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DEMONSTRATE AGAINST NAZI SKINHEAD MUSIC FESTIVAL MARCH 4

A state-wide demonstration has been called to protest a nazi skinhead rock concert sponsored by Tom Metzger's WAR organization on March 4 in northern California. The event, which Metzger is calling an "Aryan Woodstock" was postponed once after opposition forced the requirement of paying a bond to use a public hall near Sacramento. It has been rescheduled for private land midway between San Francisco and Sacramento. The John Brown Anti-Klan Committee chapter in the S.F. Bay Area has called for a demonstration outside the grounds of this "white power" concert.

PART endorses this call to oppose this neo-nazi mobilization. If you are interested in car-pooling up north, please call PART at (213) 281 - 7928.

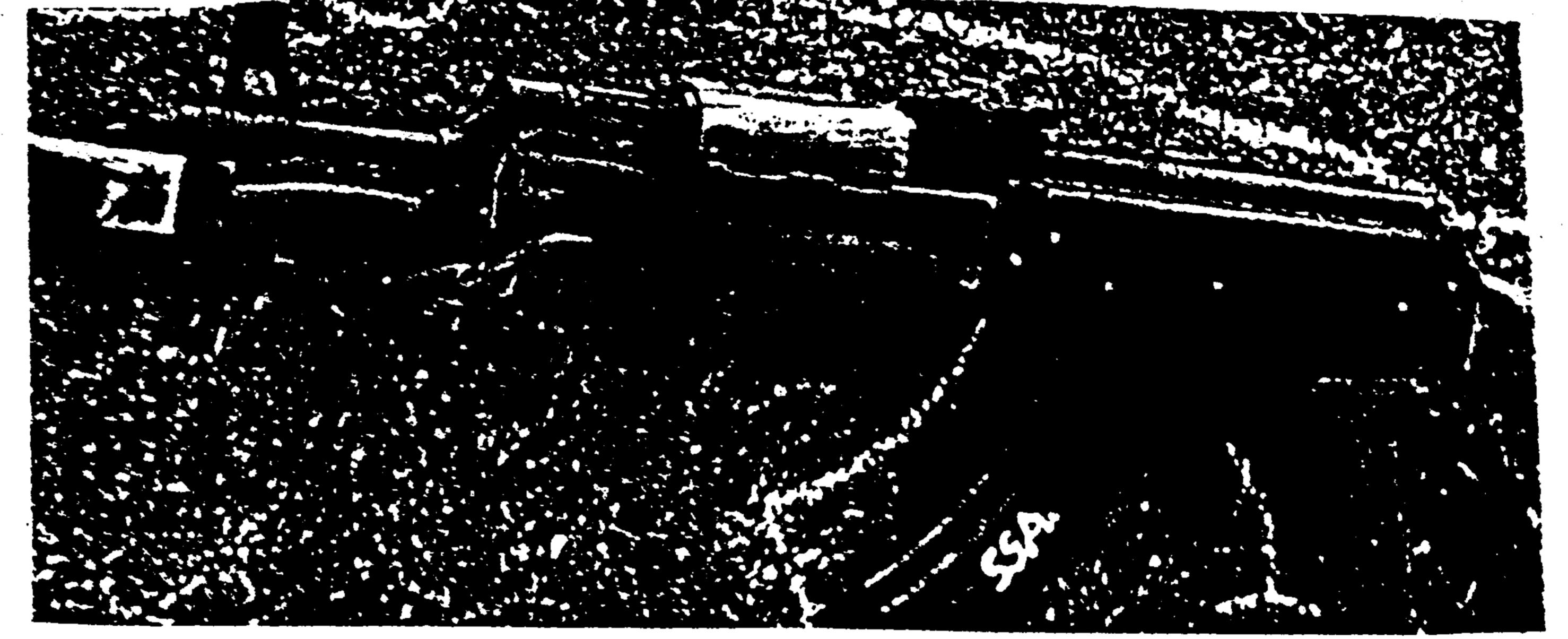
ANTI-RACIST SKINS IN MID-WEST, EAST COAST SET UP "SYNDICATE"

A highly successful gathering of anti-racist skinheads took place recently in Minneapolis, organized by the Baldies, a local skin grouping that has pretty much driven nazi skins out of town there. The meeting, which included skins from Illinois, Michigan, NY and elsewhere, established an anti-racist skin network called the Syndicate. Participants in the conference and other supporters also held a march and rally and painted out racist graffiti.

MASS MURDERER PATRICK PURDY LINKED TO RACIST MOVEMENT

Patrick Purdy, who killed 5
Indochinese refugee children last
month and wounded 30 others when he
shot up their school yard in
Stockton with AK-47 fire, was
linked to neo-nazi racist groups,
but it has been hushed up by police
and the media. Purdy was arrested
in Lake Tahoe in 1987 on weapons
charges and was found to be in
possession of Aryan Nations lit at
that time.

On the stock and clip of his assault rifle, he had carved the circled cross logo of WAR Youth groups, particularly the Pit Bull Boys, nazi skins who advertise in the WAR Youth paper, and the initials "S.S.A.", possibly a reference to the SS Action Group, another neo-nazi youth formation in Michigan. The FBI removed the clip with these nazi regalia before showing it to the press, but they are clearly visible in photos of the rifle where Purdy placed it on the ground at the scene of the killings.



This illustrates again the connection between racist mobilizations and propaganda and their inevitable outcome —— racist terror and murder. When "Guns and Roses" displays nazi regalia in a video on MTV, as Metzger boasts, or "Geraldo" gives a forum to WAR, or nazi-skin bands put racist diatribes to music, they are links in a chain that lead to cross burnings, murder, and eventually genocide.



LETTERS TO P.A.R.T.

newsletter, I dig it. How can I be of assistance? This racist b.s. is on the rise, so us anti-racists better get on the rise and do something before it gets much bigger.

Stinky, San Diego

I do a 'zine and in my latest issue, I used some info from your newsletter. Keep up the great work. As long as people like you and me can bring the nazi scum into the light, we can overcome. Thanx again for your help. Stay positive and supportive! Chris, Torrance

Good to see you getting it together. It's time these idiots see some resistnace other than the racists in blue. We have many WAR skins here in S.D. Bill Blitz is a key figure, recruiting trendies mostly and even a few older punks. This movement is hurting our scene, though we continue to get more minorities into our shows. Your stickers were great, several club owners were enthusiastic in letting us post them. Stand strong. Sid, San Diego

I applaud your fighting spirit, and I too, feel that racism is the scourge of modern society. I want to become a participant in your struggle. Also, being a non-racist skinhead, I'd like to be contacted by SHARP, so I may volunteer my efforts to fight racism and dispel public ignorance concerning the nature of skins like myself. Peace and unity, Mike, Simi Valley





Here in Salt Lake I've been introduced through some punk friends to the skinhead culture and I worry about things getting worse. I'm a Black rastafarian very much interested in racial justice. My interest in reggae led me to discover info on ska-oriented skins... Lately my Amnesty International high school group had a Human Rights gig with some local bands. My guess is that none of the skins I've talked really

believe in fascism, but could be easily enticed to nazism by the media. Of course, the oppositie is true and we could do some good. Please send publications, pictures, etc.

Libero, S.L.C. Utah

On behalf of the class, I wish to thank you for your incisive. presentation on the current problem of racially-motivated hate crimes. The class benefitted enormously in being exposed to issues that affect their lives. I came away with the feeling that the students will begin to rethink their understanding of race and American society. Dr. Hamamoto, Irvine

> PEOPLE AGAINST RACIST TERROR



be part of the solution



PART continues to get news from sources in and near the nazi/klan movement. If you have information to share about racist activity, give us a call. Grapevine will be a regular feature of "Turning the Tide" sharing what we learn.

REICH SKINS REGROUPING

Word on the street for the past few months has been that Pete McGurk and Mike Martin, two nazi skins both on probation for previous acts of racist terror, have joined forces and are

reorganizing the Reich Skins. The cops, the Anti-Defamation League and the schools have all been proclaiming that they "put a stop" to the Reich skins and have refused to admit that the problem continues.

Now, a new wave of nazi vandalism has hit the west San Fernando Valley. On Feb. 23, in the third such attack recently, swastikas and the slogan "(Nazi) skins are back" were spray painted on a synagog in Encino.

NATIONAL SOCIALIST SKINS THRASHED BY CANADIAN NAZI SKINS

The NS Skins in Las Vegas recently played host to a group of nazi skinheads from Canada, supposedly brought down through Metzger's contacts to "toughen up" the Vegas skins. The Canadians were supposed to give lessons to their American cousins in how to be more "militant". Frustrated that the NS Skins were not sufficiently enthusiastic about engaging in racist violence, the Canadians ended up beating up their hosts and leaving town.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SKINS SET UP SHOP IN VANCOUVER WASHINGTON

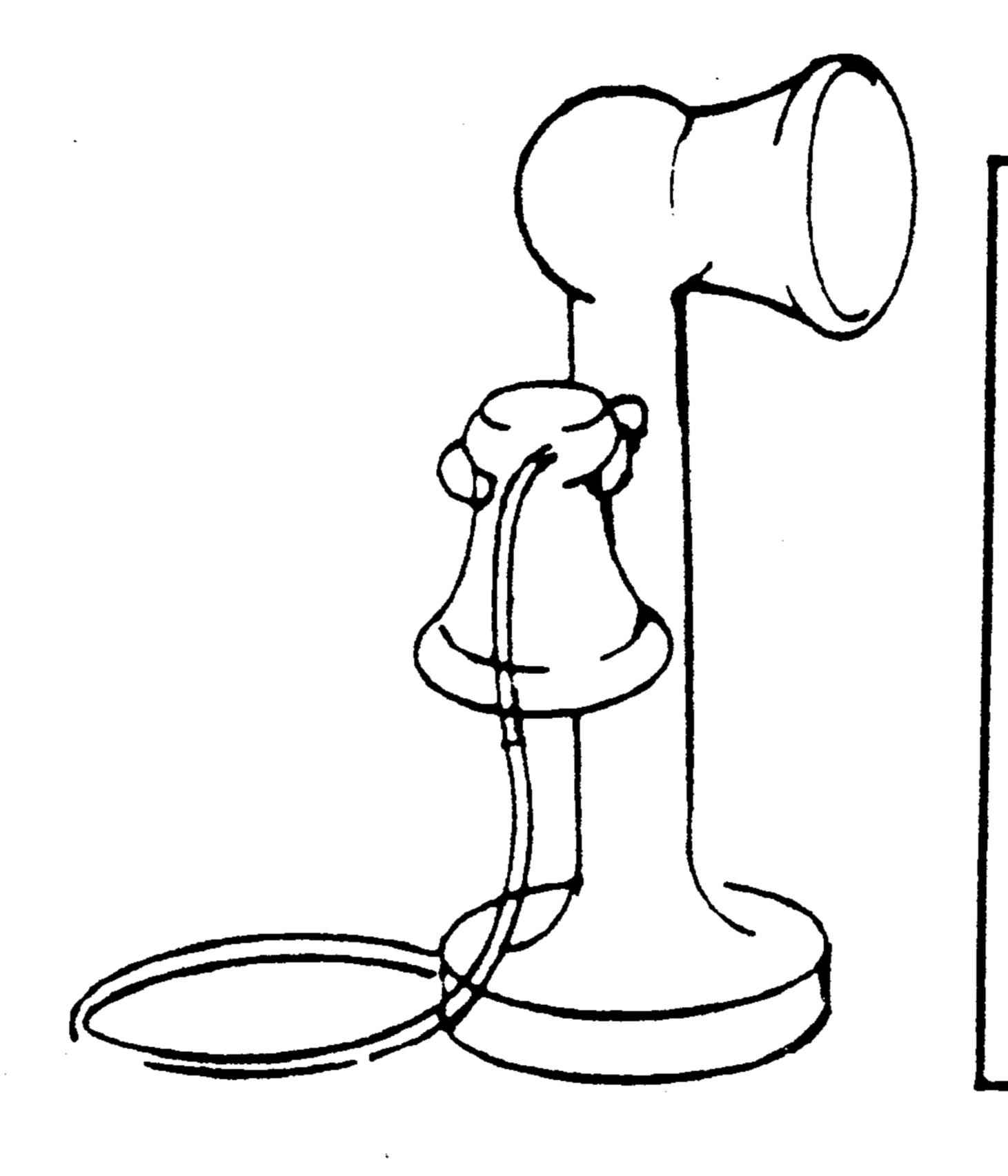
Ken and Tom, a couple of nazi skins from southern CA, have moved up to Vancouver, WA and are trying to recruit up there. Several incidents of harassment have been reported in their wake. This follows a typical pattern. WARskins from CA went up to Portland to mobilize nazi skins there, leading to the killing of an African refugee, and southern CA skins in trouble with the law have also gone off to the NS Skins in NV.

SECURITY BREACH IN MUSIC UNION

The sister of a leader of the anti-nazi International Music Workers Union in Orange County has joined the WARskins. She had been leaking information about union business to the nazis, it now turns out. That's the wrong way for information to flow. We need to gather intelligence about the nazis so we can put a stop to their racist crimes.

NAZI GRAFFITI IN THE SCHOOLS

According to information received by PART, racist and nazi-skin graffiti and leaflets have appeared recently in schools in Lakewood, Long Beach and Tustin and in the public library in Burbank. If you know of similar incidents, please call PART. Most school administrators usually try to hush these crimes up rather than dealing openly with the problem.



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hotline:

(213)281-7928

ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

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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.

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) 6505 Wilshire Boulevard #814 L.A. CA 90048 (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. It has compared Black political prisoner organizations to the racist Aryan Brotherhood. Deal with them cautiously.

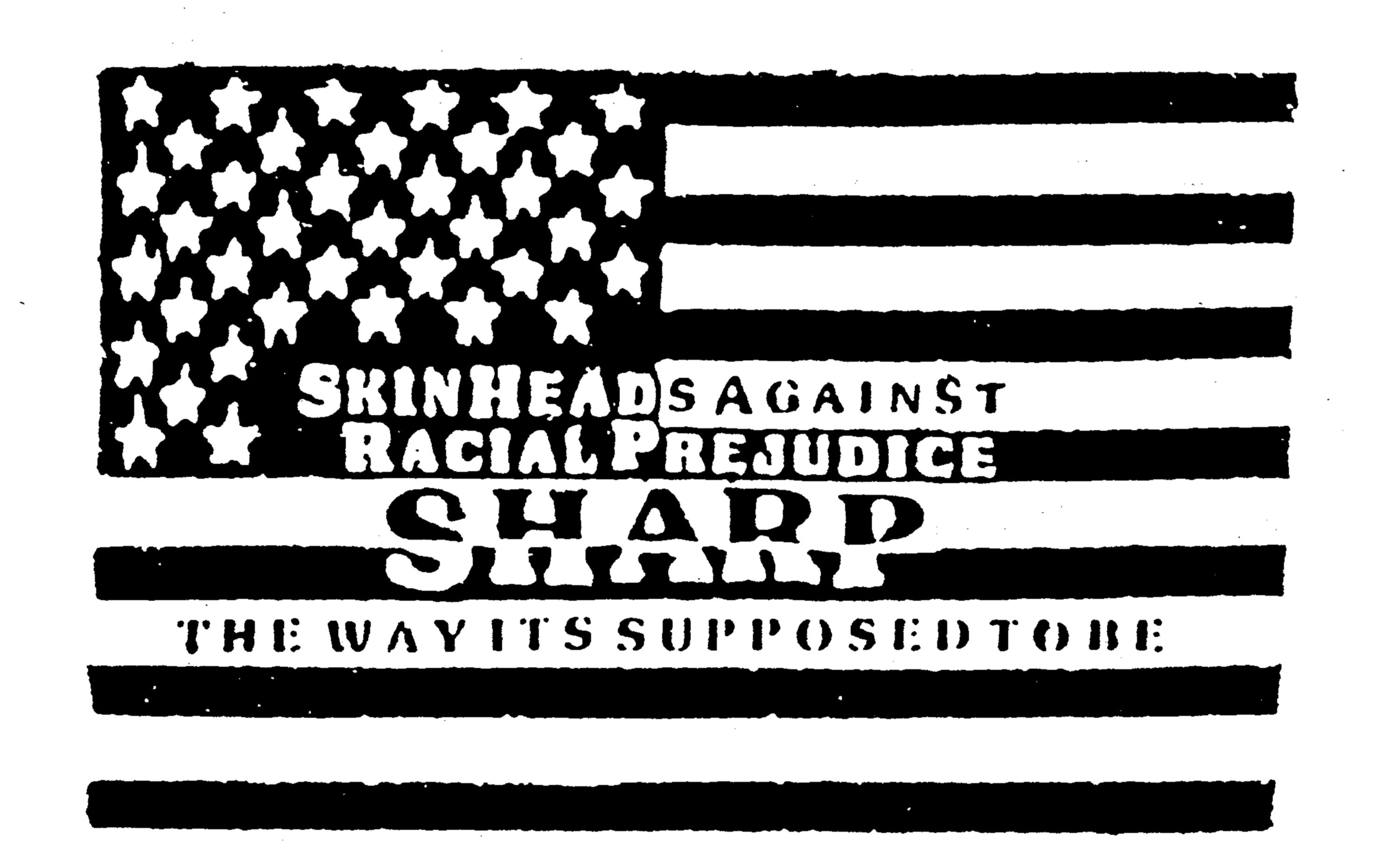
John Brown Anti-Klan Committee (JBAKC)
220 9th Street #443
San Francisco CA 94103
(415) 431 - 8339

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.Fd, Chicago 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 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.



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 contact with "two-tone" skin head groups like the MAD Skins and Mickey Mouse Club.

MORE ANTI-RACIST RESOURCES NEXT ISSUE.

Where We Stand

People have been asking PART to make clear what it stands for, apart from being against racist violence. While we do not have a hard and fast ideology, and aren't affiliated with any party or other political group, here's an outline of some of the principles we think should guide anti-racist activity.

White people need to oppose racism inside our communities.

The U.S. is one of the most race conscious countries in the world. "Race" is a category with no scientific basis, since Africans, Asians, Europeans, and indigenous peoples have always mixed together genetically in the course of human history. But racism is a hard reality, and what it means is not only prejudice or hatred toward another "racial" group, but the use of power and privileges to enforce that hatred and maintain "superiority".

As such, in America, racism is white people's problem. During the civil rights era, concerned white people were eventually told to stop trying to be missionaries to oppressed groups, and start cleaning up our act with our own people. As a whole new generation of hard-core racists is growing up, this imperative is more true today than ever.

Oppressed people have the right to self-determination.

The solution to the problems of poverty, racism and exploitation in this country is for the people who are exploited to have power over their own communities, their land and labor. This is a kind of de-centralization, democracy in action. The problem of gangs, for example, can be seen as a result of powerlessness, of the racism of society directed into self-hatred. Black gangs generally attack Black people. In other words, they are not an example of "Black racism" against whites, but an example of the way the Black community has been forced to internalize white racism.

The difference between "Black

Power" and "White Power" is that Black people are calling for power over themselves, for the first time in this country, while "white power" is a demand to maintain the power of the white society over other people it has always dominated and exploited. Racism won't end until the results of slavery, genocide and stolen land are over-turned.

All forms of racism and domination must be opposed and ended.

There are links among racist right and neo-nazi forces in various social spheres, such as the anti-busing, anti-abortion, and anti-immigration movements. Anti-racists must unite with other progressive forces in the U.S. and around the world. To win the battle, we need to change the world, not just knock heads with a few bald or hooded racists.

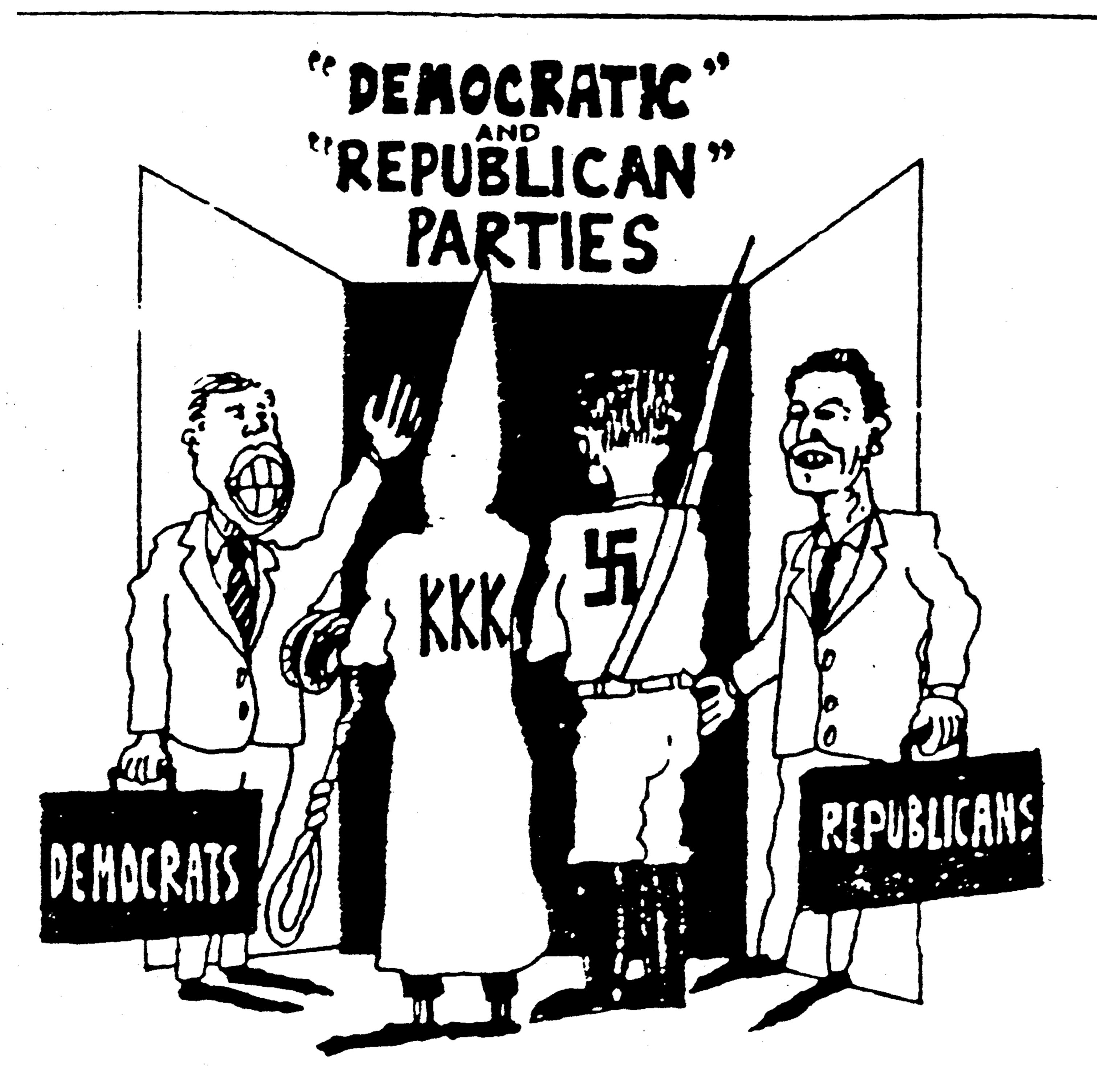
Apartheid, colonialism, zionism, sexism are part of a system that breeds racism. We need to Fight For women's rights, to oppose U.S. military intervention in other countries, to support independence for Palestine, Puerto Rico, Namibia and other nations who are still colonized. We must oppose the hatred of gay men and lesbians that has motivated so much violence by nazi skins recently, and allowed Reagan to sit idle while AIDS claimed thousands of lives. We need to defend undocumented workers and language minority groups.

We can't depend on the cops or the government to fight racism.

"Blue by day, white by night" is a slogan that expresses a real connection between the police and organized racism. Locally, there have been exposures of consolidated racist groups in the Glendale P.D., the San Bernardino "Aryan Officers Association", and possible KKK members in the L.A. Sheriffs.

Nationally, there have been klansmen exposed in the cops, prison guards and the military in dozens of cities. The anti-immigrant hysteria and the English-Only movement are examples of a campaign in which proto-fascists have achieved respectability and widespread support with government backing. The current wave of nazi-klan violence was unleashed when federal agents allowed the racists to kill 5 anti-klan organizers in North Carolina in 1979, and then the courts let them get away with murder.

In L.A., the cops and prosecutors similarly let Metzger, Aryan Nations head Richard Butler, and a half a dozen other racists get away with burning three crosses here in 1983. Participants went on to form the racist underground Order, robbing banks and killing a Jewish talk show host. We must educate and mobilize inside our communities, because the cops and klan work hand in hand.



"MAKE YOURSELVES RIGHT AT HOME"

Racist propaganda and mobilizing are not free speech issues.

The KKK/nazis have no right to carry out organizing campaigns, spout their vile racism on TV or cable, or march and burn crosses. These actions are not speech, but simply the above-ground activity of factions that have always been committed to secretive violence and terror and para-military operations. Groups like the ACLU that go to court to win parade permits for the Klan when communities try to stop their marches are misguided. Their racism is not a matter of "expression"; it's part of a strategy to legitimize and intensify racist terror.

UPDATE.

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF PART

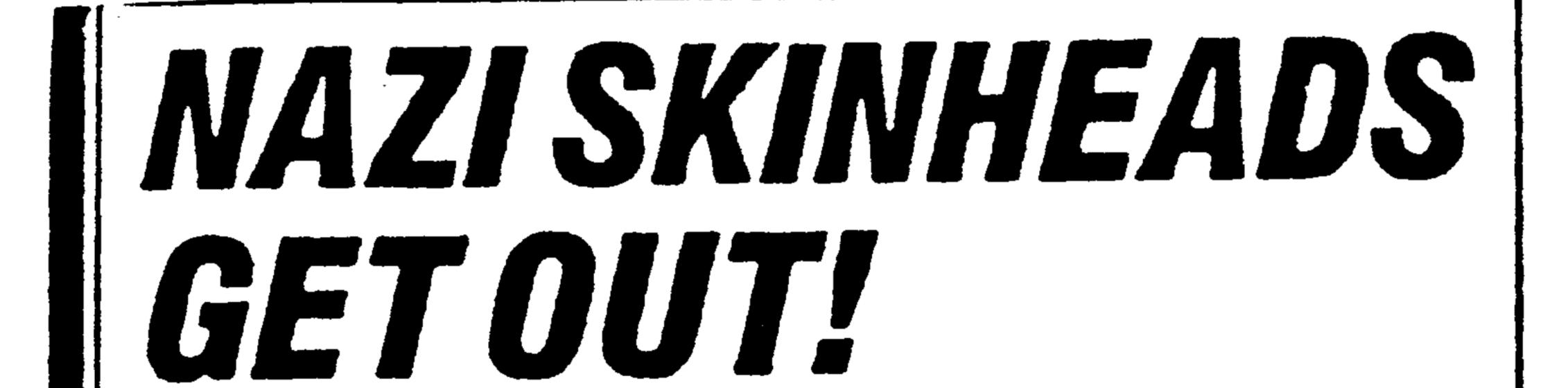
PART has been involved in a number of anti-racist activities and mobilizations recently. PART marched in the L.A. Student Coalition demonstration against apartheid on Martin Luther King's birthday. This coalition of L.A. high school students conducted a highly successful sit-in at the South African consulate in Beverly Hills. A representative of PART was recently interviewed on the KPFK-FM Morning Magazine show along with members of SHARP.

PART and SHARP are also participating in a forum on racism at UC Riverside. Someone from PART spoke to a class at the Art Institute in Laguna Beach. PART also went to a demo outside the Costa Mesa Holiday Inn against the Institute for Historical Review, a neo-nazi oriented group which claims the Hitler genocide never happened. PART is also involved in a Long Beach coalition against hate crimes.

"WAR" CALLS FOR NEO-NAZI JAKEOVER OF THE ENTIRE U.S.

Tom Metzger, leader of the so-called "Third Position" racist group WAR, has officially abandoned the notion of seeking a so-called Aryan homeland in 5 states in the north-west, which many of the racist groups have called for over the last few years. Instead, he proclaims that the nazis should "take back" the whole country as "white man's land".

Metzger's new formula for race war and extermination came on his "Aryan Update" hate line, a telephone message service he runs out of his Fallbrook headquarters. Declaring that white racists gave Blacks and Mexicans 5 years to come to an agreement with them about carving up the U.S. and got no response, WAR urges its supporters to "go for it all."



If you hate racism, sexism and Nazi Skinheads and want to help defeat them join the John Brown Anti-Klan Network.

Send \$2.00 — we'll send you a JUST SAY NO TO NAZISI kit. The kit includes stickers (with the image shown here); stencils; copies of our newspaper (No KKKI No Fascist USAI); new info about Nazi Skinheads, their ties to the KKK; and ideas about what you can do to stop them in your area.

PLEASE SEND US
ANY INFO YOU HAVE
ABOUT NAZI SKINHEADS SO OUR DATABASE CAN STAY REALLY CURRENT!

John Brown Anti-Klan Committee 2209th St., #443, San Fran., CA 94103 "FORMER" KLANSMAN WINS ELECTION

The mainstream media have given a lot of belated coverage to the election victory of David Duke, racist leader, to the Louisiana House of Representatives. But mostly it has amounted to a chance for Duke to further his campaign to make racism "respectable" and to pose as a champion of the "little guy" against the establishment. Duke may have left the klan, but he's still a racist.

Duke boasted on NBC and CNN of his operations inside Laos during the Vietnam war, but the media have never followed up on an investigation of his ties to the CIA. Duke and Don Black, another Klan leader of the 70's, both came out of a similar counter intelligence milieu with a similar strategy: replace the hoods and bedsheets with three piece suits for public consumption.

Duke has pursued that strategy in and "out" of the KKK. His organization, the National Association for the Advancement of White People, openly proclaims the "superiority" of whites over Africans and issues anti-Jewish, anti-Mexican and anti-Asian diatribes while calling for solidarity with white South Africans. If it ain't the Klan, it's the next worse thing. Duke's campaign manager when he ran for President as a "Populist" was a "former" nazi.

The one true thing Duke has said has been to compare himself to Bush. who had nazis on his presidential campaign staff, and to former Senate Majority Leader Byrd, who was in the Klan when he was younger. The KKK and institutionalized racism go hand in hand in the government, the police and elsewhere. The Republican Party set itself up for Duke's victory by establishing itself as the party of white ressistance to civil rights in the south. Not all racists have shaven heads or wear white hoods. Some of the most dangerous ones wear blue uniforms, black robes or business suits.



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Other ways you can become PART of the solution are to send us news and clippings about racist and anti-racist activity in southern California and elsewhere, and to let

CROSS BURNINGS INSIDE COUNTY JAIL

According to testimony by guards and prisoners, at least two cross burnings were conducted inside the L.A. county jail by white guards seeking to intimidate Black inmates inside the special high security gang detention units last year.

According to an investigation by the L.A. chapter of the NAACP, sheriff's deputies inside the jail may in fact be members of the Ku Klux Klan. Several prisoners reported getting threats of KKK retaliation from white guards. The NAACP has called for an inquiry by the grand jury and the Attorney General. Meanwhile Sheriff Sherman Block has announced an internal investigation of the incidents.

your friends and co-workers know about the problems PART is trying to address. We are planning a number of campaigns. We want local schools to be on the alert for break-ins and other propaganda distribution by nazi skin-heads and other aggressive racists. And we want to go into the schools to help educate young people to the dangers of racism before they are drawn into such groups.

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