TURNING THE TIDE

L.A. ANTI-RACISM NEWSLETTER

People Against Racist Terror (PART) P. O. Box 1990, Burbank CA 91507

Volume Four, #5 September-October 1991 Fifty cents (50¢)

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

* CONFRONTING COLUMBUS:

Resources for resisting the quincentennial and 500 years of ongoing colonialism.

* HATE CRIME UPDATE:

Drumbeat of racist and sexist atrocities continues around the Southland

* HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE:

TTT subscribers keep an ear to the ground about the doings of the KKK and neo-nazis.

* TOM METZGER CROSS-BURNING TRIAL:

Eight years after the fact, nazi cross-burners face justice.

* HIGH-TECH DUNGEON BEING BUILT:

The U.S. Bureau of Prisons, not satisfied with its ability to carry out atrocities at Marion, is building a new torture chamber in Colorado.

* LETTERS:

Native Americans, affirmative action, blaming it on the Jews

* ANTI-RACIST RESOURCES:

New listing of what's available from PART. Subscribe now before our rates go up for Volume 5!

SUBSCRIBE NOW!

CHRISTOPHER COMMISSION:

WHITE - WASHING POLICE REPRESSION

In spite of documenting the extent of racism and sexism in the L.A.P.D. by releasing more than 80 pages of computer print-outs from police patrol communications filled with vile racist slurs, the Christopher Commission's report is a whitewash.

The Commission had two primary concerns: to end the political paralysis in L.A. that resulted from the stalemate between Mayor Bradley and Chief Gates' backers on the City Council; and to restore the tattered legitimacy of the Police Department in the wake of the videotaped beating of Rodney King. These members of the city's establishment came around to the view that Gates had to go, not to pay for the crimes of the L.A.P.D., but to shut the voices of protest up and restore "business as usual."

WHO RULES L.A.?

The Christopher Commission is a vehicle of the establishment elite that has always run L.A. Warren Christopher himself, as Deputy U.S. Attorney General, was assigned by LBJ to coordinate Army and police efforts to control the Chicago rebellion after the assassination of Martin Luther King. When Carter appointed him Deputy Secretary of State, his nomination was held up by allegations that he had approved military surveillance of domestic dissidents.

Christopher is a member of the elite Trilateral Commission, which has maintained that the problem in the U.S. is an "excess of democracy" that allows marginal and disenfranchised minorities to destabilize the whole system. It is exactly this doctrine which requires the use of police repression to keep the oppressed in their place.

Christopher's crony on the Commission, Roy Anderson of Lockheed and ARCO, sits with him on the corporate boards of Southern California Edison, First Interstate Bank and Stanford University. Even the Black members of the Commission come from the same elite mold. John B. Slaughter is on the corporate boards of IBM, Monsanto Chemical and Union Bank. The reforms these people advocate are designed in the interests of the big corporations, not the working people of L.A., and certainly not oppressed minority communities.

Because of the extent of racism in the L.A.P.D. and the fear that it might lead to another Watts Rebellion, under conditions where 50,000 or more Black and Latino youth have access to automatic weapons, these representatives of the elite were forced to admit to some embarrassing disclosures and make some recommendations that would correct the worst violations.

COPS AND THE KLAN -- HAND IN HAND?

The commission reports several transmissions referring to the Ku Klux Klan, another to a watch commander with "white hoods," and even one using the slogan "white power," but it doesn't deal with the

...continued p.2

CHRISTOPHER, continued...

possibility of organized white supremacist activity in the police force.

Testimony given by African American officers about harassment which they attribute to KKKer's in police ranks is not reported, and the Commission neither commented on the recent publicized efforts of the Klan to recruit in the L.A.P.D. nor looked into Chief Gates' assignment of the Anti-Terrorist Division to investigate Klan infiltration of the Department. No results of that investigation have yet been made public. Are we supposed to forget about it?

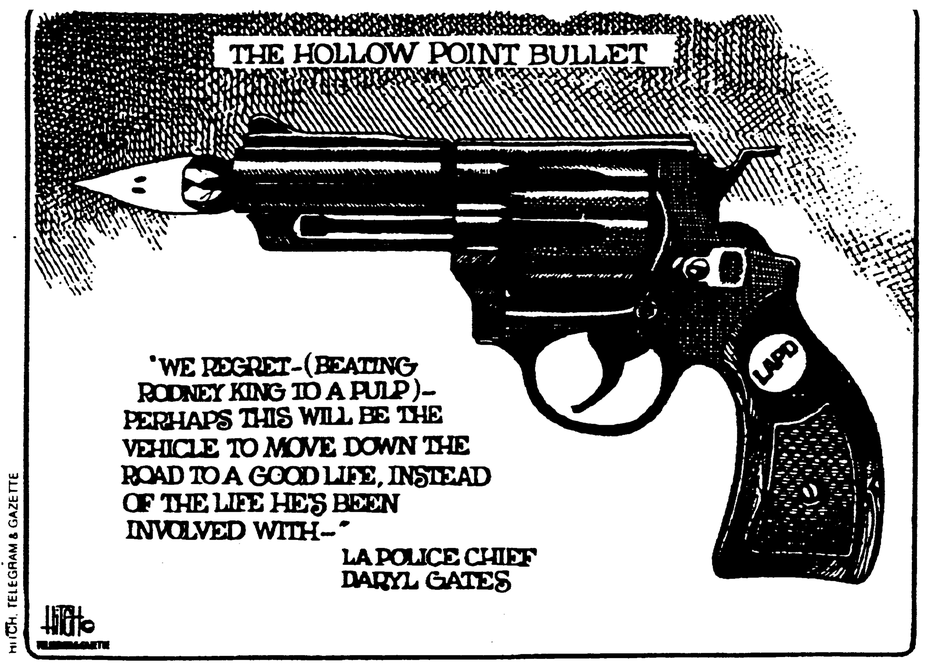
WHAT THE CHRISTOPHER COMMISSION DIDN'T DO

Despite chronicling the extent of discrimination inside the department and in its operations in the community directed against Mexicanos, Salvadorans and other Latino immigrants and refugees, the Commission is silent about complaints that the L.A.P.D. has turned not only criminal suspects but also victims and complainants over to the INS for deportation.

While admitting homophobia in the department, the report fails to even mention the lawsuit against the department by several former gay officers (whose proposed settlement was sabotaged by Chief Gates), or the fact that the majority of recent gay bashings reported to the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center were actually carried out by law enforcement.

By focusing exclusively on the L.A.P.D., the Commission is able to propose reforms, such as tenure and civilian accountability for the chief, that would bring the L.A.P.D. in line with other departments. Yet those other departments, starting with the L.A. Sheriffs, are equally guilty of racism, sexism, homophobia and brutality. The three killings by sheriffs in August alone, one by a deputy linked to a white supremacist gang, the Vikings, make that clear.

And by leaving Gates in power, free to set his own agenda, the Commission sabotaged even its own limited reforms. Since the report was issued, officers who testified have been subjected to harassment and retribution,



Gates' friends have been rewarded with promotions, and break-ins directed at community groups involved in exposing police criminality have taken place.

WHAT THE CHRISTOPHER COMMISSION REALLY WANTS

The heart of the Commission report is probably its recommendation that the department move away from its current aggressive para-military crime fighting strategy towards an alternative model of "community oriented policing." The report proposes that "community based policing's emphasis on officers interacting positively with the public should have the effect of 'humanizing' their perceptions of those whom they police ... (It) would increase the effectiveness of the police and diminish the tension between the public and the L.A.P.D. by eliminating the view of the 'community as the enemy.'"

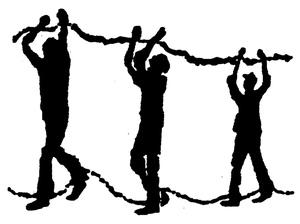
Yet the Commission reports, as an example of current community-based programs within the L.A.P.D., the experiment in "community policing" begun in 1989 known as "Operation Cul-de-Sac," in which the police erect barricades and street barriers, posted "Narcotics Enforcement Area -- Open to Residents Only." Officers on foot, horseback and bicycle saturate the area and require identification of people entering.

This racist program actually had its antecedents during the "anti-terrorist" hysteria orchestrated by Daryl Gates at the time of the 1984 Olympics, when the Black community surrounding USC was cordoned off. It's an aptly-named dead end. Even the Commission's report acknowledges criticisms of the program for operating only in minority neighborhoods and for resulting in harsh treatment of suspected gang members, while having only an illusory effect on crime.

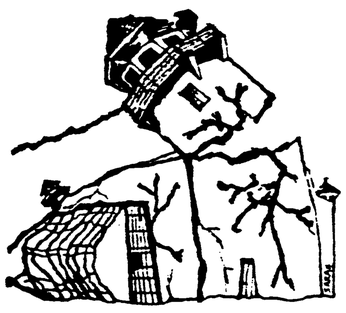
Having created the conditions of poverty, degradation, and hopelessness that breed crime, the ruling elite's proposed solution -- "community policing" -- amounts to a prescription of a police state as the solution to these woes, and some in the affected communities, tired of drive-by shootings and other criminal victimization, are ready to accept it.

The problem with the L.A.P.D. is not just 44 bad apples; the apple tree is poisoned at the roots. Police brutality and repression are inevitable when the "haves" consider the "have-nots" expendable. Such problems can't be swept under the rug by a few reforms; but such problems were not what the Commission was trying to address. The Commission wants to regain control of the agenda and re-establish the legitimacy of the police, and it hopes that with this report it can shut us up by confessing some of the worst sins of the L.A.P.D.

But the Commission is conceding only as much as it feels it has to, to achieve its ends. To end police brutality and racism, we need an assertive anti-racist movement that can confront all forms of oppression and build a truly humane society.



HI-TECH DUNGEON BEING BUILT



Kedzie Throop

Robots and remote controlled-doors at the newest Federal prison under construction will deny prisoners any routine human contact, according to official documents.

The prison, in Florence, CO, will surpass current psychological-torture efforts at Marion (IL) Federal Prison, and in control units at other prisons, activists assert.

"Florence will be a new and improved Marion," the Chicago-based Committee to End the Marion Lockdown says. CEML quotes a Bureau of Prisons functionary.

"Marion learned from Alcatraz, and now we've had 30 years to learn from Marion," said Russ Martin, project manager for Florence, according to CEML.

Marion opened in 1963, the year Alcatraz closed.

In 1983, following separate, fatal stabbings of two guards, authorities confined to prisoners to solitary cells and began a prolonged behavior-modification experiment, according to prisoners and activists.

In contrast to most state and Federal prisons, where cell doors are open for much of the day, Marion locks prisoners in their cells for 23 hours a day.

Television sets substitute for human company, and guards are said to enforce unwritten rules to demoralize prisoners.

Marion holds a high proportion of political prisoners, class war prisoners, and prisoners of war from national liberation movements.

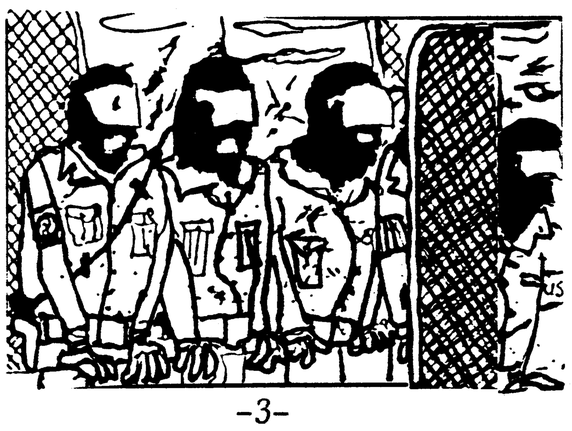
Since the lockdown began, Marion has been the only "maxi-maxi-security," or "level 6," prison in the Federal system. The Federal government classifies its prisons by number.

Authorities hope Florence will join Marion as the second level 6 prison. Ground was broken at the construction site July 14, 1990. The prison is scheduled to open in 1992.

Marion is also used to coerce submission from social prisoners throughout the system.

"Marion is like an anchor dragging the whole rest of the prison system down with it," Jan Sussler, of the People's Law Office in Chicago, says. Prisoners who file "too many" lawsuits, or insist on practicing Islam or Native religions, for example, may be transferred from state or Federal prisons to Marion. Other prisoners appear to be rotated through Marion randomly, to spread the word about its threat.

As the authorities refined sensory-deprivation techniques, CEML's Mariel Nanasi explained,



Marion's 60s-era physical construction proved constraining. If completed, Florence will deny prisoners *any* routine human contact: Robots will bring meals to prisoners in their cells, and guards will herd individual prisoners along corridors with PA speakers, surveillance cameras, and remote-controlled doors.

Further, prisoners will be unable to shout to each other from cell to cell, as they do in some units at Marion, because Florence's cells will have solid-front doors rather than barred doors. "These guys will never be out of their cells, much less in the yard or anywhere around here," the city manager of Florence, CO, told the local press to assure concerned citizens.

For more info, contact Committee to End the Marion Lockdown, P.O. Box 875172, Chicago IL 60657. They're sponsoring a conference Sept. 21 to mark the 20th anniversary of the Attica Rebellion. Reprinted from Wind Chill Factor, P.O. Box 81961, Chicago IL 60681.

Support Leonard Peltier's right to a new trial!

In Canada, letters are needed calling for the government to acknowledge the fraudulent extradition and for it to annul it and seek Leonard's return:

Write to:
Min. of External Affairs Barbara McDougall
Minister of Justice Kim Campbell
Prime Minister Brian Mulroney
Jim Fulton NDP Member (Skeena)

House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont K1A 0A6

For more information, and to send copies of your letters, write:
LPDC Canada, 43 Chandler Dr.
Scaroborough, Ont M1G 1Z1

In the U.S., ask that Peltier be granted executive clemency which would result in his immediate and unconditional release from prison.

Write to: President George Bush c/o The White House, Senator Daniel Inouye, Chairman of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs, c/o The Senate Building

For information and solidarity, write to:
LPDC, POB 583, Lawrence, KS 66044

L.A. RACISTS ROGUES' GALLERY:

WHITE ARYAN RESISTANCE (WAR):

Headed by Tom Metzger, WAR is down but not out after a massive judgement against Metzger, his son John, who heads the White Aryan Resistance Youth (formerly the White Student Union) and their group. WAR still has ties to nazi bone-head groups and circulates its cable TV show "Race and Reason" while running hate-lines with recorded racist messages in cities around Southern California and the U.S.

POPULIST PARTY:

An amalgamation of "former" nazis and klansmen and other racist right-wingers, the Populists have been splintered by repeated internal divisions over control of the party's finances. California has always been one of the strongest state affiliates. Local leaders have included Dennis Hilligoss, the former head of the KKK in the San Fernando Valley, and Joe Fields, a neo-nazi follower of Stan Witek. The Populists have held commemorative meetings on Adolf Hitler's birthday, and recently held major gatherings in Orange County; one featured Evan Meacham, the impeached governor of Arizona, whose right wing followers have united with fundamentalist preacher Pat Robertson to take over the AZ Republican Party and declare the U.S. a "Christian nation;" another spotlighted John Tyndall, British leader of the neo-nazi National Front. The Populists have always been under the influence of Hitler apologist Willis Carto, who has also been closely associated with the --

INSTITUTE FOR HISTORICAL REVIEW

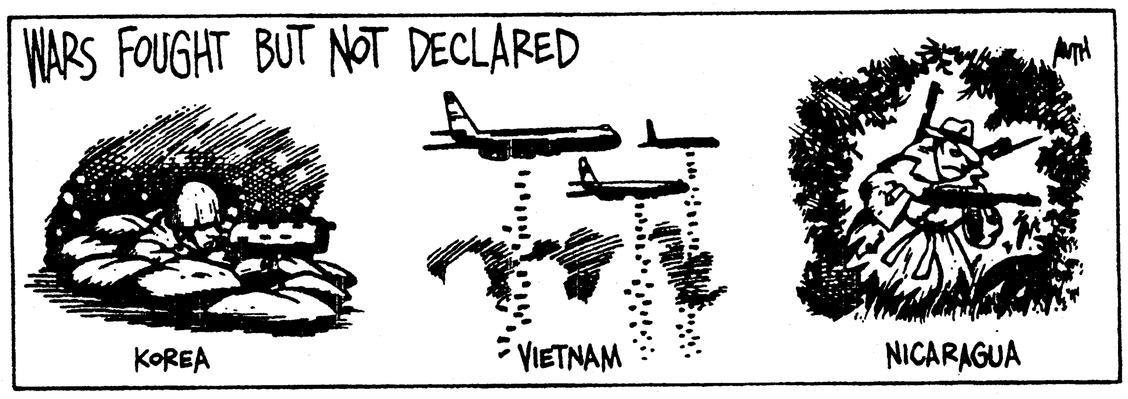
The southern California based institute is one of the main vehicles for trying to legitimize so-called Holocaust revisionism -- the theory that nazi genocide against the Jews is only a myth and hoax perpetrated by the Jews. Their pseudo-historical "research" has served as a cover for even more outrageous anti-semitic theories.

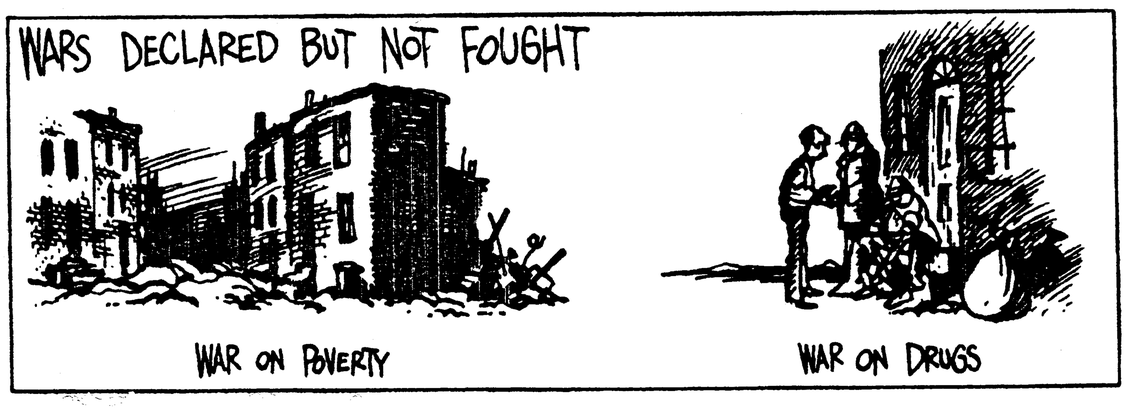
POSSE COMITATUS:

Originated in part in Southern California by leaders such as William Gale, who had direct ties to the original pre-World War II nazi movement in the U.S., the Posse has been relatively quiet here in recent years, since Gale died while under indictment along with several local followers for death threats against IRS agents. Local Posse leader Terence Oaks said the group is "laying low for awhile." But PART has received troubling accounts, including claims of killings, by the Posse in Orange County in recent months.

JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL):

Led locally and nationally by Irv Rubin, the JDL has a sordid record of violence directed against Arabs, Black people and especially other Jews who do not support their right wing politics. The JDL has been involved in attacks on an anti-klan demonmstration in the San Fernando Valley, in which members refered to Black protesters as "monkeys," as well as on anti-intervention demonstrations and a rally to support the Israeli Peace Now movement. Former Orange County head of the JDL, Bruce Derflinger, is running an anti-immigrant hate line which offers "points" to those turning in undocumented workers for deportation. JDL'ers Steve and Rochelle Manning were the chief suspects in the assassination of Palestinian leader Alex Odeh in O.C.





Tom Metzger's Cross-Burning Trial:

As we go to press, Tom Metzger, head of WAR, Stan Witek, local nazi party leader, and a couple of their followers are on trial in L.A. for the December 1983 triple cross burning that they carried out along with Richard Butler, head of the Aryan Nations, and a group of neo-nazi terrorists who joined the white racist underground, the Order; a couple of these racist "warriors," including Frank Silva, local head of the KKK, are coming to testify.

PART held a demonstration during the opening days of the trial to call community attention to the need to finally bring these racists to justice for their crimes. Several more weeks of proceedings are expected before the case goes to the jury. One of Metzger's original co-defendants, Winston Burbage, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 5 years probation.

COUNTERING 500 YEARS of RACISM!

Resources to Resist "Columbus Day"

Partial List. *Publications are listed in italic type.*

Akwesasne Notes, Mohawk Nation, PO Box 196, Rooseveltown, NY 13683-0196. Six issues per year; $15. A long-established, excellent quarterly on Native American affairs.

Alliance for Cultural Democracy, P.O. Box 7591 Minneapolis, MN 55407; or call Ricardo Levins Morales at 612- 724-6795. Publishes *Cultural Democracy* and *Houracan*, celebrating 500 years of resistance.

Amazon Nations Network, 10009 Blue Coat Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Support group for indigenous peoples in Brazilian rainforests. Sponsoring Waujá chief on 1991 U.S. tour.

American Indian Support Committee, 3912 Longfellow Street, Hyattsville, MD 20781. (301) 779-3063. Working with other Big Mountain Support Groups to repeal the genocidal Navajo Relocation Act.

Arctic to Amazonia Alliance, PO Box 73, Stafford, VT 05072. (802) 765-4337. Resource sharing and media activist databases, other activities. Planning Arctic to Amazonia Congress for Fall, 1991.

Campaign of Self Discovery, c/o Sans Garde, 82 Willow Avenue, #46, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4E 3K2. Launched by native peoples of Canada.

Canadian Alliance in Solidarity with Native Peoples, PO Box 574, Station P, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2T1 Canada. Resource Reading List, costs $19.95, and includes files, periodicals, and other materials related to Native peoples.

Clergy and Laity Concerned, P.O. Box 1987, Decatur, GA. 30031; 404-377-1983. CALC's prgram is Rethinking the History of the Americans: 1492-1992. 35 chapters and affiliates nationwide. Ask for an ***Organizers' Packet*** ($8, postpaid) and information about activists doing work in your area. CALC chapters and affiliates are listed on pp. 30-31 of this magazine.

Columbus in Context, c/o Lisa Maya Knauer, 88 Second Avenue, #6, New York City, NY 10003. (212) 533-3032. New York City-based CALC affiliate working in media, education and local networking.

Daybreak, PO Box 315, Williamsville, NY 14231-0315. Quarterly, featuring international indigenous perspectives by the former editor of *Akwesasne Notes* and others.

Five Hundred, PO Box 141249, Miami, FL 33114-9823. The slick quarterly magazine of the U.S. Quincentenary Jubilee Commission. Unabashedly pro-Columbus, sure to get folks fired up. $22 annually.

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet Theater, 1500 E. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407. (612) 721-2523.

Indigenous American Media Project, PO Box 864, Wendell, MA 01379. (508) 544-8313. Proposing three-part series of hour-long documentary programs for broadcast TV.

Indigenous Thought, c/o Jan Elliott, 6802 SW 13th St., Gainesville, FL 32608. (904) 378-3246. A networking newsletter to link counter-Columbus Quincentenary activities, from the Committee for American Indian History.

International Indian Treaty Council, 710 Clayton St., # 1, San Francisco, CA 94117, 415-566-0251

Minneapolis Library Association, Attn: Chris Dodge, 4645 Columbus Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55407. 612-541-8572.Information about American Library Association resolution urging librarians to present both Native and European perspectives on the Quincentennial.

National Congress on Latin America (NACLA), 151 W. 19th St, 9th Floor, New York Ny 10011. Six issues of its influenctial, *NACLA Report on the Americas* will focus on themes reflecting the past 500 years in the Americas.

"THE WHITE MEN MADE MANY PROMISES TO US BUT THEY NEVER KEPT BUT ONE: THEY PROMISED TO TAKE OUR LAND, AND THEY TOOK IT." RED CLOUD

National Indian Youth Council, 318 Elm St. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102. (505) 247-2251. Founded in 1961 to preserve and protect traditional tribal rights and values through education and litigation. Publishes *Americans Before Columbus*; subscriptions are $20 a year for non-members, free to members.

Native American Authors Distribution Project, The Greenfield Review Press, P.O. Box 308, Greenfield Center, NY 12833. (518) 584-1728. FAX (518) 583-9741. Specializes in books by American Indian writers. Free catalogue available on request.

Native American Council of New York City on 1992, 904 Lafayette Street, Nw York, NY 1003. (212) 598-0100. Leading Native American organization under guidance of traditional Elders, focusing on activities in New York City.

1992 Alliance, c/o Richard Hill, PO Box 20007, Santa Fe, NM 87504. (505) 988-6281.

South and Meso-American Indian Information Center (SAIIC), PO Box 7550, Berkeley, CA 94707. (415) 834-4263. One of the convening groups for the *First Continental Meeting of Indigenous Peoples–500 Years of Indian Resistance*, in Ecuador, July, 1990. Both a summary and the full text of the resolutions from the conference are available from them. Newsletter: $10/year.

Submuloc Society, c/o Kathy Steward, PO Box 6157, Bozeman, MT 59715. Chapter member: Chicano Humanities and Arts Council, PO Box 2512, Denver, CO 80201. (303) 477-7733. Columbus spelled backwards. Their purpose is to reverse the Columbus impact on the indigenous way of life.

Traditional Circle of Native American Elders, c/o American Indian Institute, PO Box 1388, Bozeman, MT 59715. Supporters of Native American Alliance, a leading voice on spiritual, environmental and other 1992-related issues.

Understanding History – Understanding Ourselves, 1492-1992, c/o Don Irish, 3609 14th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Coalition planning April, 1992, events in Minnesota.

WBAI-99.5 FM, 505 Eighth Avenue, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10018. 212-279-0707. Co-produces "Rediscovering Columbus: Countdown to 1992" with Columbus in Context (see previous page) monthly public affairs program highlighting connections to current struggles such as ecology and indigenous rights. Tapes available for rebroadcast on other radio stations.✦

HATE CRIME UPDATE

Orange County, July --Former JDL head Bruce Derflinger sets up an anti-immigrant hate-line offering a bounty for turning in undocumented workers for deportation. He claims he is motivated by a dispute with a Spanish-language broadcaster whose phone number, similar to his, caused him financial setbacks.

Mission Viejo, July--Paul Klein, a white Texan, is released on his own recognizance after swerving his car at a Black 12-year-old walking with two white girls and then jumping out of his car an slapping the boy, while yelling racial slurs.

Garden Grove, July --A cross is burned on the lawn of Michael Coffey and his family. PART joined in with a clean-up effort in support of the Black family.

Fullerton, July --A chinese student is beaten unconscious by a gang of nazi boneheads on State College Blvd. The boneheads, members of the Crazy Fucking Aryans, had harassed a Black family earlier in the day in a park in Placentia.

Santa Margarita, July --The words "Jew, Jew" are written in 3-foot letters on the lawn of a Jewish family.

Van Nuys, July --Bobby Snyder pleads guilty to three counts of sending racist threats to a Black student and two school administrators at Grant High.

San Diego, August --David Cox is indicted by a federal grand jury for the bombing of the Federal Building last year, demanding an end to the civil trial of the Metzgers, and that the government seal the border with Mexico.

Beverly Hills, August --Scott Dafoe, a white off-duty cop, and three body-building buddies from Staten Island, NY, are indicted for the brutal beating of a Latino man in an alley outside a West Hollywood restaurant.

East Los Angeles, August --Deputy Sheriff Mann, formerly associated with the white supremacist Vikings at the Lynwood sheriff's station, shoots and kills Arturo Smokey Jimenez after entering Ramona Gardens, inside the city of L.A. and outside the sheriff's jurisdiction.

ANTI-RACIST 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.

PART has produced several research reports. The reports were all recently updated and reprinted and are now available for $2.00 each post paid; or a $10.00 supporting sub to Turning the Tide will get you all the position papers.

- **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.

- **Report #2: ENGLISH ONLY:**

TROJAN HORSE FOR FASCISM

Exposes the hard core racists and fascists financing the attack on language rights of minorities. We are in the process of expanding and up-dating this report to incorporate an overview of racist manipulation of anti-immigrant hysteria in general.

- **Report #3: WOMEN'S RIGHTS -- TARGET FOR RACIST TERROR:**

Anti-Abortion Violence and the Racist Right

A full-length examination of the extensive connections between the anti-abortion movement and neo-nazi groups and ideology.

- **Report #4: HISTORY OF THE KKK**

Analyzes the rise and fall of the Klan during three periods of U.S. history, and the relationship of the state to racist terror.

- **Report #5: WOLVES IN PEACE CLOTHING**

A report on neo-nazi and KKK infiltration of the peace movement around the Gulf War and related anti-Jewish and anti-Arab hate crime activity.

- **Report #6: BLUE BY DAY, WHITE BY NIGHT:**

The Cops and the Klan

A report on organized white supremacist activity inside police and sheriff's departments, the FBI, military and correctional institutions.

- **Report #7: CHRISTOPHER COMMISSION:**

Elite Blueprint for "Enlightened" Repression

Just out! A full scale analyses of the Christopher Commission, its members, and the shortcomings of its investigation and recommendations.

- **Stop Hate Crimes Video:**

Two half-hour segments of a cable TV talk show produced by the Rainbow Coalition, featuring a PART spokesperson and an anti-racist band member. VHS only, $15.00.

- **Faces of Hate Video:**

This is a new listing. A half-hour video produced in Washington State, this video actually features grass-roots anti-racist activists from many different groups and communities talking about their work. VHS only, inquire.

SUBSCRIBE NOW!

Yes, I want to take PART in the struggle against racism!

[ ] Here's my donation of $_____

[ ] Enter my one-year subscription to "Turning the Tide" for $5.00.

[ ] Enter my supporting subscription to TTT plus all research reports for $10.00.

[ ] I want to have a speaker from PART come to my school/group/union. (Southern California only; expenses necessary).

Fill my order for the following anti-racist resources:

[ ] _____ back issues of TTT @ 50 cents each: $_____.

[ ] Research Report #1 (KLAN-TV)..... $ 2.00 .

[ ] Research Report #2 (ENGLISH ONLY) ..... $ 2.00 .

[ ] Research Report #3 (ABORTION) ..... $ 2.00 .

[ ] Research Report #4 (KKK) ..... $ 2.00 .

[ ] Research Report #5 (WOLVES/PEACE) ..... $ 2.00 .

[ ] Research Report #6 (COPS/KKK) ..... $ 2.00 .

[ ] Research Report #7 (CHRISTOPHER) ..... $ 2.00 .

[ ] FACES OF HATE Video ..... Inquire .

[ ] STOP HATE CRIMES! Video ..... $15.00 .

Name:_____

Address_____

City:_____

State:_____Zip_____

Phone:_____

Send Cash or U.S. Postal Money orders payable to: "Boxholder, P.O. Box 1990" Burbank Ca 91507.

A Saga of Shame: Racial Discrimination and the Death Penalty

A 20 page tabloid on a topic as timely as today's headlines. Includes 8 articles, one by Mumia Abu-Jamal, focus of *Equal Justice USA's* special campaign.

Special Sale Prices:
1-9: $1.00 ea.
10-24: .50 ea.
25-99: .35 ea.
100+: .25 ea.
Add $2.00 shipping/handling. UPS does not ship to PO boxes; please give street address.

Please send me _____copies of Saga of Shame. My shipping address is:

Name_____

_____

_____

City_____State___Zip_____

Phone: (_____)_____

Checks payable to: *Equal Justice, P.O. Box 5206, Hyattsville, MD 20782.* Please pay in U.S. $.

LETTERS TO P.A.R.T.

Dear PART:

After reading TTT, I was quite perturbed by the slanted point of view portrayed throughout your newsletter. You are ignorant, so you have to target so-called racist hate-mongers as a scapegoat for your own short-comings.

I can rationalize in my own mind the need of certain minorities to speak out, but in today's society, repugnant minorities are unable to conform to mainstream standards. Equality between the races should be considered an absurd ideal. Mongrelization is their only hope.

I must not omit the race conscious Jew, who possesses racial solidarity and loyalty the likes of which exists in no other human group. Transfer world control today from the International Jew to the highest commercially talented group of whites, and the whole fabric of the world would fall to pieces.

So please don't blame the hatemonger. Blame yourselves and the greedy Jew who's pulling the strings, while the white man's caught in the middle burning a cross on center stage. PART punks, please respond.

Love and peace,

Robert Mills,

Wende Correctional Facility,

PART doesn't scapegoat any one. We oppose hate, and we think haters should stop hating, because it is so destructive to all concerned. We try to print the truth as we see it, without fear or favor as someone once said. We are critical of all forms of bigotry because it clouds people's minds to the truth and to the need for constructive action to make the world a better place.

As far as Jews running the world or having greater racial unity and solidarity than anyone else, it seems pretty far-fetched to us. There are some Jewish financiers and bankers; but there are a great many more who are Protestants, Catholics, Muslims, or Shintoists. Neither the Japanese nor the Germans and Dutch, who have some of the most powerful banks and industrial conglomerates in the world today, have ever been noted for their sympathies toward Jews or their inclusion of any Jews in their ruling groups.

The notion that Communism was a secret Jewish capitalist plot to rule the world seems to have run out steam in the face of reality, too. As far as the "racial solidarity" of American Jews, the majority of young Jews in America marry out of the faith and have done so for some time, hardly a mark of Jewish racial separatism or disdain for non-Jews.

The notion that the demonically-clever but immoral Jews are running everything and trying to mongrelize the white race by using Blacks and others as pawns, is a classic example of scape-goating by white people who can't understand why their own "racial superiority" hasn't put them personally in the driver's seat. This allows them to buy all the rest of the racist notions propagated by the white rulers who are running things, who have always sought to de-humanize on racial grounds, all the people they have conquered and exploited.

If you don't like the shape the world is in, stop blaming it on the minorities and the Jews, who are relatively powerless, and direct your anger at the people who are really running things, and care more about the color of your money than the color of your skin. Otherwise, you're just identifying with your oppressor because you and he share the same skin pigment and not much else.

P.A.R.T. -- All of us with the United Anarchist Front completely agree with you as far as George Bush, the courts, Pentagon and corporate boardrooms go. Governments are built around the principles of racism, sexism and hatred.

The new quota policy is a perfect example of the way the system divides us. Now white people are losing out because of the color of their skin. That gives the KKK and Tom Metzger the chance to use it for their own benefit. It's dividing us once again. The whites are mad at the minorities, the minorities mad at the whites.

Smash racism, smash the state! It's up to all of us make a strong anti-racist presence in our communities. Thank you for the information you send us, it is much appreciated and needed.

Chris Crass/UAF Whittier CA 90603

If, by the quota system, you mean affirmative action or other recent civil rights legislation, I don't think we're in agreement. The argument you make is the same one made by George Bush, Jesse Helms, David Duke and Metzger, whom you oppose.

It is true that two wrongs don't make a right, but it's also true that we must right all wrongs. Affirmative action to the point of a preference for an "equally qualified" candidate from an oppressed group is one justifiable way to redress racism in hiring and promotions.

For example, if current seniority results from the fact that Blacks or women didn't used to be hired for certain jobs, then obviously using current seniority and experience as a basis for retaining and promoting people does nothing but propogate into the future the existing discrimination.

Affirmative action is a necessary counter-balance to this ongoing and institutionalized racism, a better solution than just claiming to be color-blind "from now on."

Heard it through the GRAPEVINE

"O-Town, a bonehead gang in the Orlando area, has regrouped. They are one of about 5 neo-nazi groups in central Florida backed by the KKK."

"The nazi-skin problem here in NYC has been all but destroyed from the scene (they still exist in areas of New Jersey, Staten Island and Bklyn in fairly strong numbers). Where I come from in Brooklyn, a mostly Italian/Irish working class 'hood, there used to be B.A.S.H., Brooklyn Aryan Skin Heads, but they died off about 2 years ago."

"Rumor has it that in the historic mining/tourist town of Virginia City, NV, several bars celebrate "Martin Luther Coon Day" rather than M.L. King Day each year. Apparently, the owners and patrons put on blackface, eat watermelon and celebrate the death of King. The bars rumored to be involved in this insulting behavior include the Union Brewery, the Crystal and the Ponderosa."

"There are a large number of nazi-boneheads and head-bangers here in San Bernardino's North End district. There's a predominantly white gang called the North End Stoners that frequently includes SS and swastikas in its graffiti. It's my belief James Oluden has been recruiting from/coaching this group in hate crimes. Incidents have occurred in the San Bernardino area, including cross-burnings here and in Rialto."

"There were two nazi ss symbols spray-painted in Soquel, near the east side of Santa Cruz recently, one on a real estate office, the other on the post office. A few months ago someone vandalized a synagogue in Aptos with anti-semitic slogans. Rio del Mar, on the beach in Aptos, is filled with redneckkks ... I saw one guy with "white" tattooed down his left arm and "power" down his right, with a swastika on his shoulder."

LETTERS TO P.A.R.T.

Friends:

Tiyospaye American Indian Student Organization (TAISO) supports what PART is trying to do, and what TTT says. We have found the newsletter informative and interesting. TAISO is well aware of the rise of white power groups nationally. Our relations, particularly in the upper Midwest, are bearing a large part of the abuse. We have felt it as well, with death threats against our leadership. TAISO has actively and physically confronted the white supremacists on repeated occasions in the Tampa Bay area, along with the African People's Socialist Party.

We appreciate any assistance your Florida readers can give, as we operate on a shoestring. TAISO is planning a demonstration against the Columbus Quincentennial on Oct. 12 at 3 pm in St. Augustine, FL.

In December, we are demonstrating against the New Tribes Mission, who believe that Christ will return when the last Indian is converted to Christianity. They call their missionaries "Commandoes for Christ" and offer a convert-or-die proposal to native people.

We will keep you appraised of white supremacist activity in Florida. The NAAWP (David Duke) is recruiting heavily in central Florida. TAISO and many other groups confronted the KKK on Aug. 17 in Gainesville. The Grand Wizard of the United KKK, John Murphy, was at the Gainesville rally.

In solidarity,Hamid Mahdi

Information Director, Tiyospaya/TAISO

2084 Leewood Blvd., Melbourne FL 32935

Dear PART folks,

It's been good to see the level of commitment in PART to work that needs doing. This past year I organized a women against racism series. It was exciting to have so many interested and willing to commit the time. In the last sessions, we talked about native people in this land, what has been done to them, the up-coming 500 years celebration, and how we, as non-native people, can act as allies.

I'd really like to see at least part of an issue of TTT devoted to this question, hopefully with a list or resources, reading, etc. Two books I'd like to recommend are by a Menominee woman, Chrystos, a poet, fighter, story-teller, organizer... the first is called "Not Vanishing", the second "Dream On". They're published by Press Gang. She also travels to do readings.

Thanks so much for your work,

Fai, Seattle WA

PART replies -- All of these letters point to the important issue of Native Nations' sovereignty as we approach the 500th anniversary of European colonialism in the Americas. The "Quincentennial" hoopla cannot mask the reality of on-going genocide, not only in this country, but throughout the Americas. The world historic reality of the invasion of America by Columbus and the Spanish, French, British and Dutch conquerers who followed resulted in the devastation of cultures and people not only throughout North, Central and South America and the Caribbean, but also in Africa, which was depopulated by the slave "trade" to provide labor to work the land stolen from the Native people by the European rulers. This is not only a matter of history however, but a continuing present day reality.

The lead in counter-Columbus quincentennial organizing is rightly coming from Native nations internationally, but solidarity and education within Euro-American communities is vital. We are reprinting some resources elsewhere in this issue, along with information about the important case of Leonard Peltier, a Native political prisoner whose case has long been recognized internationally as one of political repression by the U.S. government.

P.A.R.T.
P.O. Box 1990
Burbank CA 91507

Address correction requested

A red dot on your label means this is your last issue of T.T.T.
Please subscribe for $5.00 a year to continue receiving the Tide.