TURNING THE TIDE

L.A. ANTI-RACISM NEWSLETTER

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RACIALLY MOTIVATED MURDER?

The Black minister of a Pacoima congregation, Rev. Carl White, was beaten and shot to death at his home in Chatsworth by two white teenagers on July 28. The two youths, Phil DeMenno and Dana Singer, allegedly went to White's home after a car they were in rear-ended his, and shot him in the head. The Northridge teens were caught after using White's credit card to buy auto parts. PART calls on authorities to investigate a possible racial motivation in this crime. A series of hate crimes in the Northridge/ Chatsworth area have gone unsolved for over a year, including the killing of Black teacher Hal Arthur and the brutal vandalizing of another Black teacher's home by nazi skins last summer.

Bail on the suspects was originally set at $20,000, and one of them was briefly released, before being re-arested on August 3, after bail was revoked. "If that had been a white man killed by two black men, they would never have been released," said White's daughter. "That's how sad our society is. It's an insult to my father." Not only the bail decision, but the treatment of the case in the media, had racist overtones. If the races had been reversed, the crime and the racial element would likely have been immediate front page news. Instead, the story was buried and the racial factor was suppressed in most early reports of the killing.

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BLACK ACTIVIST CONVICTED

Jitu Sadiki, a Black community activist, was convicted recently in a second trial on burglary charges after his first conviction was overturned on appeal. Sadiki was arrested by the Culver City police -- the same department which had shot his brother seven times in the back, killing him. Evidence that might have exonerated Sadiki of the burglary charge was lost by the authorities. Sadiki, who charges his arrest and prosecution were politically and racially motivated, is being supported by the Equal Rights Congress of South Central Los Angeles. For more information, contact the E.R.C. at 4714 S. Main St., 213-233-3715.

L.A. ANTI-RACIST HARASSED

Harvey Kahn, an anti-racist in Los Angeles who is a member of the national board of the Center for Democratic Renewal, was harassed over the phone at his place of work by a caller who identified himself as a "nazi." PART receives a steady diet of such calls on its anti-klan hotline, by nazis making death threats or just trying to tie up the lines. Occasionally big-cheese Tom Metzger calls in to vent his racist diatribes more personally.

COUNTRY CLUB RACISM NOW A NATIONAL ISSUE

Turns out the L.A. Country Club, targeted by the L.A. Student Coalition for discriminating against Blacks, is not alone. The Shoal Creek Country Club in Birmingham, AL, site of the 1990 PGA Open, was denounced for its refusal to allow Black people to become members, and has agreed to admit an "honorary" Black member to forestall civil rights protests at the golf tournament, and to consider the applications of other prospective Black members.

Club president Hall Thompson had defended the club's refusal to admit Blacks, brazenly announcing members did not want to associate with Black people at the club, although they were willing to admit Chinese and Japanese members. Thompson, who's on the board of Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, is now facing student protests at home. Twenty-four members of the school's Board belong to another country club which does not admit Blacks.

The main point in these situations is not to find token Black members who will be acceptable to these all-white bastions and who can afford the thousands in fees. The point is that these clubs are watering holes for the power elite, the big business people who make the decisions that affect the lives of millions of poor and non-white residents of L.A. and other cities -- real estate and auto insurance red-lining, plant closings, etc. -- and that these people are racist to the core.

MAILBAG

Hello, PART!

I was happy to receive TTT and the enclosed flyer on Nelson Mandela, but especially, I appreciated the urgent action flyer about Dr. Alan Berkman. As a political prisoner ... I'm aware of the work and sacrifices of Alan on many fronts, ... not the least his declining health (in prison). I encourage everyone to write letters to Michael Quinlan and medical director Dr. Kenneth Monitegue at the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 32 a First St. NW, Washington DC 20534 to demand his release.

For those involved in the struggle against racism, it's a short step from the street to prison. This isn't fear mongering, but fact. The support network you build for imprisoned activists may indeed be your own! Build a strong and caring network.

In your lead article on the L.A. Student Coalition, you illuminate the police role in racist activity. But then on page 3, in response to a letter from Kathleen of SHARP in Phoenix, you recommend consulting the police for aid in resisting racist attacks.

Given the relationship between the state, the police and racism, I find this questionable. Information shows police participation in racist groups is overwhelming. Personal experience of many activists sustains this. By giving info to the police, activists may be setting themselves up, either by police directly informing boneheads, or by listing yourself as a target for police repression. Also, as politically active individuals, we should maintain a policy of non-collaboration.

What is needed is greater organization and community activism. Self-defense is a part of the struggle. We can't rely on the state to take care of us. This doen't mean to commit heroic suicide. But it does mean that we need to address this crucial survival issue now and not later. If traveling in groups is necessary for SHARP, then they should travel in groups. Every situation calls for its own response, but I'd like to see TTT address these issues realistically. Send my regards and concern to Kathleen and SHARP. I'd be happy to hear from them.

Siempre, Larry Giddings,
10917-086
P.O. Box 1000
Leavenworth KS 66048

PART REPLIES:

Thanks for your feedback. The insert on Alan Berkman was not in every copy of the last issue that went out, and his situation has improved in some ways and worsened in others so we are taking this opportunity to reiterate that it's a matter of life and death for people to write to the U.S Parole Commission, Air World Center, Suite 220, 10920 Ambassador Drive, Kansas City Mo 64153, Attention Irma Huseman, Case Analyst, and demand immediate parole on humanitarian grounds for Dr. Alan Berkman. Alan is an anti-racist and anti-imperialist activist of many years standing who is imprisoned even though he was eligible for parole in 1987 and who is facing death because of a recurrence of cancer and the poor treatment he has received while incarcerated. If you write only one letter to anyone this month, make it this one.

Regarding the issue of non-collaboration and dealing with the police, you raise some important issues. The recent experiences of members of SHARP and other anti-racist activists in Portland underlines the fact that police often see anti-racist skins and other progressives as more of a threat than the nazis, and their hostility makes the police part of the problem we are dealing with rather than a solution to it. On the other hand, if nazi skins are escalating every confrontation with anti-racists into armed attacks, it may well behoove outgunned and outnumbered anti-racists to call these crimes to the larger society and to call for state action against racist terror.

There are contradictions between the state and the nazis that we can't afford to minimize, but must use to our own advantage. The likelihood of revolutionary upheaval in the U.S. in the near future is not great, and doctrinaire denunciations are not going to bring it any closer. In TTT and in other material from PART, we try to educate about and discuss the deep roots of racist terror in U.S. society and government. We differ greatly from anti-klan groups that work hand in glove with law enforcement and believe the KKK and hate crimes can simply be eliminated by legislation. We point out the role of state agencies in protecting white supremacists. But in this period, local and federal law enforcement are interested in clamping down on blatant violence by nazi skins, and if this allows us to avoid getting into no-win confrontations with the boneheads and to focus our energy on positive organizing and outreach, that's ok.

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ASIAN STUDENTS TARGETED AT U.C. SANTA BARBARA

Five Asian students, active in the Asian American Student Coalition at U.C.S.B., have received racist hate mail recently, and an Asian faculty member at the school also got such a letter. Racist flyers were placed in mailboxes as well. The letters told the students to "go home or face the consequences." There has been tension on the campus since a fight between an Asian and a white student in the spring.

L.A. "POPULISTS" MEET

The racist Populist Party has been holding meetings in L.A. County again. The Populist Party, bankrolled by the anti-semitic Willis Carto of the Liberty Lobby, ran David Duke for President before the "former" nazi/KKK leader became a Republican and won office in Louisiana. The local head of the Populist Party is a former Klan leader named Dennis Hilligoss.

CHICANO MORATORIUM REVIVED

August marks the anniversary of the Chicano Moratorium, a national protest of the Vietnam War and demand for justice at home that was conducted by the Chicano/Mexicano movement in East Los Angeles, which was attacked by sheriffs, resulting in the death of reporter Ruben Salazar and several others. This year, the anniversary is being marked by a new march demanding justice and an end to oppression. PART supports this call and urges people to participate. For more information, contact the Chicano Moratorium Committee, P.O. Box 33548, L.A. CA 90033; (213) 614-0311.

BLACK AUGUST

August also marks several significant anniversaries in the Black liberation struggle, including the 25th anniversary of the Watts rebellion in 1965, the killing of Black Panther prison leader George Jackson, and the bloody suppression by NY state troopers of the Attica prison rebellion. In southern California, radio station KPFK (90.7 FM) is broadcasting special programming all month to mark these and inform people of the continuing struggle for empowerment. Tune in!

HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI COMMEMORATED

Finally, August marks the anniversaries of the atomic bombing of two Japanese cities by the U.S. at the end of World War II. The U.S. remains the only country to use atomic energy as a weapon of war and mass civilian destruction, and their use against Japan reflects the racist demonization of the Japanese in American mythology.

Several recent events have tried to draw together Japanese activists, including those protesting Japan's own racist treatment of minorities at home, such as Koreans and indigenous tribal groups, with civil rights and human rights groups in the U.S. As anti-Asian violence increases rapidly in this country, we urge support for such efforts.

For more information, contact the Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence, P.O. Box 20756, NY, NY 10009; (718) 857 - 7419.

NATIONAL ARA/SHARP CONFERENCE PLANNED

FOR PORTLAND, OR

OCTOBER 5 - 8, 1990

Noting the gratifying upsurge in anti-racist activism around the country, Portland ARA together BARA in the Bay Area (Oakland/S.F.) have issued a call for a national gathering of SHARP and Anti-Racist-Action chapters in Portland in October. They point to the continuing growth of hate crimes, the trial of Tom Metzger for involvement in the nazi-skin murder of an Ethiopian refugee in the city on that date, and the attacks on anti-racist youth in Portland by both the nazis and the police. They want to discuss dealing with racism, sexism, homophobia, nationalism, and violence against people with AIDS.

PART endorses this call and urges people to attend. We have proposed that additional workshops focus on English Only and the anti-immigrant hysteria and on prisons and political prisoners.

For more information and to make comments and suggestions, write to Portland ARA, 1951 W. Burnside, Box 1928, Portland OR 97209; (503) 232-2159 or BARA, P.O. Box 3501, Oakland CA 94609, (415) 644-4173.

Malcolm X

■ X Marks the Spot: Front Avenue in Portland, Ore., was renamed **Malcolm X** Street—overnight. Someone changed street signs secretly, astonishing commuters with hundreds of "Malcolm X St." signs Wednesday morning along the avenue. The white lettering matched the size and shape of official city streets signs

ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

Center for Democratic Renewal (formerly National Anti-Klan Network)
P.O. BOX 50469
Atlanta GA 30302
(404) 221 - 0025
CDR publishes the Monitor, a very good, in-depth magazine analyzing and exposing racist groups and trends. They have affiliates around the country and offices in the south, midwest and north. PART shares information about racist activity with them.

John Brown Anti-Klan Committee (JBAKC)
220 9th Street #443
San Francisco CA 94103
(415) 431 - 8339
JBAKC is a national anti-klan group currently organizing a "just say no to nazis" campaign focused on racist skins. They have chapters in S.F., Chicago, Atlanta and N.Y. Their L.A. chapter folded up a couple of years ago. PART participates in their John Brown Network, sharing information with other grass roots anti-racist groups around the country.

KLANWATCH
Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)
400 Washington Ave.
Montgomery AL 36104
(205) 264 - 0286
The SPLC concentrates on legal actions against the KKK and other racists (including inside the police). They have had a number of notable legal victories in the past year or two, winning major civil suits on behalf of victims of KKK terror and racist violence and forcing Klan groups to pay money damages to the victims. PART receives Klanwatch Intelligence Report and shares information about local developments. SPLC itself is not activist-oriented, and generally cooperates closely with law enforcement. Right before grand jury attacks on anti-klan activists last year, SPLC was denouncing activist groups as "violence prone and subversive."

Skin Heads Against Racial Prejudice (SHARP)
P.O. Box 56956
Sherman Oaks, CA 91413
or c/o 634 La Luna
Ojai CA 93023
SHARP is a national network of anti-racist skinheads who remain true to the roots of the skin lifestyle and music. Jim, the west coast coordinator, is based in the Santa Barbara area, and there is a local chapter in the San Fernando Valley which has been active for several years, participating in coalitions with other anti-racist groups, including PART and the L.A. Student Coalition.

New Afrikan Peoples Organization (NAPO)
P. O. Box 56298
L.A. CA 90056
NAPO is a national organization seeking independence for Black people in the U.S. They have chapters and run "Malcolm X Centers for Black Survival" in L.A., NY, Michigan, and Atlanta.

New Jewish Agenda - (NJA)
7213 Beverly Blvd.
L.A. CA 90036
(213) 934 - 4099
NJA is a national progressive Jewish organization involved in anti-racist, anti-intervention and Middle East peace struggles. In recent years, they have worked jointly with Palestinian groups to support a just settlement, and have supported the Palestinian declaration of independence.
They have been targeted for attack by racist Jewish groups like the Jewish Defense League (JDL).

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)
10495 Santa Monica Boulevard
L.A. CA 90025
(213) 655 - 8205
This is the local affiliate of an international organization based in the B'nai Brith jewish fraternal organization. They publish a lot of interesting information, but they tend to work closely with the police and government agencies. At the mid-west anti-racist skin conference, there was a debate about throwing the ADL out for anti-Arab racism. The ADL has also denounced other anti-klan groups, using red-baiting and exposed anti-klan activists to possible repression by publicizing their names to the press and police. It has compared Black political prisoner organizations to the racist Aryan Brotherhood. Deal with them cautiously.

These addresses and phone numbers are still valid to the best of our knowledge. However, please remember that groups go in and out of existence pretty frequently, and/or change their addresses. Also, being listed here is not an endorsement by or affiliation with PART.

SEDITION COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 4690
Springfield MA 01101
413-586-4407

Political Research Associates
678 Massachusetts Ave. #205
Cambridge MA 02139
617-661-9313

SPEAR
P.O. Box 448
Boston MA 02142

SHARP
P.O. Box 904
Oakhurst NJ 07755

John Brown Anti-Klan Committee (JBAKC)
P.O. Box 406
NY, NY 10009
"Up South" Newsletter

GUARDIAN
33 W. 17th St.
NY, NY 10011
212-691-0404
Independent Radical Newsweekly

Council on Inter-racial Books for Children
1841 Broadway
NY, NY 10023
Anti-klan curriculum

Rock Against Racism
2647 Broadway #2W
NY, NY 10025

Skins and Punx Against Racism (SPAR)
P.O. Box 1595
NY, NY 10025

International Comm. Against Racism (InCAR)
Box 904
Brooklyn NY 11202
(Associated with Progressive Labor Party/PLP)

Educators Against Racism & Apartheid
16404 Goethals Ave.
Jamaica NY 11432
(anti-apartheid curriculum)

SHARP
P.O. Box 24
Hamlin NY 14464

Racial Unity Skin-heads (RUSH)
P.O. Box 40267
Rochester NY 14604

Anti-Racist Action (ARA)
P.O. Box #631
Red Lion PA 17356

ARA
P.O. Box 285
Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356
"Upper Hand" 'zine

Refuse & Resist
P.O. Box 53098
Washington DC 20009
(associated with Revolutionary Communist Party/RCP)

United States Student Association
1012 14th St. NW #207
Washington DC 20005
202-347-8772

Group Research Reports
733 15th St. NW #527
Washington DC 20005
(updates on establishment rightists and ultra-conservatives)

Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism (D.C. SCAR)
P.O. Box 18291
Washington DC 20036
202-529-5037
(newspaper)

National Inst. Against Prejudice and Violence
31 South Grene St.
Baltimore MD 21201
301-332-6483

Greensboro Justice Fund
1443 Gorsuch Ave.
Baltimore MD 21218

North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence
NCARRV
P.O. Box 27702

Organization to Stop Racism and Sexism (OSSR)
P.O. Box 471012
Charlotte NC 28247
(Let's Face It! 'zine)

Prairie Fire Organizing Committee (PFOC)
P.O. Box 18044
Atlanta GA 30316

Anarchist Youth Federation (AYF)
Mid-South
P.O. Box 241352
Memphis TN 38124

Freedom Information Service
P.O. Box 3568
Jackson MS 39207

A.R.A.
P.O. Box 623
Zionsville IN 46077

United Coalition Against Racism
Baker Mandela Center
3 E. Engineering Building
Ann Arbor MI 48109
313-936-1809

Progressive Student Network (PSN)
P.O. Box 1027
Iowa City IA 52244
319-353-7018

A.R.A.
P.O. Box 7471
Minneapolis MN 55408

A.Y.F.
P.O. Box 8585
Minneapolis MN 55408

SHARP
C/O 15941 S. Harlem #210
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A.R.A.
P.O. Box 11211
Chicago IL 60611

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1340 W. Irving POark Rd. #250
Chicago IL 60613

Syndicate
P.O. Box 578065
Chicago IL 60657

SHARP
P.O. Box 1332
St. Peters, MO 63376

CDR/Midwest
P.O. Box 442082
Kansas City MO 64141

Louisiana Coalition Against Racism and Nazism
806 Perdido St. # 205
New Orleans LA 70112
504-523-2811

A.R.A./SHARP
P.O. Box 59324
Dallas TX 75229

Dallas/Ft. Worth Information
P.O. Box 13642
Arlington TX 76094
("Melting Pot" 'zine)

Romani Union
c/o Ian F. Hancock
Manchaca TX 78652-0822
512-282-1268
(rights organization of so-called "Gypsies"; current info on rise of racist right in Eastern Europe)

A.R.A.
P.O. Box 402145
Austin TX 78704

Religious Mvmt. Resource Center
629 S. Howes
Ft. Collins CO 80521
303-482-8487
(exposes "Christian" Identity, KKK)

Front Range A.R.A.
P.O. Box 102
Greeley CO 80632

N.W. Coalition Against Malicious Harassment
2582 S. Fairway Dr.
Coeur d'Alene ID 83814
208-765-3932

A.R.A.
P.O. Box 90312
San Diego CA 92109

Justice for Geronimo Campaign
214 Duboce Ave.
San Francisco CA 94103
415-381-8424

National Netwk. for Immigrant & Refugee Rights
310 Eighth St. #307
Oakland CA 94607

B.A.R.A.
P.O. Box 3501
Oakland CA 94609
415-644-4173

Maximum Rock'nRoll
P.O. Box 288
Berkeley CA 94701
415-648-3561

No Other Way
p.o. Box 2214
Fairoaks CA 95628
anti-racist Christian punx

A.R.A.
1951 W. Burnside, Box 1928,
Portland OR 97209
503-232-2159

Coalition for Human Dignity
P.O. Box 40344
Portland OR 97240
503-293-3323

United Front Against Fascism (UFAF)
5018 Rainier Ave. S.
Seattle WA 98118
(associated with Freedom Socialist Party/FSP)

CDR/Northwest
P.O. Box 88359
Seattle WA 98138

SHARP
P.O. Box 313
Toronto Ontario Canada M5T 1R5

Ligue Anti-fasciste Mondiale
C.P. 583 Succursale H
Montreal, P.Q.
Canada H3F 2L5

Cliff Lam
1171 Giles Gate
Oakville Ontario Canada L6M 2S4
("CROSSBREED" 'zine; SHARP, Hardcore Against Racism & Discrimination)

RACISTS PROTEST ANTI-APARTHEID LEADERS

Visits to the U.S. by anti-apartheid leaders Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu in May and June sparked protests by racists and neo-nazis. In May, the Pasadena church where South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu was performing the service was invaded by screaming protesters from the racist Jewish Defense League (JDL). Over the years, the JDL, led by Irv Rubin, has attacked anti-klan, Central America and Middle East peace demonstrations; the group denounced Tutu and Mandela as "Black Hitlers" on their phone message line.

The triumphant U.S. tour of Nelson Mandela also was greeted by several ineffectual demonstrations. Here in L.A., a small group of neo-nazis held a picket in front of the racist South African consulate while Mandela was speaking to ten of thousands of supporters at the Colisseum. A similar pro-apartheid rally was held by a small group of Klansmen in Atlanta GA while Mandela visited the King Center in that city.

MILLIONS GREET MANDELA

The puny efforts of the racists were dwarfed by the out-pouring of support for Mandela. Here in L.A., more than 2000 people participated in a Youth March through South Central L.A. to join thousands more at the stadium. The march was one of the few activist events of the tour, which was mainly run by established Black politicians and celebrities. Only in New York, where grass roots anti-apartheid activists were able to run one of Mandela's principal appearances, in Harlem, were the forces who built the anti-apartheid movement in the U.S. long before it became fashionable or politically expedient, visible or vocal.

The Harlem event was also significant because Black political prisoners in the U.S., like the recently freed Dhoruba (former NY Black Panther leader Richard Moore) were able to share the rostrum with the released South African political prisoner. With the amnesty for many ANC and PAC freedom fighters in South Africa, most of the longest held political prisoners in the world are jailed activists of the Black, Native American and Puerto Rican liberation struggles here in the U.S., like Geronimo Pratt, the framed-up head of the Black Panther Party in L.A., Leonard Peltier of the American Indian Movement, and Carlos Alberto Torres, a leader of the Puerto Rican war for independence.

In 1971, Geronimo ji Jaga Pratt, a leader in the Black struggle for human rights, was framed on a murder charge in California. The key witness against him was in the pay of the police. Government spies infiltrated his defense team. Many pages of evidence, proving Geronimo's innocence, were "lost" by government lawyers. It was later revealed that he was a target of the FBI COINTELPRO program which sought to destroy the Black movement. Today, nearly 20 years later, Geronimo is one of the longest held political prisoners in the world.

NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER FOR P.A.R.T./TIDE

Marking the new decade of the 1990's, effective immediately, the new address for People Against Racist Terror (PART) and our newsletter "Turning the Tide" is P.O. Box 1990, Burbank CA 91507.

Beginning Sept. 1, the new telephone message number is (818) 509 - 3435. Attention white supremacists -- don't bother trying to jam up the lines with hate messages; the line will be answered in person.

We changed our number and amswering system for two reasons; first, because we found out Tom Metzger was using the same company (American Voice Retrieval) to spread his hate lines around the country. We protested several times to the owners with no satisfactory response, and decided to boycott them. We urge others to do likewise. Also, some WAR affiliated bonehead has been filling our electronic message slots with garbage to prevent their use for anti-racist communication. Wouldn't it be a shame if Metzger's bully boys got a taste of their own medicine on their own digital "voice-mail" hate lines?

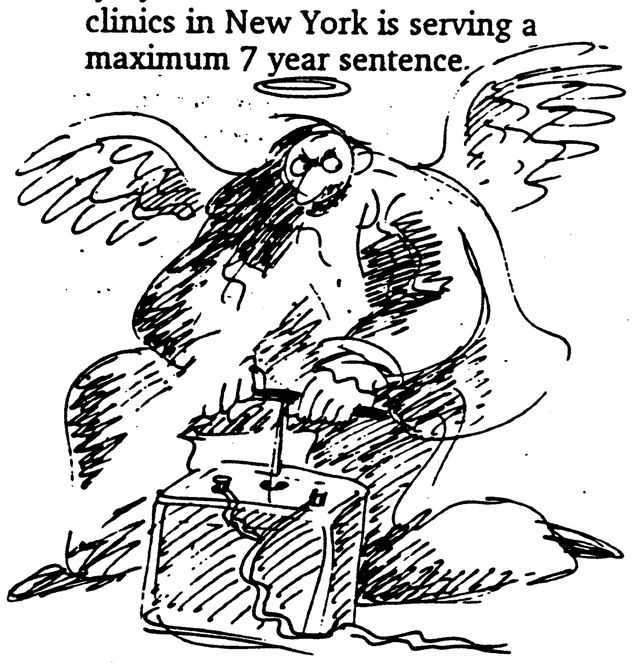
N.A.A.C.P. OFFICE FIREBOMBED TWICE IN GEORGIA

The NAACP, which was the target in a still-unsolved series of white supremacist bombings that took the lives of a white federal judge and a Black civil rights attorney last winter, has come under attack once again. On July 17, the office of the Clayton County, GA NAACP was firebombed, along with the home of a Black woman in an integrated neighborhood. The following week, on July 24, four more molotov cocktails were thrown at the office, which was gutted in the resulting fire.

ANTI-ABORTION VIOLENCE CONTINUES

The so-called "right to life" movement continues to resort to terrorism in its efforts to deny women control over their bodies and reproductive capacities. In the latest such attack, on July 12, a fire destroyed part of the building housing the Feminist Women's Health Center in Redding, CA. Arson inspectors are investigating the blaze.

This type of violence goes on with tacit approval from high levels of government. Compare the treatment of anti-imperialist political prisoners with anti-abortion bombers. Susan Rosenberg, a white woman charged only with possession of explosive materials, but known for her solidarity with Third World liberation struggles and her struggle for women's liberation, was sentenced to over fifty years, while an ex-Marine who actually dynamited several women's clinics in New York is serving a maximum 7 year sentence.



THE "I DID IT FOR GOD" DEFENSE

DENNIS J. MALVASI, WHO BOMBED ABORTION CLINICS IN N.Y.C., EXPLAINED HE DID SO BECAUSE OF HIS STRONG RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. MR. MALVASI, A VIETNAM VET AND A DEVOUT CATHOLIC, SUPPORTED HIMSELF BY ARMED ROBBERY.

PART has a research report available on the racist right, anti-woman and anti-abortion terrorism. For a copy, send $3.00 to P.A.R.T., P.O. Box 1990, Burbank CA 91507.

COLUMBUS 1992: A TIME FOR EDUCATION

The Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission is busy at work. They are taking seven years to plan the 500th anniversary celebration of Columbus' arrival in the "new world." That's three years more planning than the 1986 Statue of Liberty commemoration and five years more than Constitutional Bicentennial in 1987, so you can begin to imagine what we're in store for. Corporate and federal dollars are pouring into the commission, and it's chaired by a Cuban-born Miami real estate developer. No Indians were originally appointed to the commission, but after protest an Indian non-voting observer was added. To find out what the official commission in the U.S. is up to, contact: Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, 1801 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20006 (202) 632-1992.

There are many organizations planning events to counter the "celebration" and educate people throughout the world about colonialism and the condition of indigenous peoples today. Some of the organizations are listed below. We'll keep readers updated on the planning over the next two years. Please write the *Nonviolent Activist* if you have other groups to add to this list or further information about alternatives to the official planning.

Thanks to Loretta Williams of the Racial Justice Working Group for this information.

Alliance for Cultural Democracy "Remapping Our Homeland: 500 Years After Columbus"
c/o Ricardo Levins-Morales
2311 E. 32nd St.
Minneapolis, MN 55406

General Commission on Religion & Race
Rev. Kenneth Deere
110 Maryland Ave NE Washington, DC 20002

South and Meso-American Indian Information Center (SAIIC)
PO Box 7550
Berkeley, CA 94707
(sponsoring First Continental Meeting of Indigenous Peoples, April 17-21, 1990, Quito, Ecuador)

WomanCenter
76 Everett Skinner Road
Plainville, Ma 02762
Contact: Carolyn McDade

Racial Justice Working Group
National Council of Churches
475 Riverside Dr.
New York, NY 10115

International Indian Treaty Council
710 Clayton
San Francisco, CA 94117

Serpaj-AL
Casilla 3280
Guayaquil, Ecuador

In 1984, Susan Rosenberg was arrested and charged with possession of weapons, explosives, and false ID. A white North American woman, Susan has been deeply committed since childhood to struggles for human rights including the movements for Puerto Rican independence, Black liberation, and women's liberation. Although she and her co-defendant Tim Blunk were convicted of possessing materials, not using them, they received sentences of 58 years, the longest ever given on this charge. Susan also endured two years of psychological torture in the Lexington Control Unit before it was closed.

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RACIST'S "REASON"

You're relaxing on the couch, finishing a cold one. The game's over early, and you punch channels idly on the cable box, looking for something to watch. What's on? Pete Wilson, talking to no one about nothing in particular. Must be C-SPAN. MTV's got the same old same old, a new Billy Idol video with soft core s & m. HBO has a rerun of "Jewel of the Nile." Wait a minute -- what's this? Looks totally bizarre. The screen shows a benevolent looking man, a straight arrow in a hairpiece and a three-piece suit, sitting there with two rough looking skinheads in metal studded black leather. The camera pans in on the straight dude. In a well-modulated voice, slightly smarmy voice, he intones:

"Welcome. The show is "Race and Reason", and I am your moderator, Tom Metzger."

Through the looking glass. The skins proceed to talk about racial purity and the gripes of white youth with this old guy who might be a skinhead himself, but he's wearing a rug.

What is this show? They may call it "Race and Reason," but Racist Outrage could be closer to the mark.

In fact, this is no ordinary talk show, cultivating controversial guests for the ratings, and Metzger is no ordinary talk show host - he's the former Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in California. He now heads White Aryan Resistance (WAR), which produces the show. He's on trial in Portland OR for fomenting some of these nazi skins to kill an Ethiopian immigrant.

His tv show, "Race and Reason" has put the white supremacist movement into living rooms throughout America on cable-TV community access channels in California, Oregon, Washington, Texas, Georgia, Pennsylvania and northern New York State. Metzger has said he plans to have his program on cable systems in every major media market within a year. Metzger's show has been met by protests everywhere it airs. Fifty demonstrators picketed Chicago's Channel 19 when "Race and Reason" debuted. According to Larry Duncan of the Committee for Labor Access, which produces the "Labor Beat" weekly on Channel 19, Chicago Access Corporation, the franchise holder for several cable channels, had guidelines prohibiting all producers from using obscene or libelous material. "We told them this was libel against entire communities. What could be more obscene than fascism?" But cable managements maintain they are required by law to air the show.

Metzger claims first amendment protection for his show. He says that the right of free speech allows him to air his "racial nationalist" views. "Race and Reason" is lower key than most of the propaganda from "WAR", carefully designed to legitimize Metzger. He calls it "a white man's talk show." Having traded in his robes for a business suit several years ago, Metzger has been re-born as the white supremacist's Donahue, able to get his message out to the folks he wants to reach in the privacy of their homes. He has taken a page from Falwell, Swaggart and the other TV preachers, using TV, computers and telephone hot lines to project a 21st century Klan.

On his show, Metzger avoids the open advocacy of violence and Aryan revolution that he espouses in the newspaper, "WAR", that he distributes to his followers and racist allies. But apart from that subterfuge, he does not moderate his own racist and anti-semitic views; he uses the show to elicit such views from his guests. These have included the bodyguard for the late neo-nazi leader George Lincoln Rockwell, Mike Brown; Ben Klassen of North Carolina's Church of the Creator, who told Metzger that he supported "having any white nation cleansed of alien or mud races"; and Greg Withrow, then head of the White Student Union. Withrow applauded the white high school student in Sacramento, CA who stabbed a Vietnamese youth to death, as the "highest example of white manhood." Withrow was later crucified to a wooden plank by nazi skins loyal to Metzger's son John, who took over the WSU and turned it into WAR Youth after Withrow had a change of heart.

Metzger hit on TV as the best way to maintain a public presence for the racist right wing in a period when public Klan activity was on the decline. The subsequent resurgence of neo-nazi and KKK activity may be based in no small part on that strategy. Cable TV casts a broad net that draws in new followers and potential sympathizers without exposing them to public identification or attracting much attention from potential opposition.

From his home base in southern California, Metzger has complemented the cable shows with the Aryan Liberty Net, a computer bulletin board founded by the Idaho-based para-military Aryan Nations. This computer system provides telephone access numbers in the midwest, four other regions of the U.S., and in Canada. It has several levels of password security codes through which the initiated can communicate. Metzger's newspaper is distributed to white supremacists nationally. Now, Metzger also runs a network of telephone answering messages, dubbed "hate-lines" by his opponents, around the state of California, and throughout the country, by piggy-backing onto a commercial "voice bulletin board" system which uses digital technology to take messages and store them as computer data. Other racist groups are now following his lead using the same system, American Voice Retrieval, based in West L.A., to transmit their racist and anti-semitic diatribes.

We need to step up the heat against the use of cable tv and telephone systems by racists. While the FCC has been trying to drive all alternative programming off the air, shutting Black radio stations down in California and the midwest, and labelling gay programming "indecent," the racists have had a free hand to foment violence through their hate-mongering.

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LOS ANGELES RACIST, CHILD MOLESTER, HEADS BRITISH KKK

Searchlight, an anti-racist monthly magazine in England, has exposed the Grand Dragon of the British Ku Klux Klan as Allan Ronald Beshella alias Entwhistle, who though born in England, spent part of the 60's, 70's and 80's in the L.A. area.

In 1972, Beshella a.k.a. Entwhistle was convicted here in L.A. of child molestation. A leader of Bill Wilkinson's faction of the Klan in California and Texas, he was arrested again in 1982 in Palm Springs where the KKK put on a major recruiting drive. Federal Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms agents entered his home with a search warrant and confiscated seven or eight weapons. Although they didn't arrest him at the time, he was subsequently charged with felony weapons violations and failing to register as a convicted sex offender. He jumped bail on these charges.

Beshella had been building an alliance between the British Klan and Ian Stuart Donaldson of Skrewdriver, who was supposedly putting together a band to record Klan songs. But after the exposure of his past, he may be tossed out of his top post in the British KKK by members who are offended that he was convicted of child molestation.

METZGER CALLS FOR "WAR" ON UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

After several months of anti-immigrant vigilanteism along the U.S.-Mexico border in San Diego, immigration rights advocates and Mexicano activists initiated an effective fight back, counter-demonstrating against the Light Up the Border campaign begun by the racist Americans for Border Control (ABC) and promoted by a former San Diego mayor on his radio show. (For more on ABC's connections to the fascist right, see PART's research report on English Only.) The civil rights demonstrators begun to cut into the number of people mobilized to shine their car lights on the border to assist the Border Patrol.

In response to the effective anti-racist demonstrations, Tom Metzger White Aryan Resistance (WAR) circulated leaflets calling on nazi skins to come out to the border and wage war on "illegal aliens" and on the civil rights demonstrations. Possibly uncomfortable with the connection to Metzger's open racist terrorism, the organizers of Light Up the Border called it off for July. Metzger has been ranting on his phone hate lines for years about what he calls the "mud flood." A decade ago, he was involved with then national KKK leader David Duke in a Klan Border Watch along the San Diego frontier with Mexico.

Metzger, who is facing trial in Oregon for involvement in the nazi skinhead murder of an Ethiopian refugee, was forced by a judge in San Diego to cancel his transfer of his home to his wife's name. The judge ruled that it was a blatant attempt to strip himself of any assets in anticipation of a verdict for damages in the civil suit.

ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

Anti-racism resources available from PART:

Assorted back issues of Turning the Tide are available at 50 cents each. Most issues are now out of print, but if you'd like to see a selection of what we still have on hand of issues going back to Vol. I #1, send in a couple of bucks. All orders will receive free copies of PART's position papers on Anti-Abortion Terror and the Racist Right, Homophobia and Racist Terror, Christian Identity/Neo-Nazi Theology, and the Neo-Nazi Assault on the Schools.

PART's popular "Cut Racism Down to Size" 12 inch wooden ruler is available for $1.00 each.

PART has produced several research reports:

Report #1: KLAN-TV: An expose of the use of cable and broadcast TV by Tom Metzger and other neo-nazis to promote their strategy for race war. 10 pp., $2.00.

Report #2: ENGLISH ONLY: TROJAN HORSE FOR FASCISM: Exposes the hard core racists and fascists financing the attack on language rights of minorities. 5 pp., $1.00.

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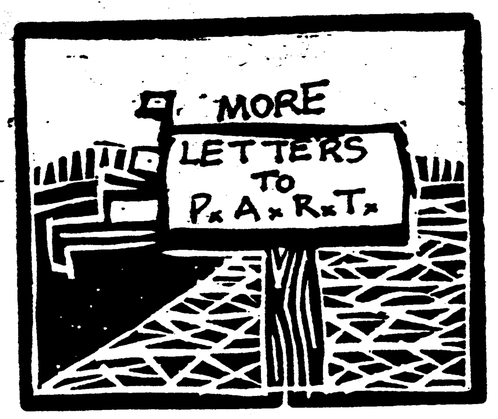

Hello folks,

I'm writing to tell you some news and ask for your help. Recently, we held the first meeting of a San Diego Anti-Racist Action chapter. 60+ people attended, from SHARP, Independent Oi, and lots of punks. We decided to start a poster/literature campaign on the local scene and in the community to educate people on what ARA stands for, the anti-racist origins of the skinhead movement, and opposition to racism in the scene. We're going to start working on Rock Against Racism shows locally.

We need your help. Send any literature we can use. We want to learn from everybody's experience what works and what doesn't in anti-racist organizing.

Smash racism, George
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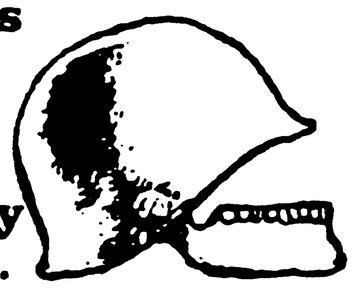
The money required to provide adequate food, water, education, health and housing for everyone in the world has been estimated at $17 billion a year. It is a huge sum of money

...about as much as the world spends on arms every two weeks.



Dear Turning the Tide,

Southeastern Connecticut has yuppie nazis, believe it or not. The assholes are in a band called "White and Proud." It pisses them off when my band rags on them. I need to know, is there a charge for your mag? I saw it listed, but it didn't give the price.

Steve,
Uncasville CT

Dear Steve:

Thanks for writing (and thanks to many others who have seen Turning the Tide listed in other 'zines and mags). A sample copy of Turning the Tide is $1.00; subscriptions are six issues (one year) for $5.00. We prefer cash, or a U.S. postal money order to "Boxholder, P.O. Box 1990" Burbank CA 91507. Please note that's a new address.

We'd also like to thank all the 'zines that have been printing info about TTT and PART. Please print our new address and the rates for your readers. This is a great contribution to creating a network of anti-racist activists and promoting communication and dialog about the issues facing us. We are printing an updated contact of anti-racist groups and publications around the country that have been in touch with us, and we hope people make use of it to strengthen our collective efforts.

Dear PART,

Thanks for responding. Your newsletter is very informative. Here in Austin, TX the racist skinhead movement is on the rise. It's still underground, but its numbers are increasing. Also, the KKK is planning a rally here in Austin. I don't have the exact date, but I'll let you know when I do.

Our problem is getting people to realize the seriousness of the nazi problem. It hasn't gotten enough attention and remains unnoticed by the general public.

DSB, an anti-racist skinhead group, has started a chapter here. We'd appreciate it if you'd add our address to your list.

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Fellow anti-racists,

This is Michael from Front Range ARA. Thanks for answering so quickly. I'm impressed with TTT. I'm happy to see you've taken the same stance we have against homophobia. Most ARA's seem to employ more violent tactics in dealing with nazis (than we do). I don't condemn nazi bashing nor do I support it. I realize there's more than one solution to dealing with these boneheads. I simply prefer the education part of our "direct action/education" slogan. Other members of Front Range feel that beating up a nazi is a good solution and have no qualms about doing so. This seems to strike a good balance in our tactics.

I'd like to comment on the separation issue. This has got to be the stupidest solution to the problem of racism I've ever heard. The idea is to completely separate people of different races so their culture would supposedly grow and flourish. First of all, one of the things that helps a culture grow is to draw upon and adapt good things from other cultures.

Without this, a culture would stagnate, become close-minded, and eventually destroy itself. Secondly, how is separation supposed to reduce prejudice? It would only make the conditions for unreasonable hate greater. If people of one culture don't know those of another, it's easier to accept the idea the other is "inferior" or "dangerous." There's only one race that matters, and that's the human race.

Thanks for your support,
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PART REPLIES:

We're not sure what you mean by "separation". If you're talking about neo-nazi statements about separation of the races, I think we need to be aware that these are only attempts to appear reasonable to a broad audience; they are hypocritical statements that mask the true strategy of race war and extermination that the neo-nazis voice to each other in their internal propaganda and strategy papers. When they talk about a white homeland, they intend to achieve it not by separating themselves from other racial groups but by subordinating and killing those groups. We think this reality needs to be brought out rather than accepting the neo-nazis claims to be in favor of separation and white rights, and trying to argue the logic or viability of such a position.

If on the other hand, you're being critical of nationalist or separatist groups in various liberation movements, such as those who advocate independent nationhood for Africans in America, we think your criticism may be based on a misconception of what those groups argue. What they are saying is that it's impossible for the healthy cross-cultural contact and development you talk about to take place between the oppressor and the oppressed. Native people, for example, know that the kind of cultural contact they have had with European culture has been genocidal for them. Native people who demand sovereignty and respect for their treaty rights, Black people who call for independent nationhood, aren't trying to seal themselves off in stagnation, they are trying to establish a basis of equality and respect, based on empowerment of the oppressed and their own cultural and physical survival, so that healthy, progressive contact could follow.

People Against Racist Terror (PART) is a new local group forming to oppose the dangerous growth in racist violence in the L.A. area. We feel that left unopposed, the white racist movement poses a threat to the safety of Black and other oppressed people, and to all progressive minded people. We want to take up the responsibility within the white community of opposing all forms of racism and reaction, and of building support for the Black liberation struggle and other similar movements. We oppose male supremacy and anti-gay and anti-woman violence and want to unite with other like-minded, progressive people. We think that these ills are deeply rooted in our whole social system and history and will require great, transformative efforts to uproot.

If you're concerned about the rising tide of racist and anti-semitic violence, if you want to learn about alternatives to the current system of white supremacy, such as independence for oppressed groups in the U.S., get in touch with us.

Be **PART** of the solution!

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