University (WSU) Spartacus Youth League (SYL) is preparing for a second round in its battle with student government bureaucrats. Throughout the months of January and February, Student-Faculty Council (S-FC) president Russ Bellant resorted to one excuse after another in order to hold up funding for the SYL that had been recommended by the Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC). Finally in late February he seized upon an administration student activities fund freeze to deny funding to the SYL altogether. Bellant, a supporter of Ken Cockrel's Detroit Alliance for a Rational Economy (DARE), has been joined in his anti-communist crusade by two fake "socialists" on the S-FC: Eva Carababas and Roseann Hostnik, a member of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Com-

mittee. The *South End*, the campus paper which ten years ago was a bastion of radical black nationalism, has now begun calling the mainly black WSU SYL "rabble." In the context of the present witchhunt this is racist as well as anti-communist.

In a foolish effort to make the SYL's existence appear spurious, S-FCer Eva Carababas claimed that the SYL at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor received only \$75 from the student government there. This lie was refuted by Jeff Martin, a member of the Michigan Student Assembly (MSA) and of the U. of M. Black Student Union. His letter to the Wayne State student body printed in the 14 April *South End* states that the SYL received approximately \$500 from the MSA and another \$500 from the School of Literature, Science and Arts and other University sources.

Several other student organizations have also had problems securing necessary funds from the SABC and S-FC, notably the Swahili and History Clubs. However, once the Swahili Club's own funding problems were settled, these sectarian black nationalists sought to dissociate themselves from a letter of protest to the campus press, initiated by the SYL and signed by members of several other student organizations...after the president of the Swahili Club had endorsed the letter! Unlike these opportunists, the SYL has fought for student control of funding as part of the overall fight for worker/student/teacher control of the university.

At a meeting of the S-FC on March 6, the SYL mobilized about twenty students to break through the opposition of Bellant and his cronies. The SYL and its supporters effectively split the S-FC,

with some members of the council acting as advocates for the SYL's position, including one member who pointed out that "the Spartacus Youth League has been done a gross injustice." At this meeting the S-FC voted to give the SYL \$150 and recommended SABC approval of \$150 more. On April 3 the SABC denied the additional funds—once again at the urging of Bellant, the only S-FC member to vote against the original \$150 grant.

Our Record of Struggle

The SYL is viewed as the activist political organization at WSU. And it is our record of uncompromising Trotskyist struggle which has earned us the hatred of the S-FC tinpot tyrants who flatter themselves that they are "leftists."

Last October the FBI came to WSU.

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Cleveland SYL in anti-draft action.

In the face of Carter's anti-Soviet war drive and his attempt to whip up anti-communist support for his foreign policies, young people across the country are rejecting the crisis-ridden imperialist system which promises only war and depression and is driving toward the nuclear annihilation of the human race. Many are joining the organization which forthrightly said, "Hail Red Army in Afghanistan." Especially in the "heartland" of America, where the dismal prospects of the next depression are already acute and which is particularly polarized over Carter's anti-Sovietism, the Spartacus Youth League has been most successful recruiting students to its intransigent defense of the Trotskyist position of the unconditional defense of the social gains of the Russian Revolution against imperialism.

Certain decisive international events, especially the overthrow of the bloody shah of Iran by Islamic clerical reaction and the invasion of Vietnam by China in collusion with the U.S., served to cut through the political malaise of the post-Vietnam period. Our ability to explain these world events provided an opening to win sections of the American working and student population to the Marxist analysis and program unique to the Spartacist tendency.

We told the truth about Khomeini, raising the slogan "Down with the shah! Down with the mullahs!" while our left opponents fell to undisguisable depths of criminal opportunism—hailing and tailing Khomeini, as the repressive character of his Shi'ite theocracy became increasingly apparent with every passing day.

On the basis of these political openings the SYL launched a recruitment drive at its sixth national conference one year ago. Since then our work has been driven forward by our active intervention into the anti-draft movement and our support to the Soviet Red Army against CIA-backed feudal reactionaries in Afghanistan. Carter has been unsuccessful in his attempt to inject patriotic fervor in the young generation unscarred by the blood and bitterness of Vietnam. His threat to reinstitute the draft has shaken the campuses out of their stupor. The present anti-draft movement, as befitting the "me-decade," of which it is in part a product, is far less political than was opposition to the Vietnam War. It is certainly far less imbued with hatred for the mass murderers who comprise the U.S.

bourgeoisie; often it is right-wing and anti-communist. Nevertheless, in the face of the manifest contradictions and rottenness of American imperialism, the anti-draft movement provides an opportunity to win to communism those who can socially generalize their opposition to U.S. militarism. This is graphically demonstrated by the letter from Champaign-Urbana printed below.

It is not merely the program of Trotskyism applied through our propaganda to the events of the day which has won us new members. The determination of our movement to seize those urgent opportunities which, in spite of our modest forces, allows us to translate our program into action, has pushed our recruitment drive forward. Particularly critical is our role as initiators of the only labor-centered anti-fascist mobilizations in the country: the anti-Klan rally in Detroit in the wake of the Greensboro massacre and the April 19 demonstration to stop the Nazis from celebrating Hitler's birthday in San Francisco.

The ambitious goals that we set for ourselves a year ago have still to be met. But the successes we have had, especially the infusion of new forces in the Midwest, have invigorated our determination to win the young militants who will provide the fresh forces to help lead the American socialist revolution.

**Kelly M.,
San Francisco State University**

As a San Francisco State University student for the past five years I have been exposed to and around politics quite a bit. I was involved in some local political issues, specifically working against Proposition 6 (the anti-gay bill) and against Proposition 13. I considered myself a feminist and had a lot of contact with that milieu. I was a member of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and did anti-abortion opponents work, consciousness raising and so on. Through women's studies classes at SF State I became interested in socialism as an answer to sexism. I quickly became dissatisfied with the strategy of my "socialist-feminist" professors, questioning them on such elementary questions as their strategy to bring about socialism. Every one of them directed me to work within the Democratic Party, supporting local liberal politicians, doing community work, etc.

I soon became very disillusioned with

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Above: SYL mobilized for labor/black anti-Klan rally in Detroit, November 10. Right: Militant Anti-Draft Caucus at Champaign-Urbana.

their answers and started to look around at different left groups. I went to different left events, haphazardly read different left newspapers and eventually I started talking to the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA). They requested that I work with NOW, which I had just abandoned! I realized that NOW was a large group of middle-class women who wanted to go to college and have a career, with no strategy for changing the rest of society. To join NOW was not my idea of working towards revolution, but I wanted to work as a communist so I kept talking to the YSA. I particularly remember going to an introduction to Marxism class sponsored by the YSA. As I walked in a member of the Spartacus Youth League handed me a leaflet with the headline "No to the Veil!" I questioned the YSA about this

denied that right by the U.S. government. My mother and the people she worked with were incensed that the government could pull this off at their convention.

A short while later I happened to read a copy of *Workers Vanguard*. I was intrigued by the article on Margolis. In the past I had felt the press extremist, but in this case they were right on the mark. I began to re-evaluate my past assumptions, read the paper more carefully and immediately responded to the class analysis of society.

I came from a labor background. My mother is a member of the Communications Workers of America (CWA); her father was a pressman. In fact, my grandfather memorized the name of every politician who voted for Taft-Hartley, in order never to vote for them

"I came from a labor background. I was raised to understand that one never crossed a picket line."

and they really gave me an unsatisfactory answer. I didn't know a whole lot about Iran but I knew the veil wasn't revolutionary, which was what they were telling me. These two issues, Iran and NOW, confused me. I didn't agree with the YSA and decided to step back and read more, find out more about other organizations.

Then in August of last year my mother started talking about an incident that occurred at her union convention. One of their elected delegates, Jane Margolis, was dragged off the convention floor by the secret police; she wasn't allowed to speak at her own union convention. My mother was outraged. This was her union delegate to the convention; Margolis had the right to speak on behalf of her local and she was

again. I was raised to understand that one never crossed a picket line. Once, as a birthday present to my brother, my mother promised to bring us to see the movie, *Yellow Submarine*. We got there and there was a picket line. Now, imagine trying to tell four kids all under the age of eleven that, although it had been planned for weeks, we couldn't see *Yellow Submarine* because there was a picket line. But that is just what my mother did. She explained to us that we couldn't cross the picket line. Even though I didn't fully understand it at the time, the memory has stuck with me, a beginning of class consciousness.

I joined the SYL to fight for socialism. In contrast to the feminist socialists, NOW, the YSA, and so on, the Spartacus Youth League/Spartacist

oined the SYL



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want to talk about my observations of the triple oppression we face. Last weekend when I attended the Chicago Midwest Conference [of the SYL], one of the things I noticed was that my sister was the only black woman in the SL in the Midwest. I asked myself, "Where are all the other black women?"

So the nationalists think that the SL can't recruit black people, particularly black women, into the organization. That's one of their major arguments. So what happens to all those women? The Black Panther Party in particular was instrumental in fucking up a lot of their women cadre. A lot of them were burned

elements a platform to preach genocide. Because you don't argue with these murderers about whether or not they have a right to murder you. Only a fool will argue the question out, or someone with suicidal tendencies. You deal with those elements on those terms. Yes, the demo was small but significant. It raised the political development and consciousness of the blacks there, and this is an important step in building a strong proletarian component within the vanguard party.

There is a myth that black women are defensive. There is a mechanism that we all have, and it's called self-preservation.



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League has a program to fight and abolish capitalism, to bring about international socialism.
March 26, 1980

Evelyn B. Detroit, Michigan

Evelyn B., a young black activist now joining the Spartacus Youth League made the following remarks at a Spartacist League (SL) forum on "Women in the East: Proletarian Revolution or Slavery" given March 18 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

This is the first time I've spoken in front of a lot of people, but I just had to say my piece. I'm a supporter of the Spartacist League. As a black woman, I

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out and their spirits were broken. Capitalism fucks up a lot of people and it's true that oppression oppresses.

Eldridge Cleaver was once asked what his position on women was. His response was sexual. It was the women in the Black Panther Party that were fucked over the most. Huey Newton, for example, used to be a pimp and had a lot of the women support him. That was the Black Panther Party position on women: the family can be a very oppressive force, and the Panthers believed that the party would be the nucleus of its cadre. There was a woman that Huey Newton loved who was fucked over so bad that she almost succeeded in committing suicide. Afterwards Huey said he felt real bad about what had happened to her. So what happened to all those women?!

In November the SL held a

But once you break through those defenses there'll emerge a very angry goddamn tiger!

Militant Anti-Draft Caucus, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana

Carter's proposal to revive draft registration has recently created a spurt of political activity on campuses across the nation. We are a group of students at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana who initially ventured into political activism because of our desire to struggle against the increasing threat of imperialist war, and think that the experiences of our group may be of interest to your readers.

We started as a group of seven people

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Evelyn Bosque

demonstration calling for a black and labor mobilization [in Detroit] to fight Klan terror, as a response to Greensboro. Where the hell were the other left-wing organizations? The SL was the only group that did anything about it. It's very clear to me from my observations of the SL that you have very good politics. The Revolutionary Workers Group had the audacity to say that the black people who attended the demonstration were duped. That is an utterly despicable racist lie! When they wrote off five hundred people who were looking for an alternative, they wrote me off. So how many others did they write off?

Trotsky stated that in dealing with fascism you must crush these elements when they are small. You don't wait until they grow. Nor do you give these fascist

who regularly read *Workers Vanguard*. In a series of informal discussions in late January we decided to enter the local campus anti-draft coalition (the Stop the Draft Committee) under the name Militant Anti-Draft (MAD) Caucus to put forward "anti-imperialist" politics in opposition to the pacifism which dominated the coalition. We quickly found that things were not that simple.

Almost immediately we were confronted by the Russian question, since the effort to revive the draft is only part of Carter's anti-Soviet rearmament program. We agreed with the Trotskyist position of defending the Soviet Union against imperialist attacks, and voted unanimously that such defense was a precondition of membership in the MAD Caucus. However, when we had

to decide which slogans to carry in a demonstration planned for February 6, we found ourselves deeply split over the suggestion that "Hail Red Army" and "Military Defense of the USSR" be included. We had a long, sharp discussion on this issue. During the fight, a trade-union supporter of the Spartacist League who was sitting in on the discussion pointed out that our reluctance to put forward these slogans reflected real anti-communist social pressures, and that we could not really defend the Soviet Union by hiding our politics. We voted 5-2 to carry these slogans and others. One of us who voted against the motion felt unable to abide by caucus discipline and split with us over this issue.

Meanwhile, we were getting a clearer picture of what the coalition was politically. In order to hold together this alliance of libertarians, liberals, pacifists and ostensible leftists, it was necessary to restrict the political positions of the coalition to the lowest common denominator, which proved to be very low indeed. They condemned the draft because it was "unnecessary"; their program to fight it was civil disobedience and writing letters to Congress. Discussion of crucial issues such as the volunteer army, the Russian question and the need for doing anti-war work inside the army was stifled. Our attempts to criticize the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) for supporting Carter in 1976 were bureaucratically squelched. Over our protests, students representing Anderson and Kennedy were allowed to speak at the February 6 rally, while our speaker, a steel worker who supports the SL, had time called on his Soviet-defensist speech.

The ostensibly socialist groups in the coalition, the social-democratic DSOC and New American Movement (NAM), as well as the ex-Trotskyist Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), tried to keep the politics at this level because they wanted to build a movement of moral protest. They winced every time we tried to bring up a touchy topic (like the USSR in Afghanistan) which might alienate their liberal supporters. The political cowards of the YSA were eager to share in the glory of a new mass movement, and kept quiet while their presence in the coalition was used as a cover for the anti-communism of NAM and DSOC.

We began to see that any further work inside the coalition would be politically unprincipled. One of us posed the question concretely by asking if we could really help build a rally in order to bring people to listen to John Anderson or Ted Kennedy. We recognized that the coalition was a roadblock to the building of a revolutionary party, that the coalition refused to recognize the bourgeoisie as the enemy, and that we were not being allowed to express our political views, so we unanimously decided to split with the coalition.

In order to make it clear to the people in the coalition that our action was due to substantive political differences, we raised a motion at the next public meeting to ban capitalist candidates or their student representatives from speaking at anti-draft rallies. We said that these ruling-class politicians, who wholeheartedly support the imperialist social system that requires military force to maintain itself, can make no credible claim to being against the draft, and that

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those who do make that claim are indulging in opportunism. Although several people at the meeting said that they "agreed with our analysis," none of them voted for the motion, and it was overwhelmingly defeated. We then dissociated ourselves from the coalition. In retrospect, we realize that we should have brought up our other differences with the coalition as well.

The correctness of this split was confirmed by what two of us saw at the Midwest Coalition Against Registration and the Draft (MidCARD) conference in Kalamazoo the next weekend. The first order of business there was the exclusion of the Spartacus Youth League from the conference on the basis of the "principles of unity," before those principles had even been decided on. It was clear that whatever the other principles might be, the suppression of communist politics was the first principle of MidCARD's unity.

Since we were no longer a caucus in anything and had come to a general agreement with the program of the SYL, we reconstituted ourselves as the Friends of the SYL, and in the past few weeks have been building an SYL class series and a forum here on campus. We strongly urge other activists who might be involved in these rotten coalitions that will never be able to stop the draft, to leave the coalitions to the liberals and seriously investigate the revolutionary program of the SYL.

No to the Draft! No to Carter's Anti-Soviet War Drive! Hail the Red Army in Afghanistan! For Military Defense of the USSR Against Imperialist Attack!

Kenneth H.
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March 25, 1980

Cheri J., Madison, Wisconsin

Initially, it was hard for me to understand what the differences were between the various left groups with which I came in contact. Apart from my political inexperience, this is not so hard to understand in Madison, Wisconsin where there is what is known as "the family of the left." Everyone here is mired in a somewhat left-of-liberal, vegetarian-no-nuke, swamp. Everyone, that is, except for a few. But I was looking for something to change the world, not to "get rid of the capitalism within myself," unlike those consciousness-raising gurus of the "me" generation who want to study their navels. There were only two groups on campus who seemed to offer this

alternative. Progressive Labor Party (PLP), and the Spartacus Youth League. I had come into contact with people from the SYL and agreed with them on a series of points over a period of time, for example their work during the miners' strike and their characterization of the Allende government in Chile. But I wanted to know what the other groups had to say.

My opportunity came in the summer of 1979. I was invited to a party at the resident PLer's house. I asked him if he would talk to me about PL's newspaper *Challenge* and he was happy to. His smile faded when I told him I had a

"I'm proud to be part of an organization that flies its own colors."

subscription to *Workers Vanguard*. I was sincerely interested in finding out the differences between PLP and the SYL. He didn't tell me a lot (except that he thought that SYLers were cops) and certainly didn't respond positively to my question. This stuff about calling the SYL cops turned out to be stock in trade for PL/CAR and is simply used to avoid any political discussion. PL/CAR members attempt to live in a world where the rest of the left does not exist. He explained that *Workers Vanguard* wanted to lead the workers while PLP thought they had something to learn from the workers (like their position on the family and homosexuality—but more on that later). And he was right! *Challenge* certainly leaves something to be desired. I always thought a socialist organization should show how to win. This line about learning from the workers sounded more akin to social work. Besides there are many things socialists should never learn from the working class like sexism, racism and patriotism. The real test of a socialist organization is to swim against the stream.

I didn't have any contact with PLP until five months later. No one attempted to follow me up. My next contact was a result of me seeking them out. Parenthetically, when I told members of the SYL that I had a subscription to *Challenge* and was interested in finding out about PLP, they urged me to find out. I wasn't going to join an organization on the cheap. I had to know about the programs and differences of various leftists. The fact that the SYL approved of and encouraged that impulse left an impression on me early on.

I talked with a woman who had only been in PLP for two months so I assume she didn't have her analysis down. Her biggest mistake (for a PL member) was that she was too honest. I asked her the reason for the existence of CAR (Committee Against Racism). The answer was that CAR was not a front group but a separate organization. If you were in CAR you did not have to be in PL. But to the question if one is in PL

does one have to be in CAR, the answer was yes. In the same conversation I heard that CAR was for anti-racists who were not ready for socialism and that CAR had a "class analysis" of racism. (Ponder that one for a while.) With a class analysis of racism there is no need for a reformist front group like CAR, unless of course you don't believe that Marxism encompasses the fight against racial oppression and/or potential socialists need not be won over to a full program.

Here in Madison CAR's schoolboard campaign had no mention of capitalism or the need to overthrow it in order to

eliminate racial oppression. One demand was "No to Racist Busing." I had heard this before and it sounded like Louise Day Hicks or ROAR in Boston. This demand was explained by a CAR member who said they did not want to take blacks out of their community. On the other hand the SYL's position was that there would be no revolution in this country unless the working class is won to the fight against racial oppression. But in the course of that struggle revolutionaries must support those steps which undercut the divisions

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between blacks and whites in this society in however a minimal way, such as busing. "No to Racist Busing" is a demand for continued ghettoization.

At this point the once rhetorical differences between PL and the SYL started to become slightly more graphic. Our conversation turned to PL's line on homosexuals. I was told, "the party line is that we do not allow homosexuals in the party." What followed was an incredibly reactionary explanation. According to PL, homosexuals are individualists who may secondarily but not primarily have social revolution on their agenda. This was news to me. I was also told that homosexuals are products of bourgeois society—fetishizing sex. All this and yet they told me that homosexuals do work with the party although outside of it. I can hear it now—a homosexual telling me that after the revolution he/she will quietly turn into a heterosexual. Anyone who wants to fight for democratic rights for gays and believes in a person's democratic right to sexual preference is a fool to work with these puritanical moralists. And what would PL do to those gays who did not "get well" after the revolution?

The next argument is that the material reason for sex is reproduction! According to PL, birth control is "population control." Well I've read the Bible and I know where they cribbed that line. A PLer told me that "the practice for a strong revolutionary party was to have a stable relationship between a man and a woman." This is

what Engels would have called bourgeois claptrap. So, the family is a fighting unit for what? Socialism? Unfortunately for PL I had just finished reading *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*. Engels calls the family one of the primary units for the oppression of women.

What is more, this PLer did not agree with her party's position herself. So I asked her if she brought this up at PL meetings. The answer was that any opposition would not come from inside the party but from outside, from people like me. Does this mean that if it becomes unpopular for PL to have a particular position they will change it accordingly? Does this also mean there is no mechanism to fight to change the line of the party within PL or even room for individual dissent? I have certainly drawn conclusions—logical ones.

Today PL has come out with the term "social fascism" and it has a history. There are certain historical lessons that the working class has paid a terrible price for and to repeat the same mistakes is criminal. In the early 30's in Germany the Communist Party refused to build a united front with the social democrats in order to stop the growing Nazi movement. Instead they called the social democrats "social fascists" in fact pursuing the social democrats as the main enemy. Workers were paralyzed by the sectarian policies of their leadership and Hitler came to power. Luckily

for the American working class PLP does not have the size and the base to repeat the same mistake here.

Today they call me a "social fascist." What is worse they discourage anyone around them from talking to the SYL. The decision-making process is smoothed. Today in Madison PL/CAR physically excludes SYL members from their events. Why? The only answer is because of political cowardice. The SYL invites other left groups to its forums and classes to raise their politics. They are not afraid of polemics and will stand on their program and work. A lot of PL/CAR members do not know their politics or their history. Many would be amazed to find out that PLP originated as a pro-Stalin split from the CPUSA. Fortunately I found out the truth about PL/CAR.

I found out who the serious communists are. Everything the SYL had told me about PL/CAR was true but I had to see it with my own eyes. The SYL did not hide its program behind reformist or oversimplified ideas just because I might not be ready for them. It seeks to win people over to a full program and not to deceive them with a front group. The political development of the SYL members was there. It was almost nonexistent for PL. PLP pretends to be a mass organization. The SYL recognizes the existence of other left groups and the role of polemics within the workers movement. The SL/SYL has won serious individuals away from PL/CAR in this way. As Lenin said, "political struggle is the lifeblood of a revolutionary."

Under PL's hard communist surface is an organization with a stifled membership, a reformist front group, a practice of political exclusion/cowardice and no program to lead to socialism. Although it took me a while to find out, it was well worth it. In any major political struggle the SL/SYL will be there, fighting for the communist program and unafraid of political combat. I hereby apply to the SYL to be part of the struggle. I'm proud to be part of an organization that flies its own colors.

Cheri J.
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RWG No Show at Ann Arbor Forum

At a Spartacus Youth League (SYL) forum March 20 in Ann Arbor, the main speaker, Helen Kelly, a former University of Michigan clerical workers organizer, identified herself as "the notorious Comrade H., about whom hundreds of pages have been written." The pages were written by Peter Sollenberger and Leland Sanderson, former Harvard "revolutionary" dilettantes who went to Ann Arbor to conquer the masses, and the occasion was comrade Kelly's break in January 1977 from the Clericals for a Democratic Union (CDU), briefly the most successful of the myriad front groups of Sollenberger/Sanderson's "Revolutionary Workers Group" (RWG—formerly Bolshevik-Leninist Group [BLG]). This grouping—which issues mimeographed leaflets aimed at "all politically healthy elements in and around the SL" and sends prospective supporters a 27-point, six-page *outline* of a document about us—has refused our offers to debate and did not dare show its face at this forum. "They're all at home and they're very busy stuffing envelopes," said comrade Kelly. "They could not find the backbone to come and defend their rotten politics."

The CDU actually succeeded in winning election to the leadership of a clerical workers local, UAW Local 2001, in January 1976. Comrade Kelly, then a CDU member and Local 2001's recording secretary, explained how the CDU's conduct of union leadership isolated it from the ranks. The CDU—not elected on any political program beyond appeals to union democracy and grand promises to improve the clericals' wages and working conditions—thought it could ignore the UAW International bureaucracy. They had no basis to mobilize the ranks politically behind the CDU when UAW Solidarity House initiated a red-baiting campaign. In August 1976 the ranks voted to decertify Local 2001; the CDU's bankrupt policies had convinced the workers that it was better to have *no* union!

Comrade Kelly discussed the "red unionism" Sollenberger has played with in the decade since he left Harvard. She stressed that Leninists fight for unity of the working class in unions, the "basic

economic organizations," within which political parties compete for support through programmatically-based caucuses. Having no political party, Sollenberger telescoped the tasks of a party into those of a union; thus, "to work on a union organizing drive, you have to be for a given position on Afghanistan." These are the sectarian policies of "Third Period" Stalinists or syndicalist dual-unionists, but undertaken in the spirit of pure cynicism and shrunk down to the Ann Arbor clericals—"playing around in a sandbox, but there are real people involved."

The CDU's policies were determined by the tiny, shadowy, cliquist BLG of Sollenberger/Sanderson, who deter-

mined that CDUers "didn't need to know" of the existence of their "secret organization." This methodology of elitist manipulation is the BLG/RWG's hallmark, as a host of other initials succeeded the CDU. One speaker from the floor compared the S&S clique to an onion—layers of initials to swell the egos of these political charlatans.

The nadir of the Sollenberger clique, Kelly explained, was when it crossed the picket lines of striking AFSCME Local 1583 during a bitter two-month strike (AFSCME is the largest union on campus and represents the workers whose skills give them the power to shut the campus down). Here the CDU went the Meanyite union bureaucrats (who

do it but don't defend it) one better by defending scabbing. The CDU termed respecting picket lines "childish and stupid," insisting that CDUers shouldn't have to risk losing their jobs in the name of elementary union solidarity because it might "deprive the clerical struggle of leadership!"

During the discussion period several trade unionists from Detroit's massive River Rouge auto plant spoke to the cringing do-nothing opportunism of the RWG supporters there. One recalled the rank-and-file petition he had helped organize to protest an outrageous provocation by two racist foremen who paraded through the trim department in Klan hats. "During the whole campaign we waged to get those foremen out, not a word was heard" from the RWG supporters, who mimicked the company's line that the whole incident was "a joke." The petition, which (no thanks to the RWG) gathered over a thousand signatures in a matter of days, was crucial in preventing reprisals against the trim workers who had walked off the line in protest against this racist outrage.

Some former CDUers also took the floor to echo, based on their own experiences, comrade Kelly's remarks on the contemptuous manipulation by Sollenberger/Sanderson of their own supporters. One comrade recalled how she had been denounced as a petty-bourgeois element because she raised the question that "there must be more to Trotskyist politics" than playing around in a clericals' union. And comrade Gordy W., who was a supporter of Sollenberger for four years, emphasized that the clique's failure to produce a public press is an excuse for elitism and hiding one's history: "Is the party just a bunch of people who know Peter Sollenberger?... The continuity of the Marxist movement is not an oral tradition!"

As comrade Kelly noted, "You have to have a pretty good reason to belong to a group with 12 people.... Do you want to be cannon fodder for the egos of these two opportunists who've been playing around for 11 years without a program... or a party that has a history and stands on it?" ■

RWG Loses Another One

Intervention by comrade Gordy W. at Ann Arbor SYL Forum, 20 March

I'm a member of the SYL. I also broke with the RWG [Revolutionary Workers Group]. I was a supporter of their politics. I want to say that there's a continuity being expressed here tonight, and that continuity runs from Helen [Kelly] to Bruce to Cindy to me. What that continuity proves is that people who genuinely want to be revolutionaries, and fight for that, can even be won out of so wretched an organization as the RWG.

The RWG has also continued a tradition here tonight, which is not having the guts to defend their politics. I remember, for me, internally, before I was ready to say that I really had lost faith in their politics, what really shifted me is when Bruce gave his forum [a Spartacist forum in February 1979]. I was the only one [of the RWG] to come in, and the RWG hung around outside, or I guess it was the BLG [Bolshevik-Leninist Group] then. They hung around outside, passed out leaflets, then went home and did some more phone calls. I hope they got a lot of people on the phone because they lost me in those two hours. I went to something better. I

just want to say that I want to make them pay for those years that I spent.... [laughter]

Why did I break with the RWG? Well, basically because I understood that Marxism is scientific. You have a class, the working class. The class is not going to come spontaneously to a scientific understanding of what it needs to do. You have a party for that. Okay, so how do you organize a party? It isn't just a bunch of people who know Peter Sollenberger. It's organized around a program which represents a codification: the history of the struggle—the history of the failures and the history of the victories. And you have a press to let people know what you're about....

How can you win people away from where they are unless you have a world view to replace it with? You can't win people to a program if you don't have one.... They don't have a press. You know, in some ways they're like the Afghanistan of left groups—I don't think they believe in literacy [laughter]. I just talked with one of them. I said, "Well, where was the program?" She said, "You talked with Peter all those years." And I said, "Well listen: the continuity of the Marxist movement, it's not an oral tradition!"

into a hot war? What then? The so-called opponents of the draft all explicitly or implicitly stand in defense of their own capitalist class. An effective and militant opposition to the draft *must* be anti-imperialist and Soviet defensist. It must recognize that, with the mad chieftains of the U.S. state threatening World War III, the main enemy is at home!

The hero of the pacifist crowd at Cal of late has been former Rand Corporation think-tanker, Daniel Ellsberg. Ellsberg urged the crowd to resist the draft and send their draft cards to Exxon "so they would know who they were fighting for." But Ellsberg is not against the volunteer army, nor does he really oppose the aims of U.S. imperialist hegemony. He only demurs over the efficacy of their tactics. During the discussion Ellsberg more than once denounced "Soviet aggression" in Afghanistan and called that country the Soviet Union's Vietnam. Ellsberg's strategy of moralistic resistance to the draft is impotent as a strategy. But his State Department line on Afghanistan shows that Ellsberg never broke with the American Establishment.

The SYL does not stand opposed to all wars. We are *for* the revolutionary war against the bourgeoisie. We are *for* the unconditional military defense of the gains of the Russian Revolution

while insisting that the best defense of the Soviet Union requires workers political revolution to oust the Stalinist bureaucracy. "Peaceful coexistence" is a fraud, as the cold warriors of the Pentagon understand all too well. If the mass slaughter of a third world war is to be averted then a socialist revolution in the capitalist countries must take place. Only the working class has the social power to challenge the rule of the capitalist warmongering bosses. Students who truly oppose the imperialist military must link their struggle against the draft to the power of the labor movement.

The resurfacing of ROTC on college campuses is not a surprise. *Young Spartacus* wrote in the summer of 1978, "The ruling class is hoping that the wounds of Vietnam have healed sufficiently to permit them to creep quietly back on to the campuses and possibly even reinstitute the draft." Now Jimmy Carter has made this prediction a reality. To the reappearance of ROTC and the draft, we say, "Not one man or woman, not one penny for the bourgeois army!" Only socialist revolution can stop imperialist war! ROTC OFF CAMPUS! NO TO THE DRAFT! DOWN WITH CARTER'S ANTI-SOVIET WAR DRIVE! MILITARY DEFENSE OF THE USSR AGAINST IMPERIALISM! ■

Peaceniks...

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Taylor was a cover for the crimes of U.S. imperialism and an attempt to white-wash the nature of U.S. military policy. There is no room to debate with the recruiters for bloody U.S. imperialism. Soon the "anti-draft" fakers will have us debating with the Calleys and Medinas of My Lai over the "appropriate" use of military force. Can the incinerated bodies of thousands of Vietnamese "debate" today with the hired agents of their genocide?

The unspoken premise of the draft "debate" was *how best* to defend U.S. capitalism's interests. So "liberal" Republican McCloskey's plan is for a type of universal conscription with the option of either civilian or military state duty. (When McCloskey had to leave early in the debate it was obvious he had been rankled by the spirited SYL demonstration, saving his parting shots for a denunciation of our defense of the Soviet Union and the Red Army in Afghanistan.) It was Dellums' aide Halterman who rejoined, "If Carter has no intention of future inductions (into the Army), then the registration is useless" (*Daily Cal*, 11 March). But what if registration weren't "useless"? What if U.S. capitalism wants to turn the Cold War against the Soviet Union

Witchhunt...

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which at 25 percent has the highest black enrollment of any state university, to recruit a black cover to its murderous organization. The SYL-initiated "Committee to Keep the FBI Off Campus" held a rally November 5, the day the recruiters were on campus. When the SYL approached the S-FC to endorse the demonstration, Russ Bellant refused to give the SYL a hearing, then attempted to bureaucratically expel the SYL from the meeting.

The SYL has been in the forefront of the fight to organize students against racist KKK terror. In November, the SYL at WSU organized students to come to the 500-strong rally in Kennedy Square called around the slogan, "Detroit is a Labor/Black Town, Fight Klan Terror."

The racist, anti-communist censorship of the SYL by Bellant and his conspirators is an outrage and it will not go unchallenged. Support is growing for an SYL petition being circulated to the faculty which states that "disbursement of funds to campus organizations based on their political views is censorship." We are determined to fight for the funds we need to continue our work of winning students to the program of socialist revolution. ■

L.A. SYL Protests Racist Cop Terror

In recent years the annual number of killings by the trigger-happy Los Angeles cops has increased considerably. 80 percent of the victims have been members of minority groups—all of them victims of the cop "justice" which is increasingly replacing the facade of "due process" in the capitalist courts.

Reacting to this rash of police killings, the liberals and reformists are peddling various hoaxes such as "citizen review boards" and "community control" of the police.

On the first anniversary of the fatal shooting of black mother Eulia Love by the LAPD, angry citizens rallied on January 5 to denounce police killings and to launch a campaign to place an initiative creating a Citizens' Police Review Board on the November ballot. The Campaign for a Citizens' Police Review Board (CCPRB) is composed of 60 religious, political and labor groups including the Communist Party, the NAACP and the National Lawyers Guild. The CP, while part of the CCPRB, is also behind a drive for "community control" of the cops.

The Los Angeles Spartacus Youth League submitted the accompanying letter to metropolitan area campus newspapers. The letter puts forward a program to disband the hired guns of the capitalist class through socialist revolution, ending racist cop atrocities once and for all.

To the Editor:

Instances of cop terror are on the rise in Los Angeles and nationally. In 1979 there were 70 police shootings in Los Angeles; 20 of these shootings were fatal. In 1978 the LAPD shot 77 people. In the previous four years the police shot 276, killing 123 of them.

One of the most brutal and savage killings by the LAPD was the fatal shooting of Eulia Love, a 39-year-old black mother of three. Eulia Love was gunned down in broad daylight by the cops over the issue of an unpaid \$22.00 gas bill. She was shot eight times by white police officer Lloyd O'Callaghan and black police officer Edward Hopson. Three months later the Los Angeles district attorney announced that the two cops who shot her would not be prosecuted; an LAPD investigation declared that the cops had violated no police procedure!

Carlos Washington, a 15-year-old black youth, was shot in the head last April 26. The murders of Gregory Williams and Anthony Brown are only a few other examples of racist cop atrocities in the black community.

In the past twelve months alone Oakland's 66 percent white police force

has gunned down nine blacks in the streets of the city's ghetto. The latest, James Bell, 38, was shot to death in front of his own apartment. Melvin Black, a 15-year-old, was shot to death by three white undercover cops in March. One of his killers, officer Glenn Tomak, shot to death another black youth, Talmage Curtis, in December and is still patrolling the streets freely.

Charles Briscoe, a 37-year-old, a shop steward in the International Association of Machinists at Alameda Naval Air

and the reformist left are seeking to end police brutality by calling for the formation of civilian review boards and "community control" of the police.

We of the Spartacist League/Spartacus Youth League believe that civilian review boards are largely impotent mechanisms which encourage illusions in the "reformability" of the capitalist state. However, there are times when the question of a civilian review board becomes a referendum on police bonapartism. For example, in



"Law and Order" in action: L.A. cops suppress Watts, 1965.

Station, was shot to death September 5 by officer Robert Fredericks. Fredericks is a notorious racist thug who has been personally involved in five other shootings, three of them fatal. One of the notches on Fredericks' .357 magnum is for Black Panther Party member Bobby Hutton. As the result of the brutal slaying of Briscoe over 500 members of the IAM jammed a city council meeting to protest police brutality. The Spartacus Youth League demands that these killer cops be jailed.

Cop "justice" in which the functions of judge, jury and executioner are carried out on the spot by trigger-happy "law enforcers" is the trend today. Most of their victims have either been black or Latin. Killer cops go scot free—innocent blacks are shot down in cold blood. This is the essence of capitalist "justice" that black people justifiably fear and hate.

As a response to the indiscriminate terror unleashed by the cops, the liberals

1966 New York City police in alliance with an assortment of racist, right-wing groups launched a heavily bankrolled referendum campaign to eliminate Mayor Lindsay's powerless Civilian Review Board. New York cops wanted to continue to terrorize racial minorities, striking workers and leftists without even this token impediment. In response, the SL issued a leaflet: "Vote No to Cop Brutality and Racism." While placing no confidence in the review board, we warned then: "If the cops actually get the vote of confidence they're after, it will strengthen the hand of the ruling class and the cops against working people and organizations."

The Coalition Against Police Abuse (CAPA) and the Communist Party-run National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (NAARPR) are two organizations clamoring for "community control" of the police. These reformists believe that if the "community" hired, trained and promoted their

own police officers, the character of the bosses' hired guns would somehow be altered, making them more "responsive" to the "community." This is a proposal for minorities and working people to take responsibility for their own oppression under capitalism. We strongly oppose it. You can't "control" the police. The ruling class and the state the cops work for has to be smashed! As long as blacks remain a race-color caste concentrated at the bottom of American society and imprisoned in ghettos, they will continue to be victims of police brutality. This is the sad social reality of racist, imperialist America. The liberals and fake leftists have either no intention or program to change it.

With pusillanimous legalism the NAARPR calls for suspending cops who shoot "unarmed" civilians—thus washing their hands of, for example, a Black Panther or perhaps even Eulia Love! As Marxists we vigorously support the right of the populace to bear arms as a basic elementary self-defense right against state repression. It is no accident that the staunchest defenders of the capitalist order are the spearhead of the gun control drive. Their sanctimonious horror of violence is a cheap posture for hypocrites secure in the knowledge that the awesome armed bodies of state repression exist precisely in order to protect their lives, their institutions, their private property and their imperialist investments.

The clamor for gun control has as its purpose to complete the monopolization of the means of violence in the hands of the hired guns of the bourgeois state. The aim is not merely to regulate guns but to control blacks and crush any resistance to oppression. The bourgeoisie and the white middle class want the ghettos and workers disarmed, while the cops continue unchecked their racist terror rampages. Uphold the Right of Armed Self-Defense! Disarm the Cops!

It is the labor movement that has the interest and the power to defend oppressed minorities from unbridled police violence. The action of Charles Briscoe's union brothers and sisters points the way to combatting cop terror. If the labor movement flexed its muscle in defense of the terrorized black population it would be far more effective than a thousand speeches by black politicians or phony "review boards." The SL/SYL is committed to mobilizing the labor movement to fight against all racial oppression and is committed to socialist revolution which will do away with the capitalists and their racist cops.

Spartacus Youth League



Winners Seymour and Neal.

YSp Sales Drive Over the Top!

The SYL's active intervention in anti-draft events and demonstrations across the country has been explosive. From Berkeley to Columbia the SYL has spoken out on platforms, held forums and rallies and built contingents for dozens of demonstrations. Young people have been eager to grab up copies of *Young Spartacus* and to talk with the SYL about Carter's anti-Soviet war drive.

Noting the enthusiastic response to *YSp*, the SYL embarked on an ambitious sales drive, aiming for a 50 percent increase in *YSp* single copy sales for the March issue. And the drive has been a roaring success (see below)! Special recognition goes to the Boston branch which sold 169 percent of their quota and quadrupled their normal subscription sales.

The national anti-draft mobilization

in Washington, D.C. on March 22 was an exciting opportunity to get *YSp* into the hands of many newly political young people from all over the country. *YSp* salesmen engaged in lively political discussions and found a real receptivity to the communist politics of the SYL. The majority of people who talked with SYLers were shocked and disgusted by groups like the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee whose members sported Kennedy buttons, and wanted to hear why communists defend the Soviet Union and fight for an anti-imperialist anti-draft movement. An impressive 415 *YSp*s, 278 *Workers Vanguard*s and 62 copies of *Women and Revolution* were sold!

In a comradely competition at the Washington demonstration—with a 1924 one-half ruble silver piece as prize—Joseph Seymour, editor of *Spar-*

tacist, took top honors selling 108 *YSp*s. Gloria Neal was second with sales of 90, and third was Helen Cantor who sold 50.

YSp Sales Totals

Local	Quota	#sold	%
Berkeley/Oakland	247	205	83
Boston	247	419	169
Chicago	415	427	103
Cleveland	268	335	125
Detroit	424	480	113
Los Angeles	190	195	103
New York	292	396	136
Madison	75	80	107
San Francisco	202	150	74
	2,360	2,687	114



SYL spokesman Dorie Riepe addresses students at sit-in.

Madison...

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sympathizers can go in and out, that there be picket lines outside and people at the doors, that administrators be kept out. The first motion was bureaucratically taken off the floor. The second motion, which read that immediately there be a campus-wide shutdown; that workers, faculty and students come out in solidarity with the TAA strike, in particular the workers, was defeated."

Late Friday afternoon, the RSB put forward a proposal to dissolve the sit-in; it was overwhelmingly defeated. Then, in a low point of tactical stupidity and gutlessness the RSB and PL/CAR voted to run the sit-in in 12-hour shifts!

Upon hearing this ludicrous proposal, an SYL spokesman put forward a motion against the "shifts," countering the necessity for the entire group to stay if the sit-in was to survive. This motion was ruled out of order by the chair (a close collaborator of the RSB and the eco-faddist March 28 group). Obviously, to split forces during a building occupation leaves those remaining in the building sitting ducks for cop/administration attack. Once the motion for shifts was passed, the Peterson sit-in went from 150-200 to no more than 40 people, the RSB among others having skipped off, presumably to eat dinner. Sure enough, soon thereafter the 40 militants—including members and supporters of the Madison SYL—were dragged bodily from the building by campus cops. No supporter of the TAA strike or the Peterson Hall sit-in should let the loudmouthed student "leaders" of the RSB or the oh-so-militant PL off the hook for this betrayal! It's only luck that the cops decided simply to drag and push the 40 out rather than giving students the same treatment pickets get: beating and arrest.

Victory to the TAA! For the Right to Strike for All Campus Workers!

The university is out to break the first teaching assistants' union in the country. It has refused to post hiring criteria and is

using unpaid TAs as a means to bust the TAA. After TAs worked for eight months without a contract, the administration refused to meet the union's demand for final and binding arbitration. Binding arbitration is most often used against the union movement, "enforcing" rotten contracts the membership has rejected. Unions can only defend themselves by fighting for and exercising the *right to strike*—not by relying on some pro-capitalist "arbitrator." The TAA's own history of striking against the university should make this clear; they won their organizing drive only after a protracted fight in 1970. By rejecting even the demand for binding arbitration, the administration makes clear that it won't settle for weakening the union—it is intent on destroying it!

The SYL is widely known on campus for calling for a campus-wide strike and for calling a scab a scab. Picket lines mean don't cross! The response of unions such as the Teamsters and United Faculty (a union of over 200 professors), who have refused to cross the TAA's picket lines, has shown the way forward. In the first week of the strike, the heavy participation of undergraduates—boycotting all classes, honoring and joining the picket lines—aided the TAA strike. Now it is particularly important that the MULO (Memorial Union Labor Organization) go out with the TAA—they are already in negotiations with the administration and their contract expires April 30.

From the outset of strike support activities, the SYL intervened to move all strike support events off campus and to deny membership within the official strike support committee to anyone who crosses a picket line. While this motion passed in an early meeting of the Undergrad Strike Support Committee, it was defeated at a larger meeting. On principle, we refuse to participate in a scab strike "support" committee.

What is instinct to tens of thousands of coal miners is "ultra-leftism" to PL/CAR, RSB, DSA (Democratic Socialist Alliance) and the March 28 Movement. CAR and DSA members have gone to class. RSB members have gone to work. These "socialists" are scabs. To their credit, some PL/CAR members voted for the SYL motion to kick scabs out of the strike support committee. After that motion failed, however, they remained in the committee, lending legitimacy to a group which thinks that students have the "right" to cross picket lines. PL has even gone so far as to tell CAR members to go to class and into struck buildings, supposedly to "organize students from within." Declaring that picket lines are "irrelevant," PL left the strike support committee only after the committee refused to endorse PL's line on affirmative action and ROTC—thus confirming Trotsky's observation that sectarianism is simply opportunism standing in fear of itself.

As we wrote in our leaflet distributed 7 April:

"That one should even have to raise the issue of scabs in a strike support meeting

is an indication of the Madison 'mashed potato' milieu where people are more concerned about alienating people than they are about winning a strike."

Hard lines have been drawn by the administration. And hard lines must be drawn by the supporters of the strike. In a mass meeting following the ejection of what was left of the Peterson Hall sit-in, students passed an SYL motion for mass picketing in conjunction with the TAA at critical loading docks and delivery points on campus. Recognizing that we have consistently defended elementary trade union principles as well as uniquely provided leadership to militant student support work, two new members have applied to the Madison SYL.

Today the picket lines are still up. To win the strike mass, militant picket lines and the solidarity of Madison labor is called for. No business as usual!

Picket Lines Mean Don't Cross!
Campus Workers, Faculty, Students—
All Out! Victory to the TAA Strike!

Nazis...

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labor rally to stop the Nazis: "We are proud to be a part of this historic labor-centered rally.... San Francisco is a city of hard-working people who have the right to live in safety. But as long as these killers are allowed to roam the streets with their Gestapo uniforms and hoods, no one is safe, because their guns are pointed at you.... This isn't a question of free speech, it's a question of self-defense."

Aloha Gapasin, National Committee member of the Spartacus Youth League, gave greetings to the rally on behalf of the SYL: "For the last three weeks the SYL has been going to Bay Area high schools, community colleges and universities to help build this rally. We are very proud to have taken this issue to the campuses and solidarize with ANCAN's labor-centered strategy to fight racist terror."

Other speakers included Ron Teninty, Business Agent, IBT (Teamsters) Local 315; Jane Margolis, Executive Board member, CWA Local 9410; Kathy Farmer, Steward, OPEIU Local 29; Jerry Foster, OCAW (oil workers) Local 4-227, Houston; Konstantin Berlandt from the *Bay Area Reporter*; as well as speakers for the Solidarity Bloc with the Struggles of the Salvadorian People, the American Indian Movement, the Jewish Student Union at San Francisco State, and a number of other Jewish, gay and socialist organizations.

As part of our aggressive campaign to mobilize students to help stop the Nazis from rallying on Hitler's birthday April 19 in San Francisco, the Bay Area SYL submitted the following letter to high school and college newspapers:

To the Editor:

The Nazis of the National Socialist White Workers Party have announced their intention to "celebrate Hitler's birthday" by marching in the streets of San Francisco on April 19. This march is a death threat to every black, Asian-American, Latin, Jew, unionist, socialist and gay in the Bay Area. The Nazis are celebrating the extermination of tens of millions of "non-Aryans" and "deviants." They are celebrating the death camps, the ovens, the torture doctors, the sadistic Gestapo killers. They are marching to recruit shock troops for genocide. Don't wait for them to come for you! Stop the Nazis celebrating Hitler's birthday on April 19!

The Nazi "celebration" is no statement of "opinion." The Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan have shown their bloody intentions again and again in recent months:

- On November 3, the Nazis and Klan stormed an anti-Klan rally in Greensboro, North Carolina with guns blazing. They killed five anti-Klan protesters in broad daylight outside a black housing project in front of millions of TV viewers.

- On October 13, the Nazis held a race-hate rally in Walnut Creek under the protection of masses of cops. Because they were not stopped KKK/Nazi violence has continued to hit California.

- On December 8, 15 KKK thugs staged an armed show of force at the SF Federal Building.

- On March 1, 150 Klansmen burned crosses in the heavily black and Chicano steel town of Fontana, California.

- On March 17, heavily armed KKKers savagely beat anti-Klan demonstrators in Oceanside, California.

The fascist race-killers seek to profit from the growing economic and social insecurity to build a mass following. They want to show the hardcore racists that the fascist movement "means business." The press has reported the mushrooming of the Klan in particular over the past year. If the Nazi genocide-celebrators get away with their disgusting rally on April 19, the Nazis and KKK will be emboldened to more and more openly and frequently put their action program of racist terror into practice.

We cannot rely on the police to defend us from the fascists. Nor can appeals to "ban the Klan" or Nazis stop them. In Greensboro the police escorted the killers up to the anti-Klan rally and then left them time to kill five people and wound many others. At Oceanside the Klan defied a "ban" and the cops just stood by while they beat the protesters. As for the Bay Area cops, nine blacks were shot dead by police in Oakland alone in 1979.

Instead, the Nazis must be answered with a mass mobilization of labor in alliance with blacks, Latins, gays and all those the fascists target for extermination. This was the response of 500 auto workers, black youth and socialists in Detroit who demonstrated on November 10 in response to a planned Klan rally in the Motor City. The response here in the Bay Area must be an outpouring of outrage, a mass mobilization to stop the Nazis from celebrating Hitler's birthday on April 19. The militant anti-Nazi demonstration on April 19 has already been endorsed by a large number of labor leaders, such outstanding fighters for black rights as Robert F. Williams and Conrad Lynn, and many other enemies of fascism.

Students must bring their skills and energy into the fight against the Nazi rally. Now is the time to show you will not stand by while the Hitler-lovers threaten a new Holocaust. Stand up and be counted in the fight against racist terror! Remember Auschwitz; remember the lynchings, the night-rides; remember Greensboro—and *act!* Help us build the anti-Nazi rally! Contact us at 863-6964. BE THERE ON APRIL 19 AT THE SAME PLACE WHERE THE NAZIS WANT TO "CELEBRATE" HITLER'S BIRTHDAY. BE AT THE SF CIVIC CENTER 11 AM APRIL 19.

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Shut It Down! Victory to Madison TA Strike!

MADISON, Wisconsin, April 19—It's been a long time since American students were angry and militant enough to take over a campus building and occupy it for nearly 36 hours. It happened in Madison this Thursday. After over two weeks of administration strikebreaking and cop violence against the Teaching Assistants Association (TAA) who have been on strike since April 1, 200 students staged a sit-in at Peterson office building April 17. They demanded that the administration settle with the TAA on the union's terms and that the charges against arrested pickets and strike supporters be dropped. The sit-in also demanded an end to police harassment and no administration reprisals against those in solidarity with the strike (e.g., students boycotting classes, professors canceling classes, workers who stay out).

The university escalated its union-busting police terror in the second week of the strike. A picket was arrested at the Memorial Union loading dock for allegedly spitting on a squad car and on April 10—as riot-gear clad cops attempted to force delivery of liquid nitrogen to the chemistry building—strikers were savagely beaten with sticks. Seven were arrested. Since then over 50 have been arrested and charged with "disorderly conduct." A wave of outrage swept the students and talk of a sit-in was widespread. Even among faculty opposed to the strike there were rumblings of discontent over the administration's strong-arm tactics.

The SYL has been in the forefront of strike support at Madison. The TAA cannot win its struggle with silent vigils by morally outraged students—on strike means shut it down! The strike will be won or lost on the picket lines. It is



TAA and supporters picket Bascom Hall, April 16.

critical that, in addition to a student boycott of classes, other campus workers and the faculty go out in solidarity.

Whoever Heard of a Sit-In in Shifts?

SYL supporters were militant participants when 200 students marched to Peterson Hall and took it over after a noontime rally. Called initially by the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB) and the March 28 Movement, the sit-in

was an important show of solidarity with the embattled TAs. It could have been and should have been a powerful statement to the rest of the campus workers, teachers and students: shut the university down tight until the TAs win. Throughout the hours of debate and discussion within the occupied building, the SYL was unique in putting forward the strategy that could win against strikebreaker Shain and his administration. The campus fake-lefts, notably the

RSB and Progressive Labor/Committee Against Racism (PL/CAR) balked and equivocated until they finally killed the action.

In a phone interview during the second day of the sit-in, SYL spokesman Dorie Riepe spoke to *YSp* from inside Peterson:

"... we raised two motions. The first one was to declare this building occupied and to control access to this building, that

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Carter Bludgeons, Bribes Olympic Committee

Bust the Olympic Boycott!

Jimmy Carter will go down in history as "the president who canceled the Olympics." This is the verdict of U.S. long-distance runner Craig Virgin, who had hoped to participate in the 1980 Summer Olympic games in Moscow. "Carter bought himself a boycott," said Virgin. "He had a gun to their heads" (*Daily World*, 15 April).

Yielding to intense pressure—including blackmail, bribery and threats of legal reprisals—two-thirds of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) voted April 12 not to send the U.S. Olympic team to Moscow. Speaking at the USOC meeting in Colorado Springs, Vice President Walter Mondale provided a snapshot picture of the Carter administration's hysterical Cold War pitch. "History holds its breath," he lied, "for what is at stake is no less than the future security of the civilized world" (*New*

York Times, 13 April)! "What is at stake," of course, is merely Jimmy Carter's political career. And what is remarkable is that 797 of the USOC delegates defied enormous pressure by voting against the American president.

Back in the '50s, a Moscow Olympics would have been inconceivable. But times have changed. And even as the Soviet army is efficiently mowing down reactionary CIA-backed Afghan rebels, the Olympic committees of 106 nations—including France, Italy, Japan and even Britain—plan to send teams to Moscow. So far only West Germany has backed down in the face of the intimidation of the Carter administration and the USOC decision. And despite six months of warmongering chauvinist frenzy on the part of the press and the politicians, nearly a quarter of the American people want to send a team to Moscow (*Newsweek*, 21 April).

When Carter started his campaign for an Olympic boycott, he intended to isolate the Soviet Union. But he quickly found that he was only isolating himself, and responded like a dictator. Carter threatened that if the USOC did not cave in to his imperious demand, he would invoke the International Emergency Economic Powers Act in order to prevent the athletes from leaving the country. "If legal actions are necessary, then I will take those actions," Carter ominously declared as his minions threatened to "examine" the tax-exempt status of sports organizations. Meanwhile the big corporations who bankroll the USOC were threatening to withhold money they had already pledged to the committee unless the boycott went through. The lone "carrot" accompanying these menacing "sticks" was Carter's promise to provide more government funding for amateur athletics. But then

everybody knows that a politician's promises are made to be broken. Now Carter is threatening to take legal action against athletes who ignore the USOC decision and go to Moscow to compete on their own!

The Stalinist Soviet bureaucracy has been hoping to exploit the Moscow Olympics as a showcase of "détente," a counterrevolutionary policy of collaboration with the imperialist bourgeoisie. Trotskyists have the highest regard for all forms of human cultural achievement, including athletics. We look forward to the day when athletics will be unshackled from the reactionary nationalism of the Olympic "festival." But in the meantime we live in a class-divided world, and the class issue has been posed: the Olympic boycott is part of U.S. imperialism's war drive against the Soviet degenerated workers state! Bust Carter's Olympic boycott! ■

