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RACIST TRIPLE THREAT

DAVID DUKE:

in State House?

By the time you read these words, "former" Klan Wizard David Duke may be governor elect of Louisiana. Even if he is defeated in the run-off, Duke is clearly not going away. He will almost certainly run for Congress from an almost entirely white district, and very likely win. If he doesn't challenge Bush in the Republican primaries next year, he will be a serious contender in 1996.

Anti-klan and anti-nazi organizers in Louisiana who have been seeking to mobilize a critical element of the white community against Duke have been the target of death threats and other harassment. We face the prospect of the most substantial electoral victory by a racist and fascist in this country since World War II. Yet all George Bush and most of the Republican Party can do is lament the "horrible choice" facing Louisianans -- as if the re-election of a "good times" former incumbent governor is the equivalent of the degree of legitimacy that has been conferred on naked white supremacy by Duke's political gains.

This immoral and politically bankrupt line, which has also been echoed in the press, in editorials, cartoons, and columns by the likes of William F. Buckley, feeds right into Duke's strategy of describing his long and sordid history of nazi/Klan organizing and criminality as a "youthful indiscretion" -- something like smoking marijuana in college. As if Duke was not still circulating neo-nazi literature and aligning himself with the other "ex"

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TOM METZGER:

Faces Slammer

Tom Metzger, after more than a decade of promoting racist "revolutionism" and violence, is finally facing jail for his crimes, after being convicted of misdemeanor unlawful assembly for his involvement in burning three crosses in a racially-mixed San Fernando Valley neighborhood in Dec. 1983. He got a hung jury on two other counts.

The mealy-mouthed Metzger managed to manipulate and mislead members of the jury at the trial, which finally took place in L.A. 8 years after the cross-burning the leader of WAR (White Aryan Resistance) took part in along with fellow neo-nazis Richard Butler of the Aryan Nations, Stan Witek of the Nazi party, Frank Silva of the KKK, his son John Metzger of the White Student Union, and Mike Canale (actually a spy for the racist Jewish Defense League). Swallowing his aryan pride and his alleged "convictions," Metzger presented himself in his testimony as a victim of both his fellow nazis -- who he claimed deceived him that the cross-burning would be legal, and duped him into participating by agreeing to let him make a speech criticizing cross-burnings as passe -- and of political persecution by the D.A., Ira Reiner, who insisted on pursuing the cross-burning case through the courts for almost a decade.

Metzger's attempt to distance himself from his nazi cohorts was at least partially successful. The jury deadlocked on two more serious counts

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"BO" GRITZ:

Fronts for Nazis

Sept. 14, PART sponsored a demonstration at the Hastings Ranch public library in Pasadena, CA outside a gathering of the racist Populist Party, the group which ran klan leader David Duke for President in 1988. About thirty protesters picketed, many of them local residents.

The Populists, who are running ex-Green Beret "Bo" Gritz for President this time, were meeting to plan a "Borderwatch" demonstration for later in the month. They had a speaker from a group called "Stop Immigration Now," which has been involved with "Light Up the Border" demonstrations in San Diego. Another planned speaker, an Arab doctor who went on a delegation to Jordan led by Nord Davis, a white racist from North Carolina who was opposed to the Gulf War, canceled after PART exposed the meeting and the racist nature of the Populists.

We expressed outrage that the Populists would be promoting anti-immigrant hysteria on the eve of Mexican independence day, and propagating antisemitism in the midst of the Jewish high holidays.

The head of the L.A. County chapter of the Populists, who chaired the meeting, is Joe Fields.

Fields has been a nazi activist of long-standing in the Harbor area. While a student at L.A. Harbor College, Fields ran a series of articles in the student newspaper calling the Holocaust a hoax, some taken without

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letters to PART:

Dear TTT:

Oi, fellow anti-racist brothers and sisters! My name is Shadow, and I'm a 20-year-old skinhead girl from San Antonio, TX. I've read a lot of your newsletters and I'm interested in receiving more. Down here in San Antone, bone-heads are starting to make an uprising. I don't want any more of their b.s. to happen, like when they tried to jump a 16-year-old rude boy for his braces, or held a knife to another skin's neck, trying to get a bunch of anti-racists' addresses!

I travel and network around Texas, and I also network out of the Texas area. I'm in need of support and information A.S.A.P.! All you anti-racists, please write as soon as you can. Another problem is, I'm literally a two-tone skin in boots and braces, and that doesn't coincide very well with all the confederate flags and cowboy boots and hats down here in the southern and southwestern states. So your support is much needed. Write soon!

2 True,
2 Rude,
2 Tone!

Shadow,
P.O. Box 100994
San Antonio TX
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Dear folks,

Just received the latest issue, and thought it was high time I told you I'm getting them regularly, and gladly so. They get passed throughout the Control Unit here.

There is an ever increasing racial and political repression here at Trenton State Prison, and it's vitally important that we have access to information that makes it clear our situation isn't isolated from what's going on outside, nationwide.

New Jersey has increased the control units from one to 3 in the past year. Of the 72 prisoners in these units, all are Black except for 4 white and 3 Spanish-speaking inmates (a Mexican and two Puerto Ricans). NJ also opened another control unit at Rahway Prison in the eastern part of the state. They're building a fourth maximum security facility at Mannington in the south. Add to that Vroom, a "re-adjustment" center on the grounds of the state hospital that is run like Marion Prison which you reported on.

Oklahoma just built a control unit that is entirely underground except for the administration offices. Massachusetts just opened a maxi-maxi unit like the one at Pelican Bay CA, where prisoners are completely isolated from each other, and only moved individually by three guards at a time.

Just as the Black liberation struggle was coupled with the anti-war movement in the 60's and early 70's, I think people should realize that an anti-prison movement needs to come into existence and align itself with anti-racists. We need to recognize the nexus and form a united front.

Tom Manning,
political prisoner
Trenton NJ 08625



Dear PART,

I was so happy to hear from you. I'm secretary of ARA/SHARP here in Big "D", and keep in touch with our other members. Being a hard-core punk, I'm very anti-racist and have been active in ARA for over 6 months. Here, we're all a big family, and I'm in charge of planning "meetings" every two weeks. We're constantly growing, but we also have problems with outsiders. We have to make sure someone's not a spy for C.H.S. or A.D.F.

There used to be an organization called D.S.B. They were supposedly anti-racist; but it turns out a lot were really mainly closet nazis.

The main reason I'm writing is to keep in touch with other groups. I write to people all over the world telling them about fighting racism. I'm determined to get my point across. We even got our chapter on a teen talk show here in Dallas, sponsored by the Art Institute. They're going to film a one-hour show on Dallas ARA/SHARP on network TV on Nov. 5.

A friend of mine recently moved from Texas to Calexico CA and has already been brutally beaten up by some nazi/jocks who operate around there. They told him "unity sucks," and to go back to Mexico, and called him a "wetback." Here in TX, I was jumped by three nazi-boneheads because I was wearing a patch that said "united and strong." They shaved the back of my head. But it still looks pretty cool.

I'm 17 years old, still in high school. I pass out ARA flyers all the time. The P.O. Box below is our public address for anyone to write to. I strongly urge other members to pass out flyers, and we seem to getting our point across -- FIGHT RACISM!

Thanks for reading. Keep in touch. Enclosed are some stamps for more issues.

No nazis, No KKK!
Susie
ARA/SHARP
P.O. Box 810745
Dallas TX 75381

Dear PART --

Thanks for publishing my last letter. Recently, one of the leaders of the Boricuan Popular Army for Puerto Rican independence (nicknamed "Los Macheteros"), Filiberto Ojeda Rios, who was accused of stealing several million dollars from Wells Fargo and is now wanted by the F.B.I., was interviewed by a local news reporter. The F.B.I. is trying to force her to tell them where Ojeda Rios is located. Even though she's protected by the Constitution, the F.B.I. is threatening her with prison if she doesn't talk and reveal his whereabouts.

I hope that by your publishing my letter, more people in the U.S. become aware of things that happen here that go unnoticed in the mainland.

Thanks,
Daniel Rivera



"BO" GRITZ:

Fronts for Nazis

... attribution from right-wing publications. He met on campus with Tom Metzger to plan the distribution of "holo-hoax" material.

Later, openly acknowledging his nazi affiliation, Fields joined three other nazi party members in wearing swastikas into an Oktoberfest celebration at a German restaurant. When the nazis were expelled after refusing to remove the nazi regalia (and because they had vandalized the bathroom with nazi graffiti on a previous visit), Fields sued, represented by the ACLU, and won. PART has a tape of Fields referring to his defenders as the "ACL-Jew" and admitting his admiration for Hitler, calling Jews parasites who "deserve anything they get," even extermination.

One of Fields' co-plaintiffs in the swastika case, nazi party chieftain Stan Witek, has a record for weapons and assault charges and was just convicted of burning three crosses in L.A. with Tom Metzger.

Fields himself got into a brawl with Jewish activists at a City Council action in 1988 on the swastika case. After "leaving" the nazis, Fields was closely associated with the Institute for Historical Review, set up to cast doubt on Hitler's genocide by Willis Carto, publisher of the Spotlight and founder of the Populist Party.

Fields is not the only open white supremacist in the leadership ranks of the Populists. National director Don Wassall, currently engaged in a faction fight for control of the party's purse-strings with Carto, reprinted racist material from the white supremacist National Democratic Front in the Populist paper.

Dennis Hilligoss, a former Klan leader in the San Fernando Valley, became the contact person for the Populists in the San Fernando/Simi area, where last year the Populists conducted a party meeting in celebration of Hitler's birthday.

In recent months in southern California, the Populists have brought John Tyndall, the head of the British neo-nazi National Front, out to speak in Orange County. They also sponsored a conference which featured Evan Mecham, the impeached governor of Arizona who refused to accept the Martin Luther King holiday. Mecham has joined forces with backers of fundamentalist televangelist Pat Robertson to take over the Republican



Party in his state. Among the participants at that Populist parlay was Kim Badynski, head of the virulent Northwest Knights of the Ku Klux Klan based in Washington State.

Robert Weems, the first national chair of the Populists and a former Mississippi Klan orator, says the Populists have a tripartite policy which he described as similar to that of Lyndon LaRouche (another neo-nazi supported by Carto): maintain their own party structure while running candidates in both the Democratic and Republican primaries as opportunity presents itself.

This is exactly the strategy followed by Klan leader Duke, who preceeded his Populist run with a stint in the Democratic primaries, then followed it with his successful capture of the Republican nomination and a seat in the Louisiana state legislature and is now in a position to become governor of Louisiana. The Pasadena demonstrators pointed out that Duke got more than 10% of his funding for the Louisiana run from California, based on the support he built through the Populist candidacy.

"Bo" Gritz, the party's current nominee, appears to have followed a similar strategy. Gritz, who has gained a substantial following and a measure of credibility on the left with his exposes of CIA involvement in the heroin trade, actually accepted the Populists' vice-presidential nomination in 1988. Then he dropped off to run in Republican congressional primary in his home state of Nevada, but he told the Populists he would carry their platform into the election. Now he has cemented his open association with the Populists despite their nazi taint.

In his campaign literature, Gritz uses such neo-nazi code words for Jews as "seditious bankers and (satanic) globalists." He calls for control of the borders to "halt the illegal and legal immigration that is turning America into a Third World country." This is openly racist anti-immigrant hysteria. He demands an end to affirmative action, and uses the same anti-Black code words as David Duke in denouncing "illegitimate welfare children." Calling Jesus Christ our "Sovereign," Gritz issues a call to revive America as a "great Christian Nation!" Full of militaristic rhetoric demanding an end to "this country's decadent, degenerate ways," Bo Gritz's campaign propaganda and his candidacy is an invitation to anti-gay, anti-woman, anti-semitic and racist violence.

PART is planning a continuing campaign against Gritz and the Populists, who have announced their intention to continue meeting at the Pasadena Library. Gritz has been getting a lot of air time on KPFK here in L.A. and other Pacifica stations and his material has been reprinted and promoted by the progressive oriented conspiracy catalog from Prevailing Winds Research in Santa Barbara. The PWR promo for Gritz's literature includes a pamphlet by Eustice Mullins, a long-time anti-semitic and one-time supporter of the Italian fascist connections of Ezra Pound.

For more information about the campaign to oppose Gritz and the Populists, contact PART, People Against Racist Terror, P.O. Box 1990, Burbank CA 91507; (818) 509-3435.

Hate Crime Update:

Simi Valley, June:

The Canoga Park Alabama gang of 20 nazi boneheads attacked a 16 year old who tried to stop them from harassing a friend, according to Klanwatch.

Pomona, July:

An inter-racial couple's home was extensively vandalized.

Anaheim, September:

When authorities allowed a Euro-American Club to form, white supremacists sent congratulatory messages. But the club is in fact multi-racial; its leader is half-Arab, and the group wants nothing to do with the racists.

Canoga Park, September:

An off-duty L.A. cop shot and killed a 25-year-old construction after a brawl outside a party that had been disrupted by fighting involving members of the Mickey Mouse Club, a white gang that used to rumble with the Reich Skins.

L.A., September:

Members of the racist Populist Party, running a table distributing neo-nazi propaganda at an appearance of Populist presidential candidate Bo Gritz, harass an anti-racist organizer leafletting the crowd.

San Bernardino, September:

T.J. Leyden, an ex-marine associated with the Nationalist Skinhead Knights in Yucaipa, tried to put Tom Metzger's "Race and Reason" show on cable-tv. A gay teacher and a handicapped student were attacked last year at Yucaipa High, and racist flyers stuffed into lockers.

Sylmar, October:

A Jewish woman's home was vandalized and spray-painted with anti-semitic graffiti, provoking neighbors and concerned groups in the north San Fernando Valley to mobilize against hate crimes.

Burbank, October:

A gay man was stabbed leaving a gay bar, and "Kill Homos" was spray-painted on its outside wall.

Tujunga, October:

The Verdugo Hills Hebrew Center synagogue was damaged, and spray-painted with swastikas and the slogan "have a nazi day!"

Northridge, October:

Two different flyers threatening violence against gay men and lesbians who had recently organized SQUISH --

"Strong Queers United In Stopping Heterosexism." The flyers offered to pass out free baseball bats for gay-bashing. Other recent hate crimes on the campus include the placing of swastikas on a Jewish shelter in September and defacing of Chicano studies bulletin boards earlier in the year.

Stanton, October:

A 17-year-old nazi bonehead who was guilty of a brutal attack on an Asian student in July, broke out of Los Pinos Forestry Camp, where he was serving a nine-month juvenile sentence. He stole a truck but was captured after a chase by the CHP and L.A. Sheriffs. He was re-sentenced to 4+ years with the California Youth Authority. Eight other members of the Crazy Fucking Aryans/Confederate Front of America nazi-bonehead gang are also doing time for the attack.

L.A., October:

Deputy Sheriff Brian Kazmierski, who was reinstated to the department by Sheriff Sherman Block after burning a cross inside the county jail, was let off the hook again when the D.A. decided not to press charges against him for killing a Mexican national who had been shooting off a gun to celebrate New Year's Eve.

Christian Right Clout at California GOP Convention

The California Republican State convention in Anaheim in September was a clear-cut demonstration of the clout that the Christian Right now wields in the party.

Syndicated columnists Evans and Novak had billed the event as a potential "GOP Armageddon" as the far right promised "blood on the floor." The Right is angry at moderate Republican Gov. Pete Wilson because he raised taxes to finance a massive budget deficit, and is supportive of abortion rights and gay rights. Evans and Novak felt that party unity could be destroyed to the point that the Democrats could win both of the U.S. Senate seats in 1992.

In alliance with other conservative groups and leaders, the Christian Right has largely taken over the party apparatus. They now control over half of the County Republican Central Committees, as well as the State Committee. The Right, which had the votes to rule the convention, was determined to push through its agenda, and to humiliate Wilson. It took the intervention of White House Chief of Staff John Sununu to fashion an uneasy peace. The convention rejected an effort to strip Wilson of his right to appoint delegates to the Republican National Convention. However, it did pass resolutions opposing abortion, and urging Wilson to veto a gay rights bill that had passed the legislature (which would bar discrimination in employment). Also, when U.S. Sen. John Seymour's (R-Ca) turn to speak came, almost half of the 600 delegates got up and left. And when Gov. Wilson spoke at the nearby Nixon Library, he was hung in effigy outside, and tarred and feathered by "conservative activists."

Meanwhile, the Christian Right promises to field primary challenges in 1992 against moderate Republicans who do not conform to their views.

— Frederick Clarkson

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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

**Grand Theft, Genocide, Racism,
Initiating the Destruction of a Culture,
Rape, Torture, and Maiming of
Indigenous People and
Instigator of the Big Lie.**

TOM METZGER:

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against him, including a felony conspiracy charge, while convicting his remaining co-defendants on all counts.

Stan Witek, Brad Kelly and Erich Schmidt face up to four years in prison; Metzger at this point is only looking at six months in jail.

L.A. law enforcement had some of the biggest fish of the white supremacist movement in the U.S. in their hands in December 1983, following the L.A. cross-burning, which united the Klan, the Aryan Nations, and the nazis, along with Metzger's WAR organization, in a criminal conspiracy. Yet the D.A., who refused to press charges, the cops, who botched the arrest reports, and a couple of misguided judges who dismissed the charges let them swim away. This shameful refusal to enforce the law against racist terror led directly to the reign of terror carried out by at least four participants in the cross-burning, who became part of the underground para-military "Bruder Schweigen" (Silent Brotherhood), a clandestine racist group nicknamed the Order after a similar group in a racist novel, "The Turner Diaries".

The Order killed a Jewish radio host, and robbed banks and Brink's trucks. They plotted other assassinations and destruction of the power grid in the northwest to foment chaos and race war. One of Metzger's original co-defendants, David Tate, killed a state trooper while a fugitive from federal charges after he was let off the hook for the cross-burning. Metzger and his son John (who got released to his mother as a minor after participating in the L.A. cross-burning) were eventually found liable for civil damages in the killing of an Ethiopian refugee by some of their nazi bonehead followers. So these convictions are long overdue.

For Metzger, in particular, the single misdemeanor count is too little, too late. The D.A.'s office should refile the two counts on which the jury deadlocked and seek a new trial. Metzger's disingenuous testimony, in which he pretended to have been urging young whites to participate in politics instead



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of cross-burnings, when in fact he was promoting race war and "revolution" against race traitors and the "Zionist Occupational Government," should be closely examined for the possibility of a perjury prosecution. Charges against Richard Butler, which have long been pending, should be pressed in the wake of the generally successful prosecution of the remaining at-large cross-burners.

As came out in the trial, the KKK under Frank Silva had been agitating in the area for months before the cross-burning, leafletting on the street in their robes. Silva had been denied fire permits at least twice before the cross-burning, for which he used a permit for a barbecue. (The cross-burners had a single pork chop available for this purpose.) Anti-klan demonstrations were held outside the local firehouse and the Sunland-Tujunga municipal building to make sure that no permit was granted. (At one of these, widely publicized at the time in

November 1983, prior to the cross-burning, the JDL showed up, alerted by their plant inside the nazis, and attacked the anti-klan demonstration, shouting racial slurs at African American protesters while Silva, Canale and their klan-nazi followers stood laughing). It's ludicrous to believe that Metzger, who had long standing close ties to Canale's leader, Stan Witek, and a long-standing feud with the JDL's Irv Rubin, was unaware of these developments.

In fact, Metzger at that time was claiming to have abandoned the Klan, and had run for Congress in San Diego (winning the Democratic nomination) and the U.S. Senate in CA, winning 84,000 votes statewide in the primary in 1982. He was in the process of converting those electoral advances into a state-wide and national racist apparatus, WAR, through his newsletter and cable TV show "Race and Reason." He was also cementing his "third position" neo-nazi ideology, which called for a violent takeover of power by "racially-conscious Aryans" opposed to both the left and the "kosher conservatives."

The impetus to cause him to blow the cover of his three-piece suit by participating in a triple cross-burning with robed Klansmen and open nazis must have been very strong indeed. And what brought "Pastor" Butler back down to L.A. from his para-military compound in Idaho? It is within the realm of possibility that the L.A. cross-burning represented the cementing of the alliance that gave birth to the Order and its reign of terror. At least four of the cross-burners participated actively in the Order's crimes and are serving long prison sentences. A book about the Order based on lengthy interviews with participants, attributes its "declaration of war" to the concern of founder Robert Mathews over the arrests of Butler and Metzger at the L.A. cross-burning. A central participant in the Order gave a deposition that some of the money they stole, never recovered, went to Metzger and a few other public white supremacists (an admission he later recanted).

Call Assistant District Attorney Dale Davidson, 213-974-3797, and urge that all remaining charges be pressed against Metzger and Butler. Justice can best be served by putting these racist terrorists behind bars where they belong.

PART will be holding a rally at the LA Criminal Courts Bldg on December 2, the day of the sentencing, at 12:00 noon, to demand the maximum sentence for all the racists involved, and a retrial of Metzger on the felony conspiracy charge. JOIN US!

POLICE REPRESSION INTENSIFIES!

If anything exposes the inadequacy of the Christopher Commission report, it's the recent racist killings by the L.A. Sheriffs. Sherman Block, the elected sheriff, tried to defuse community outrage at a heated hearing called by the Board of Supervisors, by announcing that he was planning a study to implement the reforms proposed by the Christopher Commission for the L.A.P.D. and had appointed his own civilian commission to look into the process. His promises didn't satisfy angry residents at the meeting, who called the deputies liars and murderers. They continued to demand an independent commission, as did recently elected Latina Supervisor Gloria Molina, the first woman and first minority group member elected to the Board in this century.

The circumstances of all the killings have proved particularly damning to the sheriff's department. In the first killing, the deputies were outside their jurisdiction in a housing project in the city of L.A. One of the deputies involved was a member of a white supremacist gang within the Sheriff's Department, called the Vikirs. In the second case, two Hispanic deputies shot and killed an unarmed 15-year-old Latino who had been running away after the deputies chased the stolen car in which he had been a passenger and it crashed. In the third incident, two white deputies shot a mentally disturbed Black man nine times in the back while he was lying face down on the ground, after his mother called for assistance in calming him down. On Labor Day, deputies entered a park on the Black and Latino south side in response to a call of a disturbance. When a man ran away as their car approached a picnic area, one deputy gave chase on foot and the other followed in the car. The victim was shot in the back as he was throwing something into the lake. Most witnesses thought it was a beer bottle. The sheriff's claimed it was a gun, and a gun was eventually recovered by

divers.

The FBI is investigating the last three killings, which brought the total by the sheriff for 8-1/2 months to a higher level than any full year in the past decade. Amnesty International has announced that it is also conducting an investigation of the L.A.P.D. and Sheriff's Department, and Sheriff Block and Chief Gates have both promised to cooperate.

Yet in the wake of these highly publicized killings, the L.A.P.D. and the sheriffs, as well as other local police departments, have continued to kill and maim others with impunity. Just the other day, two sheriff's deputies beat a man to death with their fists and flashlights, while mounted LAPD officers, and others with batons, brutally attacked a peaceful gay rights demonstration in Century City outside an appearance by Pete Wilson. At the Temple City station, one sheriff was recently arrested for a series of rapes he's accused of committing while on



duty. How much more evidence do we need before the community rises up and does something about these racist, sexist gangsters in blue (LAPD) or brown (sheriffs)?

One particularly nasty piece of propaganda being put out by the pigs, not only in L.A. but as far off as San Diego, is that the continuing increase in police abuse and brutality complaints this year is a result of "heightened awareness and sensitivity" in the community because of the Rodney King beating. Isn't a more obvious explanation for the persistent growth in complaints an actual increase in police abuse? As economic conditions continue to worsen, no matter what rhetoric or reforms the top cops adopt, the "thin blue line" is going to crack down on the oppressed and exploited, especially Blacks and Latinos, to keep them in line. Isn't the real reason for the Christopher Commission to confuse the community about the real nature of this repression?

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nazis and Klansmen in the Populist Party as recently as two years ago, after his election as a Republican to the Louisiana legislature.

Bush is not only politically responsible for nurturing Duke's ascent into political legitimacy through his coded anti-Black campaigns against Willie Horton and "quotas." The Republican party is directly responsible for Duke

reaching the run-off by running their own candidate against born-again Republican governor Buddy Roemer, thereby siphoning off enough votes to allow Duke to slip past him into second place.

Despite their hand-wringing, the Republicans don't really consider Duke and his racist appeal a problem. Their only problem is how to embrace him without being too open about it. The Republicans understand that with the "red scare" as dead as the Soviet Union, white supremacy and sexist bigotry is the new glue holding the conservative coalition together.

This is why even a "moderate" like Pete Wilson caved in to the bigots and vetoed the gay job rights bill in California. The Louisiana results have already showed the GOP that without David Duke and his supporters, it will be doomed to minority party status.

The Republicans are hoping that they will be able to do with the racists on the right what the Democrats did in the 60's and 70's to the peace movement on the left: ensnare them in business as usual electoral politics and make sure that they are unable to pose a real threat to the powers that be, by incorporating their rhetoric in such a way that it functions as a kind of killed virus vaccine, inoculating people against the real thing.

Unfortunately, because racism and sexism are much more deeply rooted in U.S. material reality and consciousness than was the call for peace, justice and equality, the Republicans are playing with fire. This GOP effort will only serve to confer still greater legitimacy on the naked racists.

REPUBLICAN ROOTS



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY

Release Silvia! 294 Atlantic Ave. Bklyn NY 11201

WE NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE JOIN US IN DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF SILVIA BARALDINI TO ITALY.

Silvia Baraldini is an Italian citizen held as a political prisoner here in the U.S. since 1982. A target of this administration's harsh treatment of political prisoners, she is serving 43 years for conspiracy, a crime that usually gets no more than 12 years. Her charges included conspiracy to commit a bank robbery that never happened and conspiracy to free prominent Black Panther leader Assata Shakur from prison. For two years, she, Susan Rosenberg and Alejandrina Torres were subject to psychological torture in the Lexington Control Unit. She has been refused repatriation to Italy, in spite of her sister's tragic death in 1990 and her own bout with a deadly uterine cancer. In order to defend her rights and save her life, we are joining Italian Parliamentarians and activists to build a campaign for Silvia's immediate transfer to Italy.

Silvia's enraging and painful experience is part of a larger picture. The past decade has seen a near total erosion of basic civil rights in the criminal justice system, led by the Supreme Court. George Bush's "kinder, gentler new world order" is intended for only a few people. This administration, in reality, creates war, violence, and poverty and in turn criminalizes the victims, particularly people of color and the poor. It also criminalizes dissent.

A dissenter for all of her adult life, Silvia Baraldini has fought for human rights in many ways. As a student in the 1960's, she was a staunch opponent of the war in Vietnam. By the 1970's, Silvia organized among white people to combat racism and support the rights of colonized people to self-defense and armed struggle. She worked in community groups for women's and lesbian/gay liberation. She founded a material aid campaign for Zimbabwe, a reflection of her deep concern for international liberation movements. In recognition of this work, she was invited by ZANU, the victorious ruling party, to be an international observer in their elections for independence.

For these twenty years of political activities, she, like over 100 other political prisoners, has been labelled a terrorist by the U.S. government. Despite her exemplary prison record, the Bureau of Prisons constantly increases her security level, denies her ongoing medical care and refuses to repatriate her to prison in Italy. Repatriation is provided for by the Strasbourg Convention, an international treaty signed by the U.S. and Italy, among other countries.

Even though the Italian Government, 90% of the Italian Parliament, and a coalition of women's organizations in Italy petitioned the U.S. for Silvia's return, the Justice Department denied the request in December 1990, refusing to honor the treaty. The Justice Department cited "Ms. Baraldini's continued refusal to cooperate" and "her lack of remorse for any of her crimes" as the reason. Silvia has stated "what the government is interested in is a public condemnation on my part of the political beliefs which have motivated my life for the past twenty five years."

In December, 1991, the Attorney General will again review Silvia's case, and decide whether to honor the Strasbourg Treaty with Italy. We ask you to join in a campaign to stop her vindictive persecution.

Demand the repatriation of Silvia Baraldini to Italy.

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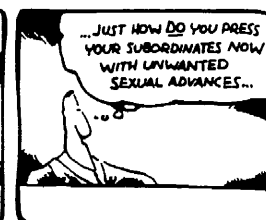
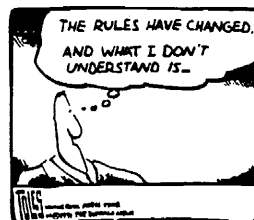
The richer people get, the less they give to the needy. That's one sad conclusion drawn from Internal Revenue Service data on charitable giving. The most wealthy Americans—those who benefited the most from Reagan-Bush tax breaks—contribute less to charitable causes today than they did in 1980. In sharp contrast, middle-income American workers have dramatically increased their contributions over the past decade.

Taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of \$25,000 to \$30,000 raised their average donations to charity 62 percent between 1980 and 1988—from \$665 to \$1,075. Over the same period, those Americans with incomes between \$500,000 and \$1 million cut their charitable donations by more than 66 percent—from an average of \$47,432 to just \$16,062. And people with incomes over \$1 million slashed their charitable contributions by 65 percent—from an average of \$207,089 to \$72,784.

"We're seeing a new spirit of giving and caring across the nation," says Brian O'Connell, who heads a coalition of corporate and private foundations and voluntary groups. "But the sad thing is that most of the truly wealthy are proving to be downright stingy."

That "spirit of giving and caring" best expresses itself in the charitable contributions made by working people each year. UAW members, for example, take a leading role in United Way campaigns in their workplaces and communities. UAW members and other American workers annually provide well over \$1.5 billion to United Way. That's in addition to the untold millions they contribute to workers on strike, and to other charities.

America's workers provided a "thousand points of light" long before George Bush turned it into a cheap campaign slogan. Ironically, it's those who benefit the most from Bush's policies who have turned their lights out.



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