

# WHITE YOUTH ORGANIZING TO OPPOSE RACISM

"Where the really sincere whites have got to start 'proving' of themselves is not among black victims, but out on the battle lines of where America's racism really is - and that's in their own home communities; America's racism is among their own fellow whites. That's where the sincere whites who really mean to accomplish something have got to work."

-- Malcolm X

My name is Heather Martin. I am a 17 year old white female. I am interested in forming a type of organization, involving whites, that would be a step in alleviating the problem of racism in America. It's an idea that has been presented in the autobiography of Malcolm X. Since the first time I read the book one quote stuck in my head that I would like to share with you.

*"I tell sincere white people, 'Work in conjunction with us -- each of us working among our own kind.' Let sincere white individuals find all other white people they can who feel as they do -- and let them form their own all-white groups to work trying to convert other white people who are thinking and acting so racist. Let sincere whites go and teach non-violence to white people."*

This is what the organization would be based on. However, not only would I like for us to work on our own white identities in and among our own communities and families, but I would additionally like us to participate politically in the fight against racism, forming coalitions with groups with the same goal.

I would like to share some information with you so that you may understand my obligation to ask for your help in forming this organization. None of these following statements are meant to put down any one race or group but meant just to point out a cycle of racist incidents throughout American history.

\* 70% of youth arrested are white - but only 35% of those in custody. This means only half of whites arrested are held in custody. [FBI Annual Crime Report]

\* 69% of California's prisoners are African and Indigenous peoples (including Latinos).

\* There are more crack addicts among the white middle class than in any other segment of the population. [Dr. Arnold Washington, Director of New York Treatment Centers]

\* 80% of America's drug abusers are white and only 14% are black.

\* White women have the highest percentage of cocaine pregnancies. [Children's Defense fund]

\* 2/3rds of America's welfare recipients are white.

\* It was merely 45 years ago that President Truman began his Federal Employee Loyalty Oath program (Executive Order 9835) to enforce employee loyalty to the U.S. government, involving anti-communist mania. This, and many other hysterical events, led to the attack on Hollywood and a blacklisting which kept many people from working in the U.S. again. This may not seem related to racism but it shows how those who threaten or are presumed to be a threat to the status quo are denied their basic rights.

\* The test required for admission to all Universities of California, California State schools, and other universities, the SAT, originated from racist IQ tests directed at unwanted immigrants. The government's intent was to arrange a test that all immigrants would fail, therefore giving the government the power to deny them citizenship. An example of one question showed three women; one White, one Black, and one Latina. The test taker had to say which one was the most beautiful. The white woman was the correct answer.

Even to this day, historical evolutions in thought are justifications for mistreatment. We assume everyone who works hard will succeed. This idea assumes that everyone is given the same opportunities and is able to achieve the same standards as others. Andrew Carnegie was a man famous for steel and being a "self made man" who was part of the trend towards this popularly accepted idea. However, it is not well known that he was interested in Social Darwinism, which is the belief that Darwin's ideas of survival of the fittest can be applied to human society. With this, it was assumed that if you didn't succeed, it was because you personally failed; it was assumed that everyone had the same opportunities, that everything was equal. Thus you may often hear a comment such as "people on welfare are lazy and should get out there and do something."

\* There has been a succession of immigrant laws and acts that have secluded certain racial and ethnic groups and allowed for their mistreatment. In 1882, the government passed the Chinese Exclusion Act which prevented both skilled and unskilled Chinese laborers from migrating to the U.S. for a ten year period. In 1892, this law was extended, and twenty years after the law first went into effect the law was made permanent. If this seems like a past event to you, remember proposition 187.

\* All the rights gained through the hard work of civil rights activists in the 1960s had first been granted in the 1860s during the Reconstruction period (the time following the Civil war) but taken away thanks to the KKK. A congressional plan for Reconstruction in 1866 did such things as create the fourteenth amendment which gave blacks protection as citizens and made them whole people dismissing the "3/5 clause" and granting black males the vote. Another amendment was the fifteenth which guaranteed that no one could be denied the right to vote on race, color, or previous servitude; it was ratified in 1870 but was not enforced until 1965 under the Voting Rights Act.

\* It was only in 1965, merely 30 years ago that Lyndon B. Johnson helped to pass the Voting Rights Act, which authorized the U.S. Attorney General to appoint federal Examiners to register voters where local officials were obstructing black registration.

\* It wasn't until 1954 in the case of Brown vs. Board of Education that schools were forced to desegregate when the clause of separate but equal educational facilities was found to be insufficient.

\* There have been countless treaties, too many to name, promising land and rights back to the Native





Americans. However when these peoples interfere with the expansion of America, we get incidents such as the "Trail of Tears," the forceful removal of the native Americans from their land in Georgia, Mississippi, and Alabama to Oklahoma; only one of many incidents.

- \* The Japanese were imprisoned and placed in internment camps in the U.S.; very similar to the Nazi prison camps for Jews.

- \* There have been continuous cycles of racism against Latinos. Mexican Americans, merely 40 years ago, were denied housing in white areas of Los Angeles and could only use public swimming pools on Wednesdays because the pools would be cleaned that day (then everyone else could use them without having to worry about sharing water with the Mexicans). In 1942 some Latino youths attended a party in which a fight later broke out; later Jose Diaz was found beaten to death. The following day the paper said the "murder" was the work of Latino hoodlums, and key streets in Mexican neighborhoods were blocked off; all Latinos were stopped and charged on suspicion of armed robbery as well as other crimes (simply for carrying hammers, bottle openers, etc.). Twenty four of the 600 people rounded up were arrested and charged with murder. During this case, called the Sleepy Lagoon Trial, the defendants were not allowed to change their clothes or take showers (making them appear as dirty "thugs"). And one person from the L.A. Sheriff's department said that Mexicans and those of Mexican descent were biologically inclined to be violent. Twelve were convicted of murder. Eighteen months later, the judge, Charles W. Fricke was reprimanded for displaying prejudice. However, it was too late - The "zoot suit" clothing which had previously been just a style of clothing of the Mexican youth became a target of violence. The Zoot Suit riots occurred on June 3, 4, and 5 that year, when US Navy sailors in L.A. attacked anyone wearing a zoot suit. The LAPD watched the riot without much interference. (Again the cycle continues in the 1990s with the recent L.A. riots where police did not intervene until it was too late.)

- \* Political prisoner Mumia Abu Jamal is awaiting a legal death by execution on Death Row.

I could continue on for many more pages but now you have a sense of the extent to which racial injustices have occurred over the history of our country. It is very important that white people, as the group which has the power to implement their prejudices dedicate at the very

least some energy towards the struggle against racism. Like Malcolm X said, "I've had enough of someone else's propaganda. I'm for truth no matter who tells it. I'm for justice, no matter who it is for or against. I'm a human being first and foremost, and as such I'm for whoever and whatever benefits humanity as a whole."

Remember this organization cannot succeed without everyone's help. Please contact me at 16161 Nordhoff St. #133, North Hills, CA, 91343 if you have any comments or questions. We are holding an organizing meeting Saturday the 23rd of September at Griffith Park, between Los Feliz and Riverside, at the corner near the fountain, from 11 am to 2 pm. If we need more time we can stay longer; however, for those of us who are busy, you may come when you can during these three hours. If you can't attend and would like to know what was discussed, or you just want to give some input, etc., write to me at the address provided.

Thank you.

With deep sincerity and love for all peoples!

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# LETTERS TO TURNING THE TIDE

CRAIG HULET

PART:

This office has received a number of copies of your paper over the last year or so. We seem to have been placed on your "comp" list. The one issue we did not ever receive is the one where you -- your editors -- whomever -- referenced Mr. Hulet as one of the nation's "Racists."

Arsenio Hall, Wesley Snipes, Oliver Stone and a host of minority activists going back to 1965 would disagree rather harshly with your depiction. There has been no better white male spokesman against racism/anti-semitism than Mr. Hulet. We believe one of our associates in the L.A. area has informed you of the same in person.

We suspect you bought into the lies written and spoken by a tiny impotent circle of leftists that were paid to attack Mr. Hulet during the Persian Gulf. Still no retraction from you.

(signed)K

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PART Replies -- Dear K:

The reason you never received the issue referencing Hulet as a racist is that no such issue or reference exists. We were and are sharply critical of Hulet's support for Bo Gritz and the reciprocated support he accepted from Gritz, and of Hulet's line during the Bush administration and Gulf War period that the left was irrelevant and impotent and needed to unite with the right against the New World Order. Since even Hulet himself now is self-critical of his endorsement of Gritz, and has denounced the supposedly anti-NWO militias, (although he tends to limit his critique to the idea they are clowns or buffoons,) we think the correctness of our criticism has been borne out by time and the proof of social practice, and that no retraction of what we said is called for, let alone what we never said.

In passing, the kind of arrogance we found so objectionable in Hulet's pronouncements at the time seems still evidenced in such descriptors as the one in the note about Hulet's status as the best white male spokesman against racism. It is reflected as well in

Hulet's continuing tendency to berate his listeners for their stupidity. This debasing bombast and self-aggrandizement tends to cast Hulet in a Limbaugh-esque light and interfere with whatever positive content his exposures and analysis may provide. Furthermore, this self-exceptionalization feeds into strains of cynicism and defeatism in Hulet's presentations that seem more designed to evoke despair and hopelessness in his audience than anger and activism.

Finally, PART doesn't have a "comp" list for TTT. We send out a number of free promotional copies of each issue in hopes of generating new subscribers, or establishing new exchanges with other publications or organizations that interest us. Generally speaking, if there is no response to the requests to subscribe or exchange after the third issue, that's it. So if you want to continue receiving TTT, please subscribe.

## VIETNAM RESISTER IN SWEDEN

Dear friends,

My name is Robert Malecki and i need your help. I have been living in exile in Sweden for over 23 years because of my activities during the Vietnam War. If i were to return to the US, i could be imprisoned for a long time; hence this plea for help.

I publically took responsibility for destroying between 1968-72, 10's, perhaps 100's of thousands of draft-files and orders for young, mostly poor and working class kids to be sent to Vietnam. I also took responsibility for the destruction of the international computer network of Dow Chemical, which produced napalm and agent orange. Because of this action and others, Dow stopped making napalm.

In Nov. 1969, i was caught coming out of a draft board with military files. In defense of my actions i took up the Nuremberg trials after World War II; that it was my duty to break national laws, in protesting American war-making in Vietnam, in order to uphold international law. This defense was not allowed by the court at my trial and i was sentenced to 12 years in maximum security prison in Lewisburg. There were many others locked down there for activities



against the US government --- Black Panthers and nationalists, anti-war activists, Russian spies, even Jimmy Hoffa, and not least Catholic priests like Phil Berrigan. I served 27 months, during which my anti-war activities did not cease. However, while i was in prison, i was indicted by a secret grand jury with conspiracy to bomb public buildings and power plants. The funny thing about this [alleged campaign] is that it never happened! In reality we were people who had always taken public responsibility for our actions.

I was released from prison on bail pending trial on these charges. \$25,000 raised by the anti-war movement gave me the chance to go underground and successfully appeal for political asylum in Sweden.

When Bill Clinton became president, i wrote to him demanding amnesty, thinking that, having gone to England during the war, he would understand my situation, but i have waited years with no answer. Now i hear that Robert McNamara has written a book, making front page news in the U.S. and Australia, saying he knew all along the war was wrong. 25 years after the war, people are creeping out of the closet to say how wrong it was; McNamara's declaration is the act of a political coward. If they had any guts they would help people like myself get the right to return home.

I will never apologize for my actions against the war. Millions have suffered and are still suffering because of the US bombings. Tens of thousands have cancer and children are still being born deformed because of agent orange. It was not i who was the criminal, but the people like Richard Nixon who were responsible for the war.

I have children and grandchildren in the US whom i would like to visit. I want the right to return to the country of birth and walk the streets as a free man. People like Bill Calley, leader of the My Lai massacre, are walking free in the US today, while people like me cannot. I have always taken responsibility for my actions. I do not intend to crawl back to the US begging for forgiveness; however i would accept an amnesty or pardon -- the government can call it anything they want as long as the charges against me between 1968-73 are dropped.

I need your help and that of other organizations on the side of poor and working class people. Unlike

Clinton, i did not run off to England to avoid the war. Unlike MacNamara, i did not creep out of the closet to talk about being against the war 25 years after the fact. But i still remember the faces of Vietnamese children running down a highway while napalm was burning holes in their bodies, and i fought it the best way, i knew how!

This is not ancient history; large corporations are still today prepared to commit genocide against innocent people. A large mining company, Conzinc Riotinto, headquartered in Australia, has been strip mining the island of Bougainville. The people who inhabit this island have been fighting for their independence and have closed the mine. The mining company and the Australian government are financing a dirty little war on Bougainville to reopen the mine. You would think the Australians, who allied themselves with the US against the Vietnamese, would have learned their lesson. Perhaps Vietnam veterans who got tricked into fighting for the profits of Dow Chemical could help stick Conzinc Riotinto and the Australian government and their policies of genocide against the wall.

Please publish this letter. Write the White House. Write me! Demand the US government take up this matter. Demand an end to the genocide in Bougainville. I feel like the Japanese soldier found on a deserted Pacific island 25 years after World War II. His first question was, "is the war over?"

Sincerely,  
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# MORE LETTERS TO T.T.T.

## HAWAIIAN POLITICAL PRISONER

Aloha,

I would like to draw your attention to the recent arrest and imprisonment of Mr. Dennis Pu'uhonua "Bumpy" Kanahele, America's newest political prisoner. America's treatment of Kanaka Maoli - Native Hawaiians - is full of human rights violations anyway, but Kanahele's case takes it to a whole new level, and a chilling one. Mr. Kanahele is the most outspoken advocate of Hawaiian sovereignty and independence, and is now being held without bail for alleged incidents over a year and a half old in what is clearly a politically motivated attempt to hinder the Native Hawaiian self-determination effort and independence movement. Information on the Nation and Kanahele's situation are available at the addresses below.

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### ERIC "WILDCAT" HALL

Dear relations:

Greetings; I hope all my relations are in the best of health with spirits strong in resistance.

I am doing well since the successful conclusion of the struggle for the right to wear long hair and my subsequent transfer to this super-max iron-house, where I have been continuing my efforts to obtain a medicine bundle, and working with the other brothers here in organizing a Native American Spiritual Cultural Group.

During a prayer fast in April and May, AP reporter Michael Haddigan became interested and interviewed me and supporters Art Woolsey and Lenny Foster, and Father Francis Menei, director of Religion and Family Services for the prisons. Through a story that went out over the AP wires, and was picked up on TV and radio, I learned that the Pennsylvania Dept. of Corrections (PADOC) is denying me a medicine bundle because it contains a clamshell, which they claim could be used as a weapon. This is nothing more than an excuse, as PADOC allows many prisoners to possess many items of a non-religious nature which could more easily be used as or made into weapons than a clam shell could ever be.

Of course the decision to deny me a medicine bundle is

obviously not because it's a security risk, but a result of their bigoted and prejudiced minds, and no doubt a measure of their personal hatred towards me. Haddigan quoted Menei as saying, "We could have a massacre on our hands." Menei's use of this word, defined as "savage and indiscriminate killing" reveals the filth in his mind and his opinion about those of Native American ancestry who follow Native American spiritual cultural beliefs. When he used the word massacre, it's indicative that he considers those who follow the traditional ways as savage heathens.

Our proposal for a Native American Spiritual Cultural Group here was referred to the Institutional Chaplaincy Director, Rev. Kathy Higgins, for action. Rev. Higgins is opposed to an authentic program here, and is trying to force us into accepting as Native American Spiritual Advisers representatives of League of Separated Tribes, Inc. (LOST), which she is trying to have a monetary contract awarded to. None of the representatives are enrolled as members of the federally recognized tribes they claim to be members of, and none are recognized as spiritual advisers by any Traditional Elders. In truth, for the most part they have christian backgrounds, and have taken the christian theological concept of worship and given it a Native American flavor using a hodgepodge of teachings and ceremonies of any tribe they find useful. Because of these phonies, our request has effectively been denied.

As a result we have submitted our proposal to Martin Horn, commissioner of PADOC, with the assistance of Art Woolsey, director of the Native American Indian Inmate Support Project, who has assisted authentic Native American Spiritual Advisers for many years. I ask that you write or phone to protest Father Menei's bigotry, and that he be excluded from any decision power relative to Native American spirituality practice by PADOC prisoners. Protest my being denied my medicine bundle, and ask that the frauds from LOST, Inc. be excluded from contracts with PADOC.

Call or write Gov. Thomas Ridge, Main Capital Bldg., Rm 225, Harrisburg PA 17120; 1-800-932-0784 or Martin Horn, Cmmr. PADOC, PO Box 598, Camp Hill PA 17001; 717-975-4860. Send copies Ann Kennedy, WILDCAT, PO Box 1074, Vero Bch FL 32961.

In the Spirit of Resistance,  
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## MARK HAND ON ANTI-NAZI VIOLENCE

Dear Michael:

The summer issue of TTT was highly informative. Perhaps better than previous issues, it covered a wide range of topics with exhaustive reporting. With each issue, however, I find myself disagreeing with what I perceive as your simplistic analysis of certain topics, and this one is no exception.

What I find particularly objectionable is your failure to condemn the fire attack on Ernst Zundel's office in Toronto, and your argument that the letter bomb was "ill-advised" only because it posed a great threat to innocent parties. You go so far as to judge Zundel "guilty" based on his political views, and mark him as a legitimate target for arson and bombing.

There's nothing wrong with supporting peaceful protests against Zundel, based on your opposition to his political views. But to support the kind of violent attacks against him you reported in the summer issue leaves you wide open to charges of the utmost hypocrisy. It transforms the people who have been waging this campaign, and their supporters, into the type of characters they claim to be fighting. As far as I know, Zundel hasn't been charged with any of the same type of violent acts perpetrated by his opponents. If there was even the hint of his involvement in such activities, the Canadian government would surely jump at the chance to deny him legal resident status.

Hitler's Germany was one of history's most vicious examples of statism because the Nazis tried to control all aspects of people's lives. They persecuted people not only for their religion or ethnic origin, but for their deviant ideas -- an unwillingness to conform to the edicts of the state. The Canadian activists apparently share similar views with the Nazis. They continue to support government sanctions against unlicensed speech and thought. Horrible violence is what made Hitler's Germany so evil. And it's violence by these so-called anti-fascists in Canada that puts them in the same category as the neo-Nazis who operate in today's Germany.

Sincerely,

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## PART Replies -- Dear Mark:

Thanks for your thoughtful criticism. You downplay, however, the criticism we did in fact make of the attacks. Quoting, we said, "Pipe bombs and letter bombs are ill-advised and reactionary (emphasis added) weapons which pose too great a threat to innocent and uninvolved parties to warrant their use." We also reported that Asian immigrants living nearby had been made homeless by the fire. We noted that the arson was claimed by an off-shoot of the Jewish Defense League, a group whose racist character, Zionist ideology, and terroristic action, whether against Arabs, dissident Jews, Blacks, the left, or purported Nazis we have often and repeatedly condemned and opposed (and for which opposition we have been targeted for verbal and physical attack). Even so, we "shed no tears for Zundel," because he bears a responsibility for the racist, anti-Jewish and anti-Arab violence which his propaganda has helped to promulgate along the path to the exterminationist race war that Zundel's work is clearly designed to justify and hasten.

Notwithstanding our hatred for everything Zundel stands for, we also directed our readers to the material in the same issue on the Unabomber, as pertinent to our stance on the anti-Zundel attacks. There we said further that acts "of individualized and ... random and uncontrolled violence will not make a serious dent in the repressive powers of the state, the exploitative powers of industry, or the political support they obtain from the populace. Instead they serve only to promote fear and to discredit the cause they claim to support. Practically speaking, they do more to advance the fascist right's 'strategy of tension' than to advance towards any just goal."

We stand by these criticisms, and believe they are more judicious than your statement that violence puts anti-fascists in the same category as neo-Nazis. We do not believe all violence is equal. We support the right of self-defense, and have supported anti-colonial and anti-fascist armed struggle, with the proviso that people intending to use violence in a just cause must always be self-critical and extremely careful as to its purpose, necessity, and impact.



# **UPDATE FROM THE TA'ATA MAOHI OF FRENCH-OCCUPIED POLYNESIA**

by

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I spoke this evening (September 6) with an activist in Tahiti about the situation there. Yesterday, after it was announced publicly that the nuclear test had taken place, one of the local unions called a general strike on the island, that began at 12 midnight last night. People began to congregate at the Tahiti airport at Faa'a. By sunrise this morning the airport was entirely blocked. Two international flights at 9 a.m. were cancelled, and police riot forces were called in. They used tear gas to push back the crowd, as well as force. Several people have suffered broken arms and legs, and some have been hospitalized.

Fires were started at the airport. No one claims responsibility for starting them, but the people of the island say that the French army started them to blame the people, and the army of course says the people started them. At least twenty cars have been burned and turned over. At 6 p.m. tonight, a large building with a thatched roof close to the main terminal was burning. The international flights scheduled for this afternoon and tonight have been cancelled. The only way off the island is by ferry to the neighboring island of Moorea, which has a very small airport for inter-island hoppers.

At dusk, 2,000 people were packed in front of the bridge that fronts the airport. The people have occupied the airport and were calling via Radio Tefana for reinforcements to make their way to the airport. The main coastal road from Papeete to Punaiaa and beyond is closed, and public transportation is not operating. One of the two groups occupying the airport is Vahine To'a (literally "warrior women to protect the land"), a newly formed group of women who stormed the Hall of Justice last Wednesday. They demanded that the High Commissioner of the Territory sign a statement calling for the end of the tests. (He didn't.)

Oscar Temaru, mayor of Faa'a and leader of the Tavini Huiraatira (the Tahitian Independence Party), has called for a local referendum of the people to end the testing. He has been in negotiations since early this morning with representatives of the territorial government, along with other local groups. The unions will only talk with French Territorial President Gaston Flosse, and not any other lower governmental representatives. The other groups, including Tavini, are willing to negotiate with other officials. As of 6 p.m., the negotiations were stalled.

The people are unwilling to put up with French decisions that threaten their lives. The activist I spoke with said, "it's not done yet," and believes that the time is ripe for the people of French-occupied Polynesia to demand their independence.

Please fax statements of support to **Radio Tefana** at +689/82-54-93 or to the Faa'a City Hall at +689/83 48 90, and keep all of them in your hearts and prayers.

**Ed. note:** France has let the genie out of the bottle with its atomic testing, exposing to the world the criminality of its continued colonial domination over Tahiti and in Polynesia. The nations of the South Pacific have demanded that France cease its testing or face expulsion from its associate status with their international organization; but in fact the demand must be raised not only to end the testing, but to end French colonial rule in its entirety. Ending colonialism would end the testing, because France would never test a bomb on its own metropolitan territory. The French people, who would never permit such a test to take place in "la belle France" must rise up as one with the Tahitians to demand that France remove their weapons, their troops and their flag once and for all!

## **FOR A MILLENIUM WITHOUT COLONIES!**



**Book Review:**

# **WHITE LIES, WHITE POWER**

## ***The Fight Against White Supremacy and Reactionary Violence***

by Michael Novick,

Common Courage Press, Monroe ME, 1995. 350 pp. with index, \$14.95 paperback.

Reviewed by

Oreja.

In these times of media irresponsibility and meaningless sound-bites, it's hard for anti-racists to arrive at a realistic understanding of the radical right. Are the militias getting a bum rap, as commentators like Alexander Cockburn argue? How much influence do hard-core white supremacists have inside mass movements such as the anti-choice movement? Are the various right-wing movements closely connected or fragmented? What is the real relationship between the government and all the apparent anti-government violence?

*White Lies, White Power*, the new book by *Turning the Tide* editor Michael Novick, turns high-powered binoculars on the radical right, and the news is not good. In a clear and readable style, Novick documents the growing influence of nazis, Klan- types, White Aryan Resistance and Christian Identity followers, "militia" terrorists and other white extremists within the broader right-wing upsurge. He details their successful pursuit of strategies to find a home and a base for racist politics in anti-abortion, anti-gay, anti-environmental, anti-immigrant, and other reactionary upsurges, pushing them toward the use of violence. Even more tellingly, he shows the active connections between the so-called fringe elements and mainstream U.S. political institutions, the police, the military and the media.

Regular readers of *Turning the Tide* know that Novick has been collecting and analyzing intelligence about white supremacists for years. And in fact his book is chock-full of information -- enough to make it a practical resource for anti-racists anywhere, and especially in California. But *White Lies* is more than a factual report. Novick argues passionately that white supremacy in the United States is the product of fundamental economic and political oppression rather than just ignorance or habit. "Because racism is rooted in colonialism and empire," he writes, "it can only be ended by physical and mental decolonization." He makes a persuasive case that the violent right is actually a "natural" outgrowth of how U.S. society is organized and ruled; that it represents one of the options that the

power structure maintains in readiness, to be built up or pushed back according to the interests of big capital.

In an early chapter of *White Lies*, Novick bolsters this contention by examining the history of the Ku Klux Klan. He shows that the Klan's fortunes rose and fell according to the economic and counter-insurgency needs of the ruling class. After Reconstruction, with the old Southern power apparatus in shambles, the Klan filled the gap, helping re-establish the color line through "illegal," state-sanctioned terror. But by 1872, with new Jim Crow laws and a sharecropping system in place, former Confederate general Nathan Bedford Forrest, a founder of the organization, issued a call to disband the Klan. Its services were no longer required.

"Once again, suppression of Black people's freedom, and control of dissident elements among whites, was carried out directly by the state. There was no need for the full KKK organization, although lynchings, beatings, killings and other extra-legal attacks continued to take place."

Later, during a period of Black struggle, labor insurgency and anti-war sentiment in the early twentieth century, the Klan rose from the crypt. Its attempts to terrorize African Americans and radicals, restrict non-European immigration and train European immigrants to become "white Americans" dovetailed perfectly with the needs of the monopoly capitalists as they were preparing to project U.S. power around the globe. At its violent, reactionary height, KKK members included Congressmen, Governors, a future President (Harry Truman) and a future Supreme Court Justice (Hugo Black). The Klan marched by the thousands in hoods and robes down the streets of Washington D.C. in 1924. Nevertheless, Novick writes:

*"At this point the state began to pull the plug on the Klan, feeling that the group had fulfilled its purpose and was beginning to overstep its bounds....Once government support was withdrawn, the Klan began to deflate as rapidly as it had swelled up. Anti-mask laws were passed in a dozen states. Indictments were brought against leading Klan figures for financial irregularities and violence. ... Leaders and politicians abandoned the KKK, and its membership dwindled."*

Novick points out that the Klan was at its greatest height in the economic boom years of the 1920's, casting doubt on the common argument that the KKK grows in hard times, when white workers are looking for a scapegoat. Even during the worst years of the Depression, he writes, the KKK had limited strength.

Since the late 'seventies, the Klan has turned toward an alliance with "consciously nazi, radical elements, this time with a 'revolutionary' strategy...and a commitment to developing a clandestine terror apparatus." Novick sees history repeating itself. "Again," he says, "the government has played a pivotal role in this new alignment."

Novick certainly does uncover alarming ties between violent racists and both law enforcement and the military. He gives abundant examples of Klan-Nazi operations inside the armed forces, police departments and the prisons, police protection of illegal right-wing

activity, and the lack of prosecution of violent white supremacists.

Overall, Novick's exposure of the intimate connections between the state and the violent right is well-aimed, breaking through the fog of disinformation about "independence" and "grass-roots populism" that the radical right often loves to hide in. He insists that anti-establishment posturing within the right-wing movement is phony.

*"The right's intent to re-criminalize abortion, and its willingness to use terror to accomplish that goal, gives the lie to its libertarian rhetoric. The racist right is marshalling its forces in attacks on women and gays, and on immigrants, for a wholesale increase in the repressive powers of the state."*

Rebellious posturing is blatantly hypocritical in the case of "wise use" anti-environmental right-wingers, who are obviously acting in the direct interest of corporate polluters and resource-grabbers.

But in its emphasis on the complicity of the state in right-wing activity, and the falsehood of many right-wing claims to be anti-government, *White Lies* may be missing an important part of the story. The rise of the right is not quite the same now as during other times in U.S. history. A serious contradiction between privileged white masses and the ruling class is emerging. Capital's new mobility in the world, its massive use of immigrant labor forces, its need for flexible neo-colonial arrangements, its gradual evolution away from dependence on African-American labor -- all these are calling into question the old "arrangement" between the white population and corporate America.

Part of the anti-government rebelliousness of the far right is based on the objective realization that imperialism's need for white "settlers," white overseers and an overwhelmingly-white labor aristocracy is fading within the globalizing economy. White racists know that they may eventually become small fish in a big pond. It's no accident that "One World Government" has become the right's demon, that white supremacists opposed GATT and NAFTA, or that they insisted on promoting Proposition 187, against the wishes of many of the biggest capitalists. The old Klan didn't blow up federal buildings or make a practice of targeting government agents. So the assertion in *White Lies* that "what we are seeing today is similar to the 1920's, when the KKK became a mass organization, entrenched in

both the Democratic and Republican parties" may turn out to be a significant over-simplification.

Being on the defensive doesn't make white supremacy any less dangerous to oppressed peoples today. The state will continue to use white racism as a weapon against them. Some capitalists will favor, and fund, white supremacists. Under certain circumstances, the ruling class as a whole may promote genocidal race wars and nazification. But multicultural, global, neocolonial politics is on imperialism's long-term agenda, and U.S. elites won't necessarily be held to the old white ways of doing things.

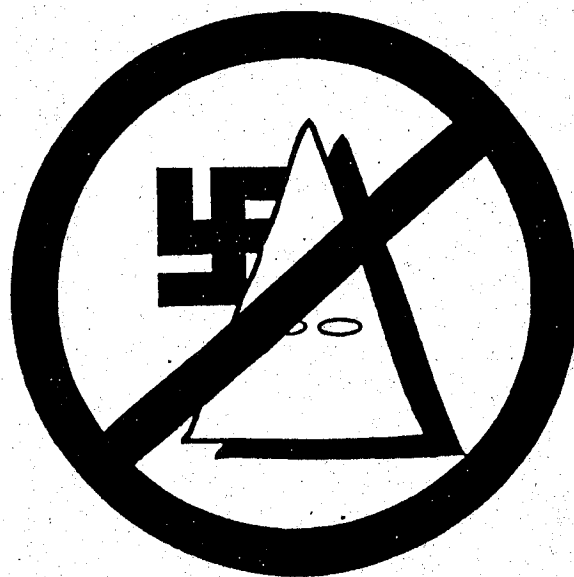
One minor weakness of *White Lies* is that Novick is not always clear about when and how he thinks the law should be used against white supremacists. At times he castigates the state for not cracking down on them. Other times, he is critical of anti-racist activists who place any faith at all in the legal system. Of course this is not Novick's problem alone: much of the U.S. left is conflicted about whether it's good or bad when people organize for governmental reforms. Does a particular demand--say, to fully prosecute violent racists--function to build an anti-racist movement, or rather to breed illusions about the nature of the state?

Although it makes no claim to be comprehensive, *White Lies* is impressively complete. It takes a close look at the activities of white supremacists in the anti-choice, anti-gay and -lesbian, anti-environmental and anti-immigrant movements. One consistent theme in the book is that hard-core racists are using such movements to build united fronts, to recruit, to gain legitimacy and to provide cover for violent activity. As their internal influence grows, they also push the movements as a whole to the right.

Novick devotes a full chapter to Bo Gritz and the Populist Party. Gritz, a former Green Beret, is heading up the organization of a disciplined right wing para-military organization (SPIKE). At the same time he is manipulating electoral and other forums to promote a slippery, constantly-changing white populism. Novick is concerned because some progressives, new age advocates and conspiracy theorists have been taken in by Gritz's rap. So he carefully documents Gritz's financial and political ties to the violent racist right, as well as the Populist Party's sleazy role as a well-funded springboard for white supremacists. This material is very relevant to current debates over the militias and the "Patriot" movement.

Novick also includes a discussion of white supremacist activity in the mass media and on the Internet. He carefully pulls the covers off Warren Christopher, the long-time counter-insurgency specialist whose career has been spent "trying to put out the fires of the Black liberation struggle," who helped the Los Angeles Police Department with damage control after the Rodney King beating. Novick even provides information about infiltration of the peace movement by the right.

In all its commentary, *White Lies* encourages discussion of the principles that must underlie anti-racist action in the U.S. Novick's point of view identifies white supremacy as a key feature of a sick society, one firmly held in the grip of capitalist commodification and addicted to colonialism. He has no illusions that white supremacy can be simply educated away or turned over to law enforcement. Novick is concerned with the underlying trends, not just the superficial appearances; the spiritual as well as the political; the ways power flows in society, not just individual pathological behavior. Another positive aspect is that the book begins with a discussions of solutions. Despite the evils and dangers that Novick looks at, this is not a pessimistic book. As a result, his vision of anti-racist struggle links it to a deep process of social change -- a process that is anti-imperialist and unavoidably revolutionary in nature. Long after the specific facts and events described in *White Lies* *White Power* recede into history, this will be the book's most important contribution.





# Reform and Revolutionary Change: Where Does Affirmative Action Fit In?

by  
Emily Rader

I've been wanting to write an article about affirmative action for TTT since last spring. That was when right-wing politicians and activists of various kinds put affirmative action on their hit-list-of-the-month. Remember the proposed "Civil Rights Initiative" in California, which would outlaw "racial and gender preferences"? Just a couple of months ago, California Governor Pete Wilson went to a Regents meeting for the first time and killed affirmative action in the University of California (U.C.) system. Things have quieted down a little over the summer, although U.C. students just demonstrated at a meeting of the UC board to demand that affirmative action remain in the system, and big demonstrations to defend affirmative action on campus are planned for October. Affirmative action is rebounding as a contentious issue, both in California and around the country.

Leftists and liberals have lots of good things to say about affirmative action, both for and against. But I can't decide what to think about it. I'm still confused. So what I'm writing here is not a definitive article on affirmative action; it's more of an invitation to TTT readers to have a discussion about it. The Malcolm X Grassroots Movement had a short article on affirmative action in the last issue of TTT that's a good start to such discussion. Here, I'd like to raise some of the issues that confuse me about affirmative action.

The main reason I see affirmative action is important is because it raises the question: What connection is there between reform and revolutionary change?

Let's look first at left arguments against affirmative action. For instance, many leftists see affirmative action as just one more way the ruling class invites the other classes to divvy up the same old limited pie. Is this what affirmative action does, or all it does? Even with affirmative action in place, our economy now excludes an increasing number of African Americans from productive jobs, and this is especially true in the large urban areas. Affirmative action has done and will do nothing to

change the direction of capital investment in this country -- into the global economy and out of the inner cities, into the pockets of capitalists all around the world, leaving fewer jobs with lower pay for the majority of the world's people.

And at the same time, affirmative action has helped a small percentage of people of color (not just African Americans) to attain professional and managerial jobs and high salaries, allowing some to move out of the ghettos and to forget about those people who can't find jobs and can't find a way out of their dead-ends. Looked at this way, it seems that affirmative action is useless even as a way to reform our economy, and dangerous in that it trains some of the oppressed to become their own prison guards and hanging judges.

But still thinking about reform and revolutionary change, I can look at affirmative action another way, at all those folks who are in the middle. Think about all the women of color who would have been domestic servants, hotel room cleaners, or low-level clerical workers, who instead got decent-paying jobs, with benefits, with government agencies, which implemented affirmative action much more than the private sector. (Some of them

are getting laid-off now, but at least it's not just because a white guy wants the job.) Those women -- and men of color, too, who got into skilled trades as well as service jobs -- could feed their kids better, help them with their homework, make sure they were heading towards college, help pay for college tuition, and then their kids could get better jobs.

This is exactly what affirmative action is meant to do. What's wrong with that? It may not be revolution, but while we're working on changing society, don't we want people to have enough to eat and get some education? I guess it comes down to that I don't believe that the worse things get for people, the more they will automatically tend towards revolutionary activity. Sometimes when people get a little more, so they're not worrying where their next meal will come from, and when they can read and write so they can learn more about their world -- sometimes then people get pretty upset about how little they still have and how much they don't want their kids to be stuck where they were. That means that people sometimes look to individual solutions, but sometimes they look to helping their whole community.

Another question relevant to deciding about affirmative action is, how important is education, and what type of education? I think education is very important -- not because an educated person is automatically more tolerant (I certainly don't believe that) -- but because education can help people learn to analyze what's going on in their lives and in the world, and figure out ways to change the world. Affirmative action was certainly designed to open up higher education access to people of color. While more people of color, especially women, are teaching in elementary schools around the country than in the past, as you go up the grade levels, those percentages drop, and when you get to college, there are very few women of color, and only a few more men of color, who are professors. These days, college is not just for the privileged; it's necessary for most jobs that have decent pay and maybe some benefits. I think we need a lot more African American, Latino, Native

American and probably even Asian American professors, both for the students of color to have role models, and for white students to have some of their assumptions shaken up.

Let me give an example of the impact of affirmative action in education. Back in the 1970s and 1980s, militant Chicano/a students throughout California and the Southwest demanded Chicano Studies programs. There were hardly any Chicano/a professors to teach in them. The first wave of those professors graduated with Ph.D.s in history, literature, sociology, etc. around 1980, when those programs were just getting going, but there weren't enough of them to go around. Now, there are many Chicano Studies programs, and there is a new wave of Chicana/o Ph.D.s getting hired by colleges and universities around the country. Many of them are more conservative than their professional forebears, but not all, and Chicano/a activism is alive and well in many places, especially on college campuses. I think that the Chicano Studies programs and affirmative action hirings and admissions of Chicana/o professors and students has had a lot to do with that.

On the other hand, Chicanos and Latinos in general have not fared well in terms of overall employment. Latinos are often stuck in the lowest-paying jobs, ones that don't require much education. Latino average income is still at or below the poverty level for the majority. Are Latinos, like African Americans, separating into two distinct classes, where having a full-time job that pays a living wage is the exception? If so, college education and activism may well be for the "elite" Chicanos, even if they come from poor or lower middle class families.

The last point I'd like to raise is about who opposes affirmative action, and why it has come under increasing attack. (This is still connected to question of reform and revolutionary change.) The publicized opposition to affirmative action is coming from the right. If affirmative action was never a radical reform, and as it got watered down, it became more and more innocuous, why has it

attracted so much attention from the right? Why are so many white men so opposed to it? Isn't ending affirmative action one of the key components of the right-wing agenda not only to turn back the gains of the Black Liberation Movement and movements of other people of color in the 1960s and 1970s, but also to roll U.S. society back to the repressive depths of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century? Aren't we strengthening white supremacy by allowing whites to dismantle affirmative action, since that would be a great social and psychological boost to white racists?

Connected to these questions is the problem that there are few revolutionary alternatives to government programs or regulations for folks to turn to. If there were schools and jobs run by and for people of color that could present a real alternative to opting into the "white" system, I'd feel a lot better about saying goodbye to affirmative action. For now, though, I tend to think that support for affirmative action could help put the right on the defensive, just as the strong reaction to abortion clinic harassment, bombings and killings did with the "pro-life" movement.

I could go on longer, but it's time for you, readers of and contributors to TTT, to participate. Reread the Malcolm X Grass Roots Movement article in the last issue of TTT, which took a generally critical view of affirmative action from a revolutionary nationalist perspective. Read what other folks have written. Write down your reactions, your ideas, what you think of reforms and revolutionary change as they relate to affirmative action, and snail mail or e-mail them to us at the usual addresses. Especially as this question heats up in the coming year, as it is sure to be in the middle of the presidential and congressional elections, and on the ballot here in California, we want to address this question further.

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## **HABLAN**

by Phil Goldvarg

En El Mozote  
 Hablan los huesos  
 The bones speak  
 En Chiapas  
 The Zapatistas speak  
 Before flesh  
 Has left the bone  
 Land is turned  
 To hard death  
 Before ancestors  
 And their children  
 Are ripped  
 From the circle of continuation  
 Before the dreams die  
 On the bare floor  
 Of a raped earth  
 The Zapatistas speak  
 Winged voices  
 That fill the sky  
 And whisper los gritos  
 De la lucha



# ***KKK clashes with Mid-west Anti-racists***

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headquartered in Waters, Michigan, affiliated with Thom Robb's Arkansas based KKKK, announced plans to bring "the voice of Aryan Pride to Illinois and Wisconsin" in August, with rallies at McHenry County Courthouse in Woodstock, IL on the morning of Aug. 19, and at Walworth County Courthouse, in Elkhorn, WI during the same afternoon. The rallies opposed "queers in our schools and churches, a government owned by jew moneylenders, and streets overrun by negroid crack heads" and called for a "White Racial Nation." There has been a campaign of KKK organizing in the area all summer long. In June, the same Michigan-headquartered Klan held rallies in Wheaton and Rolling Meadows, IL and on a farm just outside Richmond, IL, a small, touristy town devoted to antique shops. They had been met by demonstrators and a local mariachi band that had drowned out and ridiculed their speeches. The Elkhorn rally was organized with the support of Wisconsin W.A.R. and publicized by nazi groups nationally over Don Black's Stormfront BBS and other Internet connections.

In response, the Walworth County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on August 8, characterizing the Klan not as a "hate group" but as an "unhappy" group. County Supervisor Frank Janowak told the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel that the Klan is "more or less people that are unhappy with what's going on, and they don't necessarily hate." In an Aug. 17 news release, activists with the Milwaukee Job Is a Right Campaign, one of the organizers of a counter-demonstration to protest the Aug. 19 Klan rally, commented, "This was not just a clumsy public relations error. It was a blatant attempt to lend a cover of legitimacy to the Klan." Michael Novick of the L.A.-based People Against Racist Terror was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio the day before the scheduled rally, and denounced the supervisor's action. He urged people to join the counter-demonstration and gave out the contact number for local anti-klan organizers.

The jobs group, along with the Milwaukee Coalition to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal, the African American women's group Sisters By Choice, the political-prisoner support group Brew City Anti-Authoritarian Collective and the Milwaukee office of the National People's Campaign mobilized a bus-load, three cars and a van to Elkhorn on Aug. 19 to support local anti-klan activists. The anti-Klan protest had been called by the community group Freedom of Residence of Freeport, IL, across the state line. The protesters were also joined by members of the Let Mumia Live Committee of Madison, Wis., Anti-Racist Action and Refuse and Resist of

Minneapolis, and a number of young anti-racist white people from Lake Geneva, Fond du Lac and other small towns in the area, according to reports by Workers World Party.

The Elkhorn protest began with a brief rally. James Cameron, founder and director of America's Black Holocaust Museum, who was nearly lynched by the Klan 65 years ago in Marion, Ind., spoke. Then the demonstrators marched the few blocks to the county courthouse. Elkhorn is the county seat, a farming and light industry town of about 5000 people southwest of Milwaukee. Over 100 police in riot gear patrolled the area with police dogs, with some cops stationed on rooftops. Separate areas for the Klan and anti-klan forces were set up with orange snow fences that penned in two areas in front of the courthouse steps. A gate with a metal detector was set up with a line of cops to direct those entering the pens: Klan supporters to the right, opponents to the left.

But many protesters elected to stay outside the pens in order to confront the Klan supporters. Altogether, there were about 100 Klan supporters, and 200 opponents. Although one local Elkhorn anti-racist group, calling itself "Lemonade," had urged people to stay away and express their opposition by donating to charity, on the theory that this would discourage the Klan's publicity seeking efforts, about 150 or so townspeople gathered, most of whom seemed sympathetic to the anti-racists. Michelle of Refuse and Resist, notes however then when some protesters discussed the event with local folks, "sadly, many of the

locals told us things like 'I don't like the KKK but I liked some of what they said.' This is because the KKK engaged in a kind of 'Newt-speak.' They played religious and patriotic music in the background while talking about loss of jobs, economic insecurity, so-called family values, etc. The KKK were dressed more like militia/cops -- a scary image for me but not for many of the towns-people, who are accustomed to military uniforms and think the cops are their friends." She urges anti-klan activists to come up with basic propaganda leaflets that could address these concerns and expose the Klan's real politics.

Workers World reported that tensions rose at the rally as the racists taunted the protesters with vile, racist obscenities. Police grabbed one Black protester, Lamonte Harris of the Milwaukee community group Reality Plus One, but released him as the crowd surrounded the cops and demanded, "Let him go!" Anger at the police rose as they made sure the Klan could have its rally. They repeatedly escorted the racists through the lines of anti-Klan demonstrators. A number of people, including young Black demonstrators from Milwaukee and members of Anti-Racist Action, managed to physically prevent Klan supporters from attending the rally unhindered.

Two anti-klan organizers, Todd Leach and Landry Brazile, both of Milwaukee, were arrested for "Disorderly Conduct" at the onset of the rally, in the midst of a verbal confrontation with Klan supporters wearing T-shirts with Hitler's face and Klan insignia, but thanks to pressure from a legal observer, and due to a large part of the anti-klan demonstrators demanding their release, confronting the cops, staging a sit-in, and not being moved, the two comrades were released. The two had court appearances on the 29th of August at the Courthouse in Elkhorn at 10:30 am.

Earlier in the day on Saturday, August 19, 1995, five other anti-Klan demonstrators were arrested for beating several KKK supporters during the first Klan demonstration in Woodstock, Illinois. The Klan supporters were wearing Confederate flag T-shirts, some with the caption "It's a White Thing." One KKK supporter was in the middle of a group of pacifist anti-Klan protesters. He was arguing that all Asian and Hispanic immigrants and all African Americans should be forcefully removed from the U.S. so that "white people" could "have our own country." The pacifists

argued with this racist as if they could change his mind. A member of Progressive Labor Party pushed through the crowd, and punched the racist in the face. Several others helped. The police, who were standing guard over the racist to protect his filthy "free speech," immediately seized various PLP members and other anti-Klan fighters.

Several other incidents followed, resulting in several KKK'ers with bruises and cuts and several anti-racist fighters injured by police clubs. Five anti-Klan protesters (men and women, 2 Black, 2 white, 1 Latino) were arrested and charged with felony counts of mob action and assault. The police in Woodstock, a mostly white community about 1 hour west of Chicago, said there was "no judge available," so the anti-Klan protesters would have to remain in jail until at least Monday. Legal advisors have indicated that the anti-racists will probably need to come up with \$500 to \$1,000 each to defend themselves against the charges. Meanwhile, McHenry county spent an estimated \$70,000 to protect the racists.

On Monday, August 21, all the Illinois anti-klan fighters were released after posting a total of \$3600 in bail. Donations are still needed to pay back the money borrowed for the bail and for coming legal expenses. Donations are urgently needed. InCAR (International Committee Against Racism) and PLP are asking activists to make a donation or a pledge for a later donation. Call them at (312) 663-4138 (Chicago), or (212) 255-3959 (NY).

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# **ANTI-FASCIST STRUGGLE IN EUROPE:**

## **GERMANY**

### **GERMAN NEO-NAZI CONVICTED GERMAN GOVERNMENT LINK ?**

Bela Ewald Althans, 29, was found guilty by a German court in August of inciting racial hatred and denigrating the state. The sentence handed down by the Berlin court was six months longer than prosecutors had requested. Althans was arrested in connection with an incident at the Auschwitz concentration camp memorial, when he told a crowd of shocked Jewish tourists that the holocaust was a giant farce. The incident, which was filmed by a camera crew, was later used in a banned 1993 documentary called "Profession: Neo-nazi."

During the trial, Althans had denied he was a neo-nazi and said his comments had been taken out of context. He claimed he made the shocking remarks to increase the drama of a planned separation from the nazis. He sought to call as character witnesses right-wing English "Holocaust revisionist" historian John Irving, the publisher of Der Spiegel magazine, dozens of journalists, and Canadian Nazi Ernst Zundel. According to Althans, these witnesses would prove his "real character" and that he had abandoned national-socialist ideas long ago. In fact, a report in the new edition of Der Spiegel, the newsweekly, claims that Althans was a top informer for the Bavarian regional international espionage agency, Verfassungsschutz (VS), from 1990 through 1994.

If Althans' claim that he abandoned Nazi ideology in 1990 is true, and if the report in Der Spiegel is accurate, it would mean that Althans was not just a spy within the Nazi movement, but a major, government-run agent provocateur, according to Horst Berlin of Germany Alert. Under Althans' leadership, German Nazis increased their following by a factor of 10. Groups Althans headed have been linked to the murder of foreigners, countless fire bombings of refugees' homes and a growing number of anti-Semitic hate attacks. Althans has never been charged in connection with the pogroms which he helped direct and foster throughout Germany.

In addition, according to Berlin, Althans is fluent in English and French and was one of the key German neo-Nazi leaders to spread the ideology throughout

Europe, to the U.S. and Russia. During at least one North American visit, Germany Alert reports, Althans met with members of the Michigan Militia, some of whom have been investigated in connection with the Oklahoma City bombing.

If Althans' claim and Der Spiegel are proven correct, all of his Nazi organizational efforts since 1990 could have been carried out under orders of Germany's espionage agency. There have been numerous reports over the past four years that the German government was behind the resurgence in fascist ideology, but all have been firmly denied. Yet a key witness in the case against four young Germans on trial for the Nazi firebomb murder of a Turkish family in Solingen was excused from testimony after he showed evidence he was an agent for the Verfassungsschutz. The agent had run a martial arts club and allegedly indoctrinated German youths with Nazi propaganda. The agent has never been charged in connection with the multiple Nazi murders. While the VS claimed its agent had filed numerous reports on Nazi youth, witnesses claimed that he had actually helped instill Nazi hate against foreigners.

### **GERMANY DEMANDS EX-NAZI'S EXTRADITION**

Erich Priebke, A former Nazi SS captain whose extradition to Italy had been blocked by an Argentinian appeals court, was rearrested in Buenos Aires at the request of the German government. He was placed under house arrest after Germany requested via Interpol his "immediate extradition," Judge Leonidas Moldes told reporters. [Ironically, Interpol was established based on a nazi plan for European police coordination, and many ex-nazis and sympathizers once filled its ranks.] The 82-year-old ex-Nazi had been released from 14 months of house arrest in Bariloche, 1,100 miles southwest of Buenos Aires, after an appeals court voted 2-1 to block his extradition to Italy. Priebke has admitted taking part in the 1944 massacre of 335 Italian civilians in the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome, and killing one of them.



## **U.S. NAZI EXTRADICTED TO GERMANY**

The Danish supreme court approved a German request in August to extradite U.S. nazi Gary Rex "Gerhardt" Lauck, for smuggling racist propaganda into Germany for more than 20 years. With a Hitlerian mustache and a stiff-armed Nazi salute Lauck shouted at reporters in German as he was driven from the Copenhagen courthouse in a police van following the high court's ruling.

The 42-year-old Nebraska resident was arrested March 20 at the request of German police while visiting an extremist group in Denmark. He now faces up to five years in prison in Germany, where federal law prohibits dissemination of Nazi symbols, literature and other paraphernalia glorifying the Third Reich. An official at the U.S. Embassy in Bonn said the U.S. government has not yet been asked to help provide evidence against Lauck. "We don't have a dog in that fight," the official said. "The Danes and the Germans have to resolve it. Our initial interest will be to ensure that he gets treatment as good as anybody gets in Germany, that his rights are fully observed."

Lauck has often boasted of his far-right publishing enterprise in Lincoln, Neb., where racist and neo-Nazi tracts are published in several languages and mailed to subscribers around the world. German authorities have bitterly complained about the reluctance of their U.S. counterparts, who cite constitutional guarantees of free expression, to crack down on such operations even as they urge Germany to combat neo-fascist extremism. Prosecutor Kaspar Linkis cited excerpts from "Battle Cry," Lauck's newspaper, which Linkis said also violated Danish law against inciting racial hatred and therefore legitimized his extradition to Germany. One example provided the court declared, "In my opinion the Jews were treated too humanely. We can never make this mistake again."

The court ruled that "the deeds that form the basis for the German authorities' charges against Lauck, on the whole, do not represent primarily an attack on a political system but rather threats, ridicule and humiliating expressions against minorities."

## **KOHL LINKS POLAND EU ENTRY TO GERMAN NATIONALIST DEMANDS**

German chancellor Helmut Kohl attacked Polish sovereignty by demanding capitulation on key German nationalist demands as a condition of support for Poland's entry into the European Union.

Kohl, winding up an official visit to Poland, insisted that Warsaw agree to German resettlement of territory which Germany lost when the Third Reich fell. Polish authorities, speaking with reporters after the meeting, said "capitulation to these demands would mean the defacto restoration of the German Reich." Shortly after Kohl delivered his demands privately in Warsaw, his right hand man, CDU party boss Wolfgang Schaueble, told the German nationalist "German Meeting Of Silesians" in Nuremberg, that Poland must accept German resettlement of territory that used to be called Silesia if it is to gain admission to the EU. His public statement came close to Kohl's closed door demands to the Polish government.

Bavarian social minister Stamm used the Silesian meeting to warn Poland against "disrespecting" the "legitimate requests of Germany." And Silesian Landsmannschaft chairman Herbert Hupka called on the German government to treat the exiling of Germans from territories lost at the end of World War II as a crime against humanity.

In Warsaw, high ranking Polish officials expressed shock at Kohl's demands. "The worst part of it," one official said, "is that there appears to be little international opposition to Germany's calls for our capitulating to their interests. Our sovereignty is at stake here," an official declared.

Germany's harsh stance towards Poland came only days after the Bundestag agreed to send German fighting units to Bosnia. The move, which is Germany's first declared engagement in a military conflict since the fall of Hitler, was roundly condemned by Bosnia's Serbs. A rabbi in Bosnian Serb territory, Josif Atijas, was quoted in press reports as having called the German move in former Yugoslavia "shameful." Atijas said 83 percent of the Jewish population in Europe had been wiped out by Germany during the Third Reich.

There was praise for the German decision from Croatia and from Bosnian Muslim leaders.

by Herbert Tritz and Herschel Scott (Germany Alert)

## STATEMENT FROM RADIKAL

On June 13, 1995, federal police in Germany carried out a major coup against left-radical structures. At 6:00 am, 50 homes and leftist projects all across Germany were stormed. The mainstream media praised the action as a "blow to terrorist groups", spewing forth the cops' line that the raids were directed against the Anti-Imperialist Cell (AIZ), the group K.O.M.I.T.E.E., and the illegal magazine 'Radikal'. The usual stigma of "terrorist group" was attached, justified with Paragraphs 129 and 129a. Children roused from their beds by masked cops with guns, weapons pointed at the heads of individuals whose "only" crime was their work on a left-radical newspaper. Even on suspicion, people were terrorized all over the country. This was the biggest raid on the German left in years - though the Kurds, of course, have been subjected to such treatment.

That night on the TV, there was little mention about the AIZ or the K.O.M.I.T.E.E. Images were flashed of the cops' Radikal archives, followed by a report of the arrest of 4 people for "membership in a criminal organization", Radikal. Investigations are continuing against 21 other individuals on the same charge. So we felt this was reason enough for people to hear from us between issues.

We won't try to make the intensity of this repression or our status in the left-radical scene seem any greater than it really is. We always knew such a raid would happen at some point. But it is surprising that such a hard action against a publishing project could be carried out without so much as a peep from the "left-liberal" public. It's characteristic of the continuity of the repression against leftist structures, even in times when the radical-left is weak. The BAW [federal prosecutor's office] had just finished in their failed attempt to criminalize Gottingen's Autonome Antifa (M) under Paragraph 129, and let's not forget the cop raids and the banning of the Kurdistan Information Bureau in Cologne because it published a "pro-PKK" paper, 'Kurdistan Rundbrief'.

It's clear that these raids weren't just aimed at us. We were just a convenient excuse. "The action was an aimed preventive measure designed to deter the left-radical scene", said interior minister and deportation specialist Kanther that same evening. While

right-wing terror grows worse and the consensus of social democrats, greens and conservatives in Great Germany is ready to send the Bundeswehr on its first foreign mission, it seems clear that the real threat is still the left.

### Who We Are

We produce and distribute a magazine which, in a time of state control and self-censorship, is a forum for a discussion of street militancy and armed struggle. We reject the notion that the state has a monopoly on the legitimate use of force. The existing social conditions can only be changed if left-radical groups and associations build up their abilities and structures, so as to be able to counter some of these effects even today. This, of course, includes militant and armed intervention, but these would be empty gestures if there wasn't also some sort of linkage or means of conveying their message. Of course, we are very happy when militant anti-fascist initiatives disrupt Nazi meetings. So we also see one of our functions as exposing fascist structures so as to make both old and new Nazis attackable, and we think this is one very important aspect of anti-fascist work.

A radical-left which takes the past 25 years of its history seriously must discuss the successes and failures of the various armed and militant groups, such as the RAF, the 2nd of June Movement, the Revolutionary Cells, and militant autonomist groups, and it must draw consequences for the future from this discussion.

In order that we don't just keep looking back at our history, but rather so that we keep up to date with actual developments, it's important that we be active in current anti-fascist initiatives or, for example, discuss the politics of the AIZ, of whom we are very critical. We must continually fight for the necessary space to carry out such discussions and defend ourselves from state attacks. It seems like we're stating the obvious when we say that the cop attacks on Radikal are, at the same time, a criminalization of other leftist structures which provide this necessary space, like infoshops and other magazines for example.

The present attacks on us, however, are qualitatively

different than past repressive campaigns for two fundamental reasons. First, we have now been declared a "criminal organization", and second, it has now been stated that Radikal has "entirely criminal content". A look back at the last few issues, therefore, will reveal what "criminal" means: new anti-racist street names in Braunschweig, articles on nationalism and the liberation struggle in Kurdistan, an analysis of the history of patriarchal gender divisions, an appeal from non-commercial radio stations, debates about leftist campaigns surrounding the May 8th commemorations ... that's "criminal" content?

But it's the mixture of theory and actual attacks, discussion and practical tips, which makes Radikal so interesting to read for so many people. And we value this mixture. Radikal aims to mobilize people to oppose Nazis and to stop the Castor nuclear waste shipments, while at the same time giving information about debates on anti-nationalism or the background of the origins of capitalist and patriarchal social structures. What's more, it should offer space for people from even the most remote corners of Germany to discuss their actions. The federal police have called this mixture criminal.

We are supposedly organized in a "highly conspiratorial manner" with "fixed organizational structures". It seems that really banal things are actually dangerous. Anyone who produces a magazine needs "fixed organizational structures," they need to sit down together and talk about what should go into the next issue and how to distribute the magazine and so forth. The only difference between us and normal, legal magazines is the fact that we have removed ourselves from state control, out of the reach of the censorship authorities. Over the years, we have built up a structure which allows us to distribute a relatively high number of magazines nation-wide, by radical-left standards. As with other groups who seek to build up open or hidden structures, we are subject to state repression. From their point of view, the BAW had good reason to act now, since all their previous actions against us had been fruitless.

In 1982, about 20 homes, bookstores, and printing shops were raided in an attempt to prosecute Radikal for "supporting a terrorist organization". In 1984, 2 supposed editors of the paper were sentenced to 2-1/2 years in prison, but they avoided going to the slammer by getting elected to the European Parliament for the Greens. The next step came in 1986, when Radikal was already organized underground. Then, 100 homes and

shops were raided by the cops. Nearly 200 court cases were opened, and in the end, five people were given suspended sentences of 4-10 months. The wave of repression in 1986 -- in addition to the obvious aims of scaring people and just being repressive -- had one major aim, namely to drive Radikal out of the public realm and to lessen its effectiveness. But that didn't succeed. Despite the fact that several book stores, most of which dated back to Radikal's legal days, backed out on us and left us with heavy debts, work on Radikal and its distribution became much more decentralized. A network of groups and individuals took up responsibility for the magazine, based on their conditions. In 1989, the state authorities went into action one more time after ID-Verlag in Amsterdam published an interview with us as a brochure.

The latest moves by the BAW have again made it clear that claims by the mainstream media and left-liberals concerning armed groups - "Your attacks make it possible for the state to turn the screws of repression even tighter!" - are total crap. Even the cease-fire from the guerrilla did not open up any "new levels of social debate". The defenders of law and order are continuing to act against left-radical groups, who are all [armed or not --ed.] equally defined as dangerous, and these are attacked at the same high level.

Four people are now in prison! We can't just forget that fact. In any case, that's why we'd like to call for exchange and communication with the solidarity groups. The charges against the four are as follows: They produced and distributed Radikal. But who actually "produces" Radikal? Those people who send in reports of anti-fa actions, or is it those people that take 10 copies and give them to their friends to read, or maybe it's those people that write a few articles and do lay-out, or maybe it's the people that see to it that a few copies get into the prisons? Or maybe the BAW thinks it's those people that discuss for weeks on end which articles should go in the next issue of Radikal?

We're not really sure who exactly the cops are referring to when they talk about Radikal, but we know they really mean all of us! All people who see the continued need for radical-left structures for discussion and communication, away from state control and the apparatus of repression. And all people who recognize the need for women and men to become organized to avoid being swallowed up by capitalist and patriarchal reality. That's why it's the task for all of us to not accept this attack nor to let it go unanswered.

We need an uncontrollable resistance media! Stay Radikal!



## **KINKEL BLASTS HAVEL SPEECH, DEMANDS PRAGUE ACCEPT EX-NAZIS**

A stinging verbal swipe at Czech president Vaclav Havel by German foreign minister Klaus Kinkel has set off fears in Prague that a new German jackboot is about to come down hard on Czech sovereignty. Kinkel, in an address to the Bundestag in Bonn Friday, attacked Havel for defending the seizure of German Nazis' property and for criticizing German right-wingers who are "nostalgic" for the Nazi years.

In his speech, Kinkel also condemned the Czech Supreme Court. Earlier this month the court upheld a 1945 decree that stripped Czechoslovakian citizenship from 2-1/2 million Germans in the Sudeten region of Czechoslovakia who had openly collaborated with the Nazis. Kinkel expressed veiled threats that Bonn may cause havoc with the Czech economy if the Prague government does not comply German demands. Kinkel noted that Germany is the Czech Republic's largest trade partner and investor.

In Prague, government analysts warned that Kinkel's speech was an open attack on Czech sovereignty and interference with the country's internal affairs. They added that by blasting both Havel and the Czech Supreme Court, Bonn was signalling the start of an effort to punish Prague if it does not fall in line with German demands.

The far right anti-German Czech Republican Party, meanwhile, has been blamed for organizing a wave of bogus leaflets claiming that Prague will return citizenship and property to the Sudeten Germans. The leaflets appeared all over the country to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Potsdam conference, when the victorious World War II allies authorized the then-Czechoslovakia to expel its 2.5 million strong Sudeten German minority for collaborating with Nazi Germany. The leaflet included a fake memorandum from the Bonn government to Sudeten leaders saying they should support the Czech government because Prague had promised to return property to the Sudetens. The Prague government has repeatedly ruled out such a possibility. The Czech news agency quoted the director of the printing firm as saying that the Republican Party ordered the leaflets.

-by Christopher Graf and Herb Tritz (Germany Alert)

## **16 HAMBURG POLICE TO BE PROSECUTED**

The Berlin Anti-Racist News project reports that Hamburg State Prosecutor is to bring criminal charges against sixteen police officers from Hamburg in connection with acts of violence against immigrants. The officers are to be charged with assault and obstructing the course of justice. Eyewitness reports speak of the officers of Hamburg's Precinct 11 beating black prisoners and spraying them with insecticide. Investigations are still under way against a total of 85 officers the State Prosecutor said.

However, a police officer from Magdeburg charged with assaulting an Iraqi refugee was found not guilty by a Magdeburg court on June 30th. The court found that there was insufficient evidence for a conviction, and that the police officer's guilt was not "beyond doubt". The 33-year old officer was charged with having punched and kicked the Iraqi refugee in a police cell. The accused had been suspended from duty for over a year as a result of the charges, which he denied.

The incident took place during a right-wing riot in Magdeburg last May, during which racists and fascists roamed the streets of the city attacking foreigners. The court also accepted the argument of the defence, that the officer was unable to establish that the "hooligans" were the attackers and the immigrants the victims.

## **139 ARSON ATTACKS AGAINST TURKISH-OWNED PREMISES**

The Bundeskriminalamt (BKA - Federal Investigative Agency) announced in the second week of July that it had recorded 139 arson attacks against Turkish shops, mosques and other premises so far this year. According to the BKA statement, made in response to a parliamentary question raised by Alliance 90/The Greens party, it was not possible to identify the attackers in any of the cases (!), although the BKA assumed that 19 of the attacks may have been committed by the PKK (Kurdish Workers' Party).

# ENGLAND: A VIEW FROM VALHALLA

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Our intrepid investigator, the legendary Dan Woinsaker, peers into the darkness of the world that is '*Blood and Honour*'.

The police raided the homes of two leading C18 [Combat 18, British nazi group --ed.] activists in January. We now know that during these raids the police seized a lot of material relating to *Blood and Honour*, including all the production equipment for the *Blood and Honour* magazine, all the back issues, the full mailing list, and a thousand copies of the Skrewdriver 'Live at Waterloo' CD. Despite this setback, a new issue of *Blood and Honour* has been produced.

The political control that C18 now have over *Blood and Honour* comes through loud and clear in the magazine, with a lot of emphasis on National Socialism and anti-police/anti-state rhetoric. The term ZOG (Zionist Occupation Government) used to be confined to extreme right-wing American paramilitary groups like 'The Order', but has now been adopted enthusiastically by *Blood and Honour*. In fact it appears 12 times in the half page editorial.

C18's political domination of the Nazi skinhead scene continues, and presumably in an effort to isolate any potential opposition, they are now fingering former *Blood and Honour* boss Paul Burnley as a tout. "...now that B&H is being steered by uncompromising National Socialists, who have shown to deliver the goods and achieved more in 10 months than the traitor Paul Burnley did in the years he controlled all aspects of B&H, during which time he was never raided by the police...he seems to be untouchable considering he gave himself such a high profile." (*Blood and Honour* magazine).

Considering the recent raids and possible charges to follow, I was surprised they put this in.... "All

nationalists in England please note that from Nov 5th, British Telephone has offered a new service called 'call return' this tells the receiver of a call the telephone number of the caller by dialing 1471. To prevent this service being given, the caller should dial 141 before the number you dial. Those with Red Watch lists take note." (*Blood and Honour* magazine).

What with the organisers getting raided and this encouragement to phone threats to opponents, it is no wonder that the *Blood and Honour* Prisoners Association is now up and running. This is the welfare group for people they describe as prisoners of war. They have started to put out a badly produced newsletter entitled 'Behind the Bars' from Steve Sargent's PO Box in Barnet.

*Blood and Honour* in Sweden is very interesting with a number of similarities to the situation over here. In the same way that C18 have linked up with *Blood and Honour* in Britain, in Sweden the militant Nazi Storm Network (Stormnatverk) are tied in with *Blood and Honour* (Blod och Ara). Gigs are organized in a similar way, with re-direction points for their supporters, although in November last year the fascists were a bit too security conscious about revealing the destination of the gig when most of the audience went to Linköping instead of Lidköping where the actual venue was! But anti-fascists in Sweden tell us that on the whole the *Blood and Honour* scene has access to considerable resources - which confirms our view about the amount of money they can raise. In the late 80's *Blood and Honour* used shops and pubs in London's West End as an international meeting place until AFA closed them down.

In Sweden they have tried a similar tactic, using shops in Stockholm ('Asgard' and 'Last Resort') and Göteborg - although the one in Göteborg was 'closed' before it even opened. AFA (Sweden) is continuing to campaign

against these 'bases', because where they have been established there has been a considerable rise in fascist violence.

Fascist skinhead groups have come under recent pressure from the police in Germany, Spain and Italy, while the newly formed Blood and Honour 'Ulster Division' has had its Belfast PO box number closed down by the RUC. AFA has never called on the police to take action against the fascists, there is no substitute for an anti-fascist movement, but if these raids cause extra problems for the fascists then I won't be shedding any tears. One thing does worry me though, because there is a danger that if all the attention is put on right-wing skinheads - a very identifiable target - then the fascists in suits become more 'respectable'. When a gang of skinheads drowned a Moroccan man during the demonstration in Paris on May Day, Le Pen, who wears a suit, said the 'skinheads' were nothing to do with his organisation. The obvious danger is when "skinheads," not fascism, are seen as the problem.

And finally, on a more positive note, Roddy Moreno, the man who launched Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice (SHARP) in this country, has now reformed The Oppressed to produce the excellent 'Anti-Fascist Oi! EP'. Four tracks, all covers, but with new hard-hitting lyrics. My two favourites are a reworking of Sham's 'Borstal Breakout' that now becomes 'Nazi nightmare' and Menace's classic 'GLC' sounds even better as 'BNP (Your Full of Shit)'. Well worth getting and available from: Marcos Mari Brown, Apartada de Correos 1474, 07800 Ibiza, (Balears), Spain.

## IN THE REGIONS

In the early 1990s, the BNP had a much higher public profile than they do today. Nowadays, despite an occasional election campaign, the strategy is to keep the party organisation together and wait for a Labour government, when they feel there will be greater opportunities for the Far Right. As John Tyndall, the BNP leader, explains, "This swing to Labour is likely to be the dominating feature of British politics for the next two or three years - until we have a Labour government that has been in office long enough to show that nothing in that party has really changed. For this reason it is important that the BNP, while striving hard to make an even bigger impact at the polls, should not engage in unrealistic dreams as to what it can achieve in the short term." (Spearhead, Jan. 1995).

Despite the BNP's move away from public events, which AFA has a good record of disrupting, AFA groups around the country remain active and organized.

January 28 saw three anti-fascist activities on the same day, which serve to illustrate (again) the difference between the ANL and AFA. The annual Bloody Sunday march has been a focus for fascist/Loyalist attacks over the years, and as such is of interest to militant anti-fascists. This year the march organisers moved it from London to Manchester.

Three AFA squads patrolled the route of the march, and in a series of skirmishes the fascists took a clear second prize. One group of unfortunate BNP members, who had gathered outside a pub, were trapped in a classic pincer movement by two AFA stewards groups and suffered accordingly. Clown of the Day award goes to the idiot who, while stood next to several AFA stewards, started brandishing his St George's Flag and boasting about doing the "reds". Predictably, the ensuing debate was short, sharp and painful. Yet again Manchester has proved to be a no-go area for fascists.

While fascist morale was getting dented in Manchester, in Winchester the situation was equally bleak. The campaign to get John Morse sacked from his job as a bus driver had called another demonstration, and when these demonstrations had been called on two previous occasions, each time they had attracted prominent fascists from London and the South East to "counter-demonstrate" in defence of Morse.

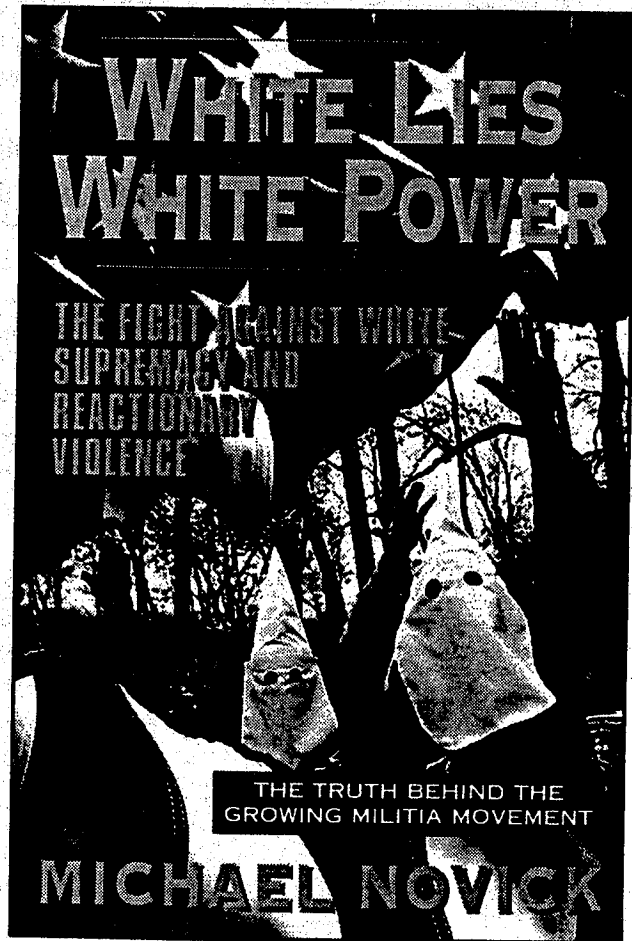
Consequently, a joint operation was organised by Southampton and Surrey AFA. After a preliminary survey of the area a number of "suspects" were identified in a pub adjacent to the bus station. A small AFA contingent entered the pub with the intention of making sure that these individuals were "activists". As the march passed the pub itself, it was evident that these individuals were not simply pro-BNP but had come from Birmingham with the specific intention of attacking the demonstrators. By convincing this group that they were sympathetic, the AFA members accompanied these fascists up the city centre high street with the intention of "picking off lefty stragglers". The fascists were, in fact, led directly into a contingent of militant anti-fascists where they were "dealt with" in the appropriate manner. Those elements of the BNP from Birmingham were last seen hiding in shops and scrambling for the protection of the local constabulary - all very undignified for the "master race."

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