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L.A. ANTI-RACISM NEWSLETTER

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"WHITE WORKERS' DAY"
FLOPS AT DISNEYLAND

The latest fiasco in public organizing by the neo-nazis came on Wednesday, May 31, as a group calling itself the Revolutionary White Workers' Army attempted to celebrate Memorial Day by calling for a "White Workers' Day" rally of nazi-boneheads and other white supremacists at Disneyland amusement park in Anaheim. No one showed up.

The nazis had circulated white power flyers, mostly to the news media, claiming that Disneyland had approved the event, at which the swastika flag would be flown. Disney immediately denied it, and increased security at the park for the day. Anaheim police were also on hand. One carload of skinheads was turned away for violating the park's dress code. Another group of about six skins was seen waiting across from the main entrance to the park, but no one ever met up with them and they soon left.

SIMI VALLEY SYNAGOG VANDALIZED

The Memorial Day Weekend also saw neo-nazi vandalizing of a synagogue in Simi Valley. Monday night, vandals spray painted swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans on the Temple Ner Tamid (Eternal Light), praising Hitler and the nazis. The secretary who found the vandalism Tuesday called police, but they have identified no suspects.

NAZI-SKIN IMPRISONED

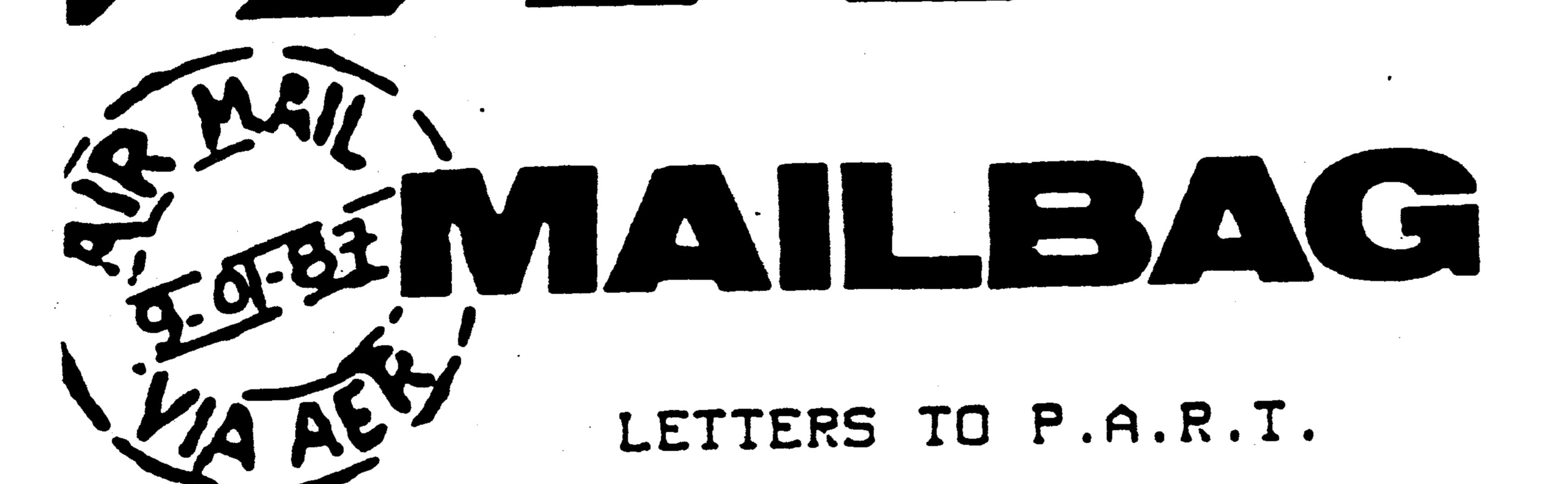
Scott Porcho, of the Ventura Skinheads, was sent to prison for three years recently after he was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon for an attack in Nov. 1988.

NAZI BONEHEADS INDICTED IN RACIST ATTACK

Aging nazi boneheads Scott Wilson, 28, Tim Zaal, 25, William Killackey and Killackey's sister Amy were indicted in June for a brutal racist attack on a young Iranian couple and their five month old baby, whom the 4 goons mistakenly thought were Jewish. Returning from a white-power dominated rock concert in Pomona, where police had cleared them out of a park earlier in the afternoon, the boneheads from West Covina, and Yorba Linda in Orange County, spotted the young couple in a supermarket parking lot in the eastern San Gabriel Valley community of La Verne, and started shouting racist slurs, calling the baby a "Jewish nigger."

Wilson provoked the attack, and then the others jumped out of their UW and joined in, battering and kicking the couple. At that point, a black passerby intervened to protect the couple. Leonard Washington, 34, held off one of the skins who was trying to toss a shopping cart over his head, and stopped the other who had pulled a baseball bat from the car. A woman passerby also intervened, striking the boneheads with her purse. Police arrived and arrested the nazis.

Nazi regalia were in the car, and Wilson was carrying a business card for Tom Metzger's Fullerton based WARskins. The group also had a flyer from a white power group based in Glendale, the American White Separatist Group. The goons were charged with assault and with violating the civil rights of the victims under a state law covering hate crimes. They may also face federal civil rights charges, according to the FBI.



Dear friends of PART-

Today I received a copy of your newsletter from a friend. I salute you as you struggle against racism and white supremacy. We've been struggling many years, and we have many yet to come before this scourge of humanity is laid to rest.

I am a political prisoner who has spent nearly all my life as an independent person fighting racism and supporting the struggle of Black people for liberation and self-determination. This being true, I've also been a target of the U.S. govt's racist political police, the FBI, for the past 20 years. Enclosed is some info on the current case for which and other companeros are being prosecuted. We all salute you, and only wish we could stand beside you as you stand against the Klan, nazis, and other reactionary racist elements.

Forward ever, backward never!

Marilyn Buck,

anti-imperialist

political prisoner

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P.A.R.T. notes:

Marilyn Buck was first targeted for repression back in the 60's and early 70's as a supporter of the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army. Right now, she and a number of others are in Jail in Washington, facing charges in the "Resistance Conspiracy Case", accused by the federal government of involvement in attacks on apartheid and U.S. military intervention. Their support committee can be reached c/o P.O. Box 28191, Wash DC 20038.

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To PART,

I'm writing to you in behalf of Mid America Patriots, a skin group in Topeka, Lawrence and Kansas City. We are very much against racism. We're closely related to Anti-Racist Action. We're interested in being recognized by PART and distributing your info around here. Our numbers are in the 50's or more but we are growing rapidly. Hope to hear from you soon.

Together all as one! Jeff

P.A.R.T. (Whoever gets this!) --

I just received the first issue of Colorblind (from ARA), and coming upon this address decided to write. I'm involved with SHARP in the St. Louis area, though not a skin head. I'm curious as to the scene in California, seeing as I may be going to school there. Any info?

Here it's fairly nazi-free, simply because of the sheer numbers of anti-racists (95% of the skins probably are). We know of several racists but they never come up from their caves. Thanks for your time and scratch me out a letter scon. Next week I'll try to get some of our flyers to you.

Dayna,
P.O. Bcx 1332
St. Peters MO

Hey P.A.R.T.

I'm a member of the A.R.A. wing in Fullerton and wish to receive some further info on your group. I also participate in functions with SHARP and the MAD Skins.

I'm a 28 year old skinhead girl who is a victim of a racist attack. I was beaten and had my nose broken and 60 stitches in my face. All because I was going out with a Jewish skin and I spoke my mind about all this white power crap! I've now been attacked three times by both males and females. I can't belive what a ... guy that beat a woman to near unconsciousness can be thinking.

Any way, I'd like to receive any written material, patches, stickers; any newsletter, too. Thank for your time.

Cookie, Fullerton CA

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DISCUSSIONS AND EXCHANGES ON IMPORTANT ISSUES
FACING THE ANTI- RACIST MOVEMENT—

MORE ABOUT THE U.S. FLAG

PART:

Thank you for the newsletters. My group, P.U.S.H., are very committed anti-racists and we consider ourselves a division of SHARP. I agree with almost everything in your newsletter except your problem with the use of the flag in the logo. I don't wear a flag on my jacket; I do proudly hang one in my room. We need to unite against the neo-nazis, klan, etc. regardless of the fact that I am proud of the flag and you're not. I'm sorry Hawthorne or anyone else don't like my pride in the flag, but it ain't coming down. I try not to think of what it meant in the past, and try to think of what it could mean. Keep the faith,

Sean.
Gilbert, AZ

Dear PART,

I'd like to comment on the article about the flag. It seems to me we shouldn't worry about what history the flag may have represented in the past, but what it represents as a whole (as well as the present, and the future).

I could understand why someone would be discouraged about our nation's history, but we shouldn't use our nation's emblem as a scapegoat for the wrongs of our forefathers.

Yes, the flag is a symbol of our nation's history, but it also represents equal opportunity of which our country was based. It also stands for our cultural and ethnic melting pot that supports our equal rights. Our flag stands for unity, freedom, independence and justice... We can't hide history's many injustices done to the ethnic groups, but I don't think it's necessary to blame our nation's flag for these injustices, but our forefathers for their unjust views.

we should concentrate our energies more on the racist scum who are trying to stamp out the American dream... We (in SHARP) feel that we show our pride for our heritage and our country through the flag, rather than using it as a tool for the injustices that plagued our nation's past and present. Bush disgraced the flag by using it as tool for his personal greed as well as gathering hate breeding votes of racist voters with his racist appeals. The flag itself didn't get up and make racist statements.

Personally, I'm a

Mexican/Philipino skinhead. The

flag has never done anything to me

unjust. I am happy to represent my

ethnic background, and my country as

well... We have to stop the right

wing scum now, and save future

generations from the racial horror

of today. I'm not trying to say any

view is right or wrong, but to

forget about any inconsiderable

disagreements about our flag, and

defeat our enemies as they stand

before us.

Francine.
San Diego SHARP

P.A.R.T. REPLIES:

What Greg and Francine say is sincere and heartfelt, and shows that what we said about supporting SHARP despite our differences is right. The main thing about SHARP is that they're honestly united against racism, so that our disagreement about using the U.S. flag as a symbol doesn't and shouldn't stop us from working together.

But we still do disagree about the flag. It doesn't represent just a history of injustice, but also

the power that sustains many present injustices, racism and violence. The U.S. government is still taking land away from Native people, like the uprooting and "relocation" of the Hopi and Dineh people from Big Mountain. The U.S.

government still flies its flag over Puerto Rico as a colony after conquering that country in 1898. The U.S. prison system, and those of the states, like our own California, still imprison African American and Latino people all out of proportion, and still foment racism among the prisoners to keep them in line. These are only a few examples. The racist thugs we deal with are only the tip of the iceberg. Racism reaches up into the Supreme Court and the White House, too.

We want to create a circle of anti-racists that includes and embraces SHARP and all other people committed to freedom, justice and solidarity among the races and nations. But we think that using the flag as an emblem draws a line that cuts out the people who should be included in such unity, and unites with the enemies who should be opposed. Anyway, let's keep talking about these issues as we work together to build a strong anti-racist movement.

--Mike, P.A.R.T.

MORE CONTROUERSY

Dear P.A.R.T.:

I liked a lot of things you guys said in #2, but the thing that bothered me the most is importance of separate racial issues. Let me explain.

In the front cover, under "Mailbag", there were pictures of stamps with Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglas -- which I feel says "remember the Black struggle..." That's great, but I don't think you should overlook the other races and their struggles, and don't forget to include the whites, either -- we don't need this to turn into reverse discrimination.

Also, under "Where We Stand", it stated that white people need to oppose racism inside our own communities, and that racism is a white person's problem. Please don't take offense at what I am about to say. You sound like either a black racist, or a white man playing "pity the blacks" games, when this is said. I would hope that as an anti-racist newsletter and organization, you would have a more open mind and see that racism should be battled by everyone as it is everyone's problem.

After all, prejudices come from all cultures, sexes, religions, and colors. It roots out of insecurity inside a person, and no one is immune to that. It comes about when a person sees something about themselves they don't like and want to ignore; so they project it on to another human, possibly because of

Color or sex or religion.

Prejudices come out of everywhere that insecurity, hate and jealousy lurk, and we must face that issue instead of concentrating on the prejudices of white, protestant males.

Thak you for hearing me out.

Please respect how I feel -- no
offense towards anyone wass
intended. Take care and please put
my subscription through.

Sister skin, Tia

P.A.R.T. REPLIES:

We really do respect and appreciate all of you who have taken the time and effort to write such thoughtful responses to issues that are raised in T.T.T. We specifically made a statement of "Where We Stand" in the hopes of opening up some communication about these views, understanding that many committed and active anti-racists had other opinions.

As far as using the stamps of Black freedom fighters to illustrate the mail bag column, we don't feel that they represent only the Black struggle. The abolitionist movement which they led of course included many white people as well, and was the central democratic and revolutionary struggle of the last century in the U.S. The gains won by the Civil War in overthrowing the slave system were also enjoyed by white people, especially free public education and other reforms that were instituted as a result.

Unfortunately, the U.S. government, which issues the stamps, has never been pressured to commemorate white freedom fighters like John Brown with a stamp. Since John Brown was hung by the government for trying to arm the slaves, they probably find his example too threatening and embarrassing.

P.A.R.T. tries to make a distinction between "racism" and "prejudice". Prejudice, as you say, is a problem of individuals, often psychologically rooted in a lack of self-esteem, and a correspondong need to put someone else down so you can feel "superior." But racism is much more than this; it is a system, a set of relations between nations and groups of people, based on the denial of a decent life or even life itself to one group so the other group can enjoy privileges. In U.S. and world history, racism is rooted in a process of colonialism, conquest and slavery on the basis of skin color. Racist thinking and ideas were encouraged in people to justify and enforce this system by dehumanizing its victims.

When we say racism is white people's problem, it's in this sense: that the powerful groups that have created and benefited from this system have always tried to convince all white people that it's in their advantage to participate, because that makes us superior to other races. This is a process that exploits the prejudices and fears you mention. It is similar to the way kids with a weak sense of identity and self-respect get manipulated and organized by the nazis, WAR and the KKK as shock or a power base. troop

But too many white people have always bought this. Because racism e is designed to put white people on top, we have a special responsibility to oppose and uproot it, not because we pity Black people, but for the sake of our own humanity as well as those of all people, and for the sake of a decent future. No one can be free while continuing to identify with their own and others' oppressors. We believe there is only one race, the human race; but the way for the human race to unite is to recognize and overcome the oppression created by the very real system of racism.

In regard to your other point, P.A.R.T. certainly agrees that the problem is not only racism against Black people. But in the same kind of reasoning laid out here, we think men have a special responsibility to oppose male chauvinism, violence against women and homophobia. Jews have a special responsibility to oppose zionism and brutality agaimst Palestinians. Christians have a responsibility to oppose anti-Semitism.

The U.S. is one of the most race conscious societies on the planet, though it's not the only one. We can see fighting in many countries, involving the Sikhs, the Tamils, the Hindus, the Moslems, the loyalists and the Republicans in Ireland, and so on. But based on the slogan, "Think globally, act locally", P.A.R.T. is composed of white people trying to do what we can about a big problem right here that we can and should deal with.

We hope this helps clarify
"where we stand" and would be
delighted to get more letters or
calls about these or other issues.
We also want to thank those of you
who've been communicating about your
activities and developments in your
areas, and we'll try to keep sharing
it with the readers of T.T.T.

--Mike.

WHITE COWER COMMENTS

STILL MORE CONTROVERSY

Dear Part,

I read your newsletter at a friend's house and was really impressed. Me and a friend have started the Anti-Racist Brigade recently, which centers mostly around organizing our friends to fight against nazi-skins. I started studying martial arts after we got jumped by the Reich Skins.

With nazi-skins getting more violent, I've figured that I'm the only person I can count on and that I'd better be prepared. Friends of mine are stocking up on guns or some other kinds of weapons. If nazis are going to try to start a race war or intimidate their opponents, they're going to have a hell of a fight. I know the police can't be counted on, so I'm arming myself.

As the enclosed flyer says, our group is concerned with militant ways of fighting back. Violence is the only language they understand, and the ones who start need to be taught a lesson.

"Anyone who has gone to punk shows within the last 4 - 5 years knows about the gang mentality and cowardly 10 on 1 fighting tactics of nazi skinheads...[Excerpted from the flyer -- PART] "We've decided that enough is enough. We refuse to sit and watch as they continue to terrorize people. A group is being formed to train in self-defense and weapons, including guns, and to organize to fight racists. Today the racist groups are small and no more of a threat than any other small group of goons. But they need to be taught a lesson before they grow any more."

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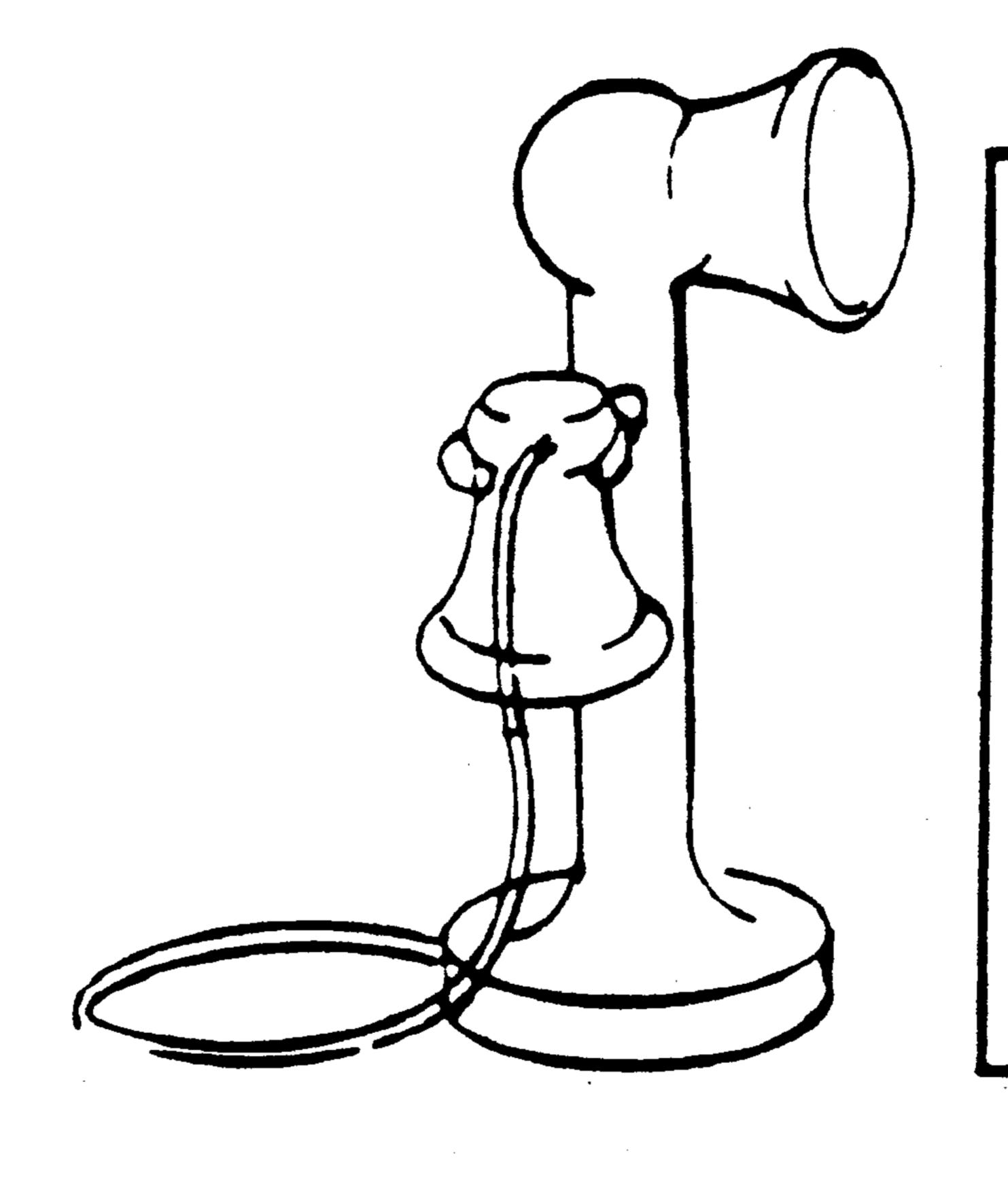
P.A.R.I. REPLIES:

The issue of the use of force by the anti-racist movement is a complicated one. At certain times, we believe that the tactics of non-violence are correct, especially when that draws a clear distinction and helps to organize people into active opposition to nazis. On the other hand, P.A.R.T. upholds the right of people being victimized or attacked by the KKK and other racists to defend themselves and fight back.

Using weapons like knives and guns, which introduce an element of life and death, is very serious. People shouldn't carry guns or similar weapons unless they know very well how and when to use them. and are prepared to do so effectively, to deal with a life-threatening situation. This means more than simply technical training in proficiency, but political and personal development and consciousness raising. Many people quickly turn into the opposite of what they claim to be when they are armed, and go on a power trip of their own.

Finally, we have security questions about responding to a flyer with a p.o. box from someone we know nothing about personally to engage in weapons training. We think that it's always easy for infiltrators and provocateurs to try to sabotage people's movements and anti-racist activity by trying to identify and involve the most militant people in unprincipled, illegal activity. We're not making any accusations about the A.R.B.; simply saying that P.A.R.T. has no knowledge of or practice with this group by which to guage its sincerity. But we do think passing out flyers is not a very well thought out way to initiate such a campaign, and could easily attract provocateurs or infiltrators to the folks in A.R.B.

Again, we appreciate hearing from readers about this and other pressing questions facing anti-racist activists, and invite you to use <u>Turning The Tide</u> as a forum to pursue these and other debates.



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FFF: "Fighters for Freedom"? or Nazi Satanists?

New swastika-paintings and other nazı vandalism around the San Fernando Valley is being attributed to a group that calls itself "FFF", claiming the name stands for Fighters For Freedom. But "FFF" is a traditional nazi-satanist code designation for "666", the so-called Mark of the Beast in devil worship. since F is the sixth letter of the alphabet. Going back to Hitler himself, Nazis have been into numerology and the occult. 88 was supposed to be a big year for the nazis because it is the number code for the letters "HH", standing for Heil Hitler.

The nazis who celebrated Hitler's birthday on April 20 neglected to notice that the fascist Fuhrer committed suicide on April 30, which he chose for its satanic connotations as a devil worshiper's holiday. The reputed head of the local "FFF" group is supposed to come from a family who were nazis in Germany themselves. If you have more info about the identity and activities of those involved, call the PART hot-line, (213) 281-7928.

Is this "FFF" the same as the band that has issued a cassette of its music, offered for sale at Aron's and other record stores? The group advertises its music with a flyer replete with swastikas and leather clad skulls.

AMERICAN FRONT BONEHEADS MOBILIZE IN FLORIDA

The Tom Metzger affiliated nazi skinheads, American Front, seem to be growing more dangerous in Florida. First, they broadcast personal information about a member of Florida SHARP over Metzger's Aryan Update hateline. Then PART received an anonymous tip that American Front was

planning to attack SHARP skins at a Cro-Mags concert in St. Petersburg in June. Now we hear that the AF is planning an Aryan (rock) Fest with Metzger in Maryland in August. Fearful of exposure and disruption, the nazis are asking for a photo, reference and social security number of everyone who attends!

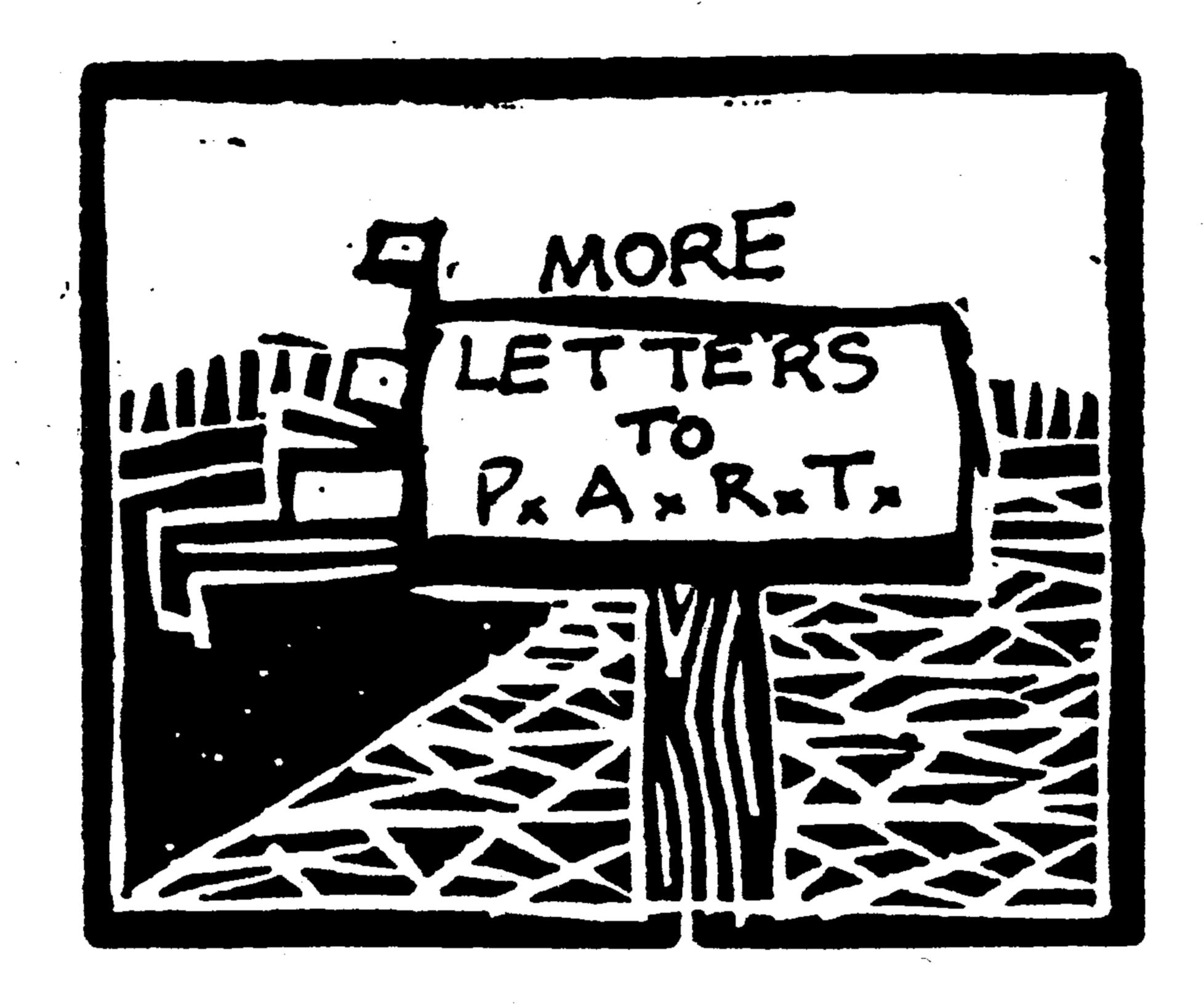
Other recent hot spots of bonehead racist violence include the Twin Cities, where a group of nazi skins attacked a 14 year old Black youth playing in the street with baseball bats, and a similar incident in Washington State.

P.A.R.I. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

P.A.R.T. has participated in a number of anti-racist activities recently in a campaign of grass-roots education and action. A speaker from P.A.R.T. addressed several classes at Conejo Valley High School, a continuation school in Ventura County, provoking some stimulating discussion and a very positive response from students and teachers. Between the time the speaker was invited and his arrival, nazi leaflets were coincidentally distributed on campus by a student at the school.

Mike Nadel of P.A.R.T. recently taped two half hour segments of a cable TV series being produced by the Harbor-Long Beach chapter of the Rainbow Coalition. The shows will be aired on cable community access channels in Lakewood and probably elsewhere in the area. Other participants in the discussions included a member of "All Systems Gone," a progressive, anti-racist rock band affiliated with the International Music Workers Union. He informed us that the IMWU is involved in suing Axel Rose of "Guns and Roses" for an alleged attack on a young Black female member of the IMWU.

P.A.R.I. came under attack recently in the newsletter of racist Identity minister Pete Peters of Colorado. For exposing the Identity conference sponsored in Glendale by "Pastor" Robert Record, P.A.R.I. is classified by Peters with "the ADL and other Jewish anti-christ groups."



P.A.R.T.,

Hi -- here in South Jersey, our problems with white power fascists is growing and getting bad. we'd like some info on your organization. Thanks a lot.

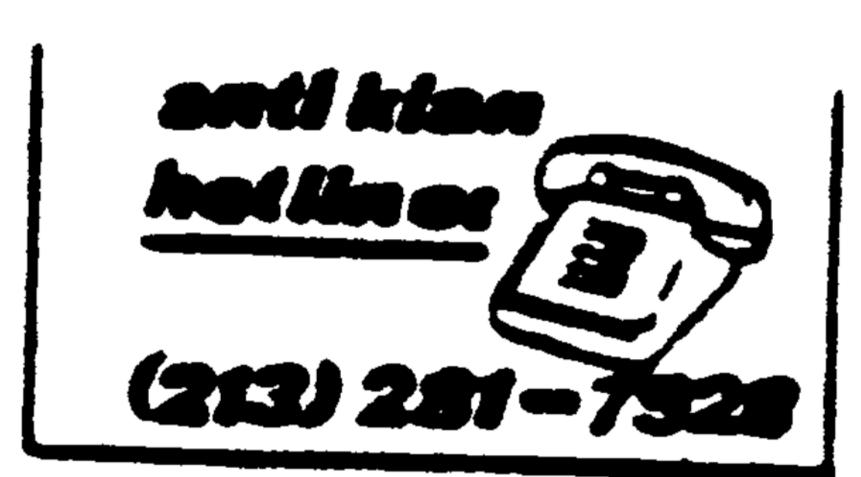
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Crew)
Ocean City, NJ 08226

Editor, Turning the Tide,

I am interested in your publication and in the aims and work of People Against Racist Terror. I would appreciate it very much and it would be most useful to me in my work and in ordering subscriptions if you would send information, including rates and sample copies. Thank you. Education Director,

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