

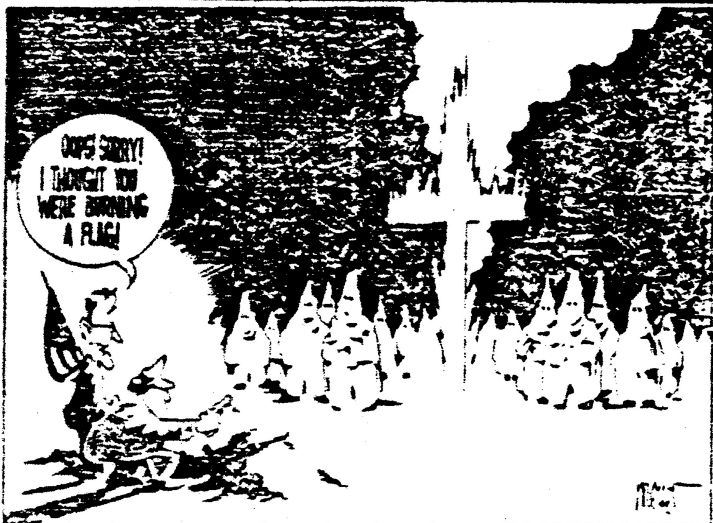
TURNING THE TIDE

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L.A. RACIST JAILED FOR ARMED TERROR OF BLACK STUDENTS

Gary Allen Gaulke, 20, formerly of Reseda, was sent to jail for 6 months in August for firing off five shots into the air while threatening a group of Black students at Cleveland HS in Van Nuys. Gaulke and a 17 year old neo-nazi drove up to the school on March 29. Gaulke fired off the rounds, while his pal extended a fascist "seig heil" salute and shouted "White Power!" The unnamed 17 year old is also doing time. Gaulke, who moved to Vegas, pleaded guilty to firing a gun with gross negligence. The shooting was the second "copy-cat" neo-nazi threat against students at a "Cleveland" school in the L.A. area, after neo-nazi Patrick Purdy killed 5 Asian students and wounded dozens of others at Cleveland School in Stockton in January. In a similar incident in Lakewood, a man in para-military garb was arrested after threatening to shoot black students at Cleveland school in that city near Long Beach.



NAZI SKINS ATTACK BLACK TEACHER'S HOME

In the latest of a series of nazi skin attacks in Simi Valley and Ventura County, the home of a Black Northridge HS teacher was brutally vandalized in August.

Virtually all the Boss family's personal possessions were methodically destroyed in the attack, in which swastikas and nazi-skin slogans were painted on the interior walls. These racist terrorists should be turned in so they can make restitution for their crimes.

COPS VAMP ON LV ANTI-RACISTS

In Las Vegas last month, a group of young people picketed a TV station that has been giving protracted and mostly favorable publicity to neo-nazi skinheads in the area, demanding that the station at least air opposing views. On the way over, they had a run in with the nazis. At the station, they were confronted by armed nazi-skins, and ran inside for help. Station authorities called the police, claiming they were being taken hostage by communists. A SWAT-team arrived and forced the anti-nazi demonstrators face down on the ground before ultimately releasing them without charges. The nazi-skins, who were found to be in legal possession of their weapons, were never taken into custody.

Nazi skins in Vegas are organized into a couple of different gangs, some closer to the Metzgers and WAR, and some to the old line KKK.



MAILBAG

Hey, P.A.R.T.,

Finally someone that sees things as I do. In Kentucky there's a growing terror. Racism is permeating every depth of society. Recently at my high school, a new racist group sprouted up. "NABA" (Nordics Against Black Advancement) is the group. Many people who are otherwise good kids have joined. Now every other word is nigger, spic, jewboy, chink, wop, injun: they cover all the spectrum. I wanna belong to a group that's against racism. If you can send any info or lit, I'd appreciate it. I need ideas about how to deal with this problem. Maybe I can start a Kentucky chapter. Remember, down with racism!

Your comrade in
Louisville, KY.

Oi Everyone!

My name is Eli and I'm associated with SHARP out here on the East Coast. I read your classified in Flipside with interest. Is there a possibility our groups could work together, or at least keep each other up-to-date on anti-racist activity in our respective areas? If you're interested, please let me know and I'll provide you with as much info as possible.

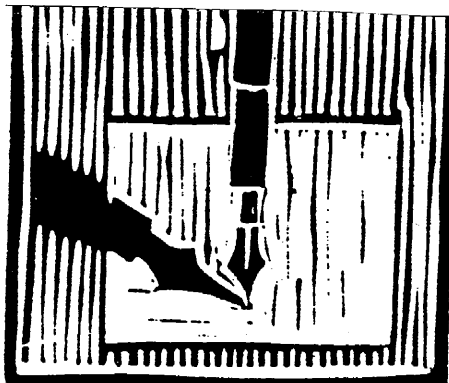
Cheers,
Eli c/o SHARP
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Greetings fellow anti-racists--

I am an anti-nazi skinhead from Dallas TX. I'm interested in collecting pamphlets, lit, patches etc. from anti-racist orgs across America (esp. anti-racist skinheads). Inter-city communication helps strengthen our cause.

The Young Urban Knights (YUK) has collapsed in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. We need a new anti-racist youth organization here, so any advice or help I could obtain would be greatly appreciated. Also, if any members wish to begin a correspondence with me as pen pals, that would be good, since understanding and new suggestions are always profitable.

Oi Boi, Dallas TX



Woodcut by Toby Gordon

TO: PART
FROM: O.C. SHARP

A group confederation has been established between existing nazi factions here in Orange County, the Peni Skins, the American White Separatists and the FFF. This is being conducted by the American Firm. Right now Anaheim, Cypress, Buena Park, Fullerton, Garden Grove and Orange are the main targets. In the past month 8 people, all of minority races, have been beaten. Several attacks have been made on my house and on members of SHARP. In addition, several clashes between nazi skins and anti-racist skins have taken place.

We have two separate factions of organization here, 1) SHARP -- primarily skinheads; they have been the bulk of our actions here in O.C. And 2) United Youth of America -- this is for all non-skins who would like to join the struggle. SHARP and UYA work hand in hand.

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STOP GRAND JURY REPRESSION!

GRAND JURY SUBPOENAS ANTI-KLAN ACTIVISTS

Anti-racists from NY, IL and CA have been subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury in Chicago. The feds are investigating threatening letters sent to the U.S. Attorney in that city on the purported stationery of the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee (JBAKC) and of Progressive Labor Party (PL). Bob Wells of JBAKC and Henry "Camomile" Bortman, a gay activist, were called because they rented the p.o. boxes used by JBAKC in Chicago and San Francisco. They're refusing to testify or turn over documents because they think it's an attempt to intimidate them. Their position is non-collaboration with grand juries as a tool of political repression. They could go to jail for contempt on Sept. 26.



The limits of tyrants are
prescribed by the endurance
of those whom they oppress.
--Frederick Douglass

Jan Susler, lawyer for Wells and JBAKC, says the FBI acknowledged that the letters appear to be phony, and seem to have been written by someone trying to discredit the two organizations. The death threats on both the JBAKC and PLP letterheads were typed on the same typewriter and mailed from the same post office, a blatant set-up. Bob and Camo asked U.S. District Court Judge John Grady to quash the subpoenas, on the grounds that the grand jury is infringing on their rights of association and their opposition to racism and the KKK.

"This is clearly not a legitimate investigation," says Camomile. "It's political harassment, an attempt to disrupt the activity of an organization that has committed itself for over a decade to oppose racist, anti-semitic and anti-gay groups like the Klan and nazi skinheads." JBAKC is calling on people to write to Judge Grady at the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, 219 S. Dearborn, Room 2541, Chicago 60604 and demand that the subpoenas be quashed.

They point out that the grand jury was a weapon against the Black liberation struggle, the Puerto Rican independence movement and other progressive forces, going back to when Nixon was president. Non-collaboration has proven to be the most effective and powerful response to the star chamber nature of the grand jury, since people called before a grand jury can't even have a lawyer present and can be forced to testify about anything and anyone, no matter what the supposed subject of the investigation.

This case is important to all anti-racists because it's an attempt by the government to set limits on what it considers "legitimate" anti-racist work, and to squelch independent activism against neo-nazis. The government is afraid of an anti-racist movement that links opposition to the neo-nazis to support for Black liberation, gay liberation and women's liberation. This repression is further proof that we can't rely on the government to deal with racist violence.

For more information on opposing grand jury repression of anti-racists, contact the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee at 220 9th St. #443, SF CA 94103; tel: (415) 330-5363.

We get a lot of letters from individuals out there concerned about racist terror and organizing in their area and wondering what to do. We encourage everyone to start where they're at to develop anti-racist work and organizing. Even one person can establish an anti-racist focus and attract others with the same feelings and concerns.

Talk to your friends, classmates, teachers or people you work with. Maybe even people in your family, or neighbors, will share your ideas. You can start to put out a 'zine without much effort. There's lots of material you can use in newsletters, other 'zines, or national anti-klan resources.

You can get stickers and flyers from these groups that you post, or reprint with a local address, preferably a p.o. box.

If you've got a few bucks to spare, many cities now have "voice bulletin boards" where you can get an answering service that allows you to record your own (anti-racist) message and then record incoming calls, so you don't have to give out your home phone number.

Find out if there's an established civil rights group in your area. Also, there are peace movement and religious groups around the country who are concerned about racism. The YWCA has a commitment against racism. Some of these groups are not always receptive to young people or new ideas, but they're a place to start.

PEOPLE AGAINST RACIST TERROR



be part of the solution

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PART needs all the help and support it can get to keep putting out this newsletter and carry out other anti-racist work.

We're asking our readers to help us out in a few ways:

1] Keep writing your letters in to us, and call. Your moral support and encouragement is really important. Excuse us if we don't always write back personally or at length.

2] Send us news clippings and your own reports about racist and anti-racist developments in your area. Even here in southern California, there's a lot going on that never makes the papers or the tube, outside of many one locality newspaper. This is an important way to build an anti-racist network.

3] List us in your 'zines and organizational newsletters. That's the main way word of Turning the Tide gets around.

4] Send us some cash. Lots of folks still get the newsletter free or maybe sent in a couple of stamps a couple of issues ago. We increased both the size and the press run of TIT substantially with this issue. If it's helpful to you, please send a few bucks our way. Next issue will be Vol. III, #1 (Nov.-Dec. 1989), so even if you already sent in a sub a few months back, you might want to think about renewing. Beginning with that issue, we'll be asking for \$5 for a one-year (six issue) sub to cover more of our costs.

5] Get your library to order TIT (and other anti-racist publications). Institutional subscriptions are going to be \$10 a year and will include copies of all leaflets and other material put out by PART. For example, we have flyers out about Racist Terror and Homophobia, Operation Rescue and the Racist Right, and the Neo-Nazi assault on the schools.

The Invisible Empire: The Ku Klux Klan Impact on History, by William Loren Katz; 1986, Open Hand Publishing, Inc., Seattle WA. Illustrated, 166 pp. ***The Fiery Cross: The Ku Klux Klan in America***, by Wyn Craig Wade; 1987, Simon and Schuster, NY. Photos, 526 pp. **"88": An Undercover News Reporter's Expose of American Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan**, by Andy Oakley; 1987, P.O. Publishing Co., Skokie IL. Illustrated with neo-nazi propaganda, 164 pp. + index.

In 1987, the exposure of a white supremacist revolutionary underground known as the Order through a series of successful federal prosecutions, and the growth of a base for racist violence evidenced by attacks in Howard Beach and Forsyth County, provoked broader concern about the KKK and neo-nazis. With many classic studies and exposes a decade or more out of date, a spate of new works appeared. They provided insights about the enduring basis and threat of organized white supremacy, and clues on how to combat it. But they did little to answer many practical questions facing the anti-racist movement. This is made clear by the generally substantial growth of the racist forces in the following years.

The history of the Klan in America is generally considered to fall into three distinct periods. W. C. Wade's richly-detailed history, *The Fiery Cross*, provides a vivid and comprehensive recreation of the Klan in these three main incarnations, from its birth as the organized para-military arm of dispossessed white planters during Reconstruction, through its re-emergence

as a mass movement with significant political power north and south in the '20's, and up to the post-war period until about 1984. Well-documented, it makes clear the history of governmental and law enforcement collusion with the KKK whenever the night-riding terrorists met the needs of the state.

Wade demonstrates the role of Woodrow Wilson, who as an historian had been an apologist for the reconstruction era klan, in resurrecting the KKK in the 20th Century. By embracing D. W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation", screening it at the White House as a favor to the author of "The Klansman" on which it was based, Wilson as president gave the go-ahead to the reorganization of the KKK as a legitimate fraternal order. The hooded order then rode to a significant degree of power on a wave of white resistance to post-WWI Black struggle and of nativist hysteria against new waves of immigration.

A crucial contribution of Wade's work is an exposure of the organizational links between the KKK and European fascism from the 20's-40's. Wade details a period often sloughed over, ranging from the creation of a cross-burning fraternity in Germany by a German-born American klansman who returned to his homeland in the years after World War I, to the KKK's favorable view of Hitler and Mussolini, to the abortive alliance of the Klan and the fifth-column German American Bund on the eve of World War II. This hidden history provides a backdrop that helps us understand the reunification of these racist factions under the banner of "white nationalism" since North Carolina Klansmen and

nazis carried out the Greensboro killings of anti-klan and labor activists and communists in 1979. It also is especially pertinent as the KKK is establishing chapters in England and contacts with the new fascist groups in Germany and Eastern Europe at the present time.

The Invisible Empire, by William Katz, covers much of the same ground for the general reader in a more agitational, less academic way (the footnotes and appendices to Wade's study are almost as long as Katz's whole book). Profusely illustrated throughout with woodcuts, engravings and photographs, "Invisible Empire" drives home the deadly antagonism of the Klan to Black liberation and to the very humanity of Black people. The book is particularly strong in depicting the reconstruction era klan as a counter-revolutionary force intent on turning back the revolutionary, democratizing upsurge of Black ex-slaves, and how it dissolved back into the state apparatus once its victory was assured with the liquidation of reconstruction in 1876.

Katz reports favorably on the critical efforts of such Black anti-Klan stalwarts as Ida B. Wells, the newspaper woman who initiated a crusade against lynching; Walter White, a fair-skinned Black who infiltrated and exposed the KKK after WWI for the NAACP; and Robert Williams, who armed the Black community of Monroe, NC for self-defense against the Klan in 1957. Anti-klan forces today can learn from this continuing history of the leading role of Black resistance in defeating the forces of organized white supremacy.

When it came out that open "former" nazis, some of them active collaborators with Hitler and his extermination of the Jews and Gypsies in Europe, were leaders of Bush's election effort, he brushed it off. Bush and Quayle play lip service to civil rights -- Quayle recently told a civil rights group that there's no place for nazi skinheads in this country. But it's for a simple reason. They're convinced if they can pull 10-15% of the Black vote away from the Democratic Party, they can create a permanent electoral majority for right-wing Republicans.

The government wants to crush out all dissent, systematically and "democratically." Twenty years ago, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon waged open domestic warfare on the Black liberation movement, using the Army and National Guard in the cities and the FBI and police to assassinate a generation of radical Black leadership including Malcolm, Martin Luther King and dozens of Black Panthers. Today, even the Black elected officials who work within the system are fair game for entrapment and political destruction, and since many of them are just as corrupt and venal as the white politicians they replaced, it isn't too hard to pick them off.

Two decades ago, the government was promising to deliver "guns and butter" (the catch phrase of the time for military and welfare spending). Today, all we see are the guns. The Supreme Court, stacked with Reagan appointees, and with Bush waiting to fill new vacancies with more of the same, is rapidly overturning both previous court decisions and legislation: rulings and laws regarding affirmative action and women's right to choose safe and legal abortion, prisoner's rights to obtain literature, and similar gains of the 60's movements are ripped to shreds.

The union busting that Reagan introduced by smashing the air traffic controllers is proceeding through the coal mining, automotive and airlines industries. The FCC,

which is supposed to protect public access to the airwaves, now censors what we can hear or see to make sure it's "decent". Last month, they even shut down a small Black radio station in the San Joaquin Valley. The standards of "decency" -- that is, homophobia, woman hating and white supremacy -- are also going to be applied to all the arts under a recent bill proposed by Jesse Helms, a senator who is in league with some of the world's most notorious neo-nazis. The anti-immigrant hysteria and the "English Only" have provided some of these same fascist forces with a cover of legitimacy and a road to mass acceptance.



All this is to say that the nazi-skinheads are only the icing on a pretty foul cake. They are not an isolated phenomenon, and they can't be defeated in a straight up, head to head battle, because they're not the root of the problem. Knock off one or a hundred nazi skins, and there'll be others to take their place, or some other equally vile phenomenon. The Italian kids who beat, shot and killed a Black guy in Brooklyn in August weren't neo-nazi skinheads. The Bureau of Indian Affairs who are throwing the Hopi and Navajo off their land of centuries aren't nazi skinheads. Neither are the Operation Rescue zealots who try to intimidate women from exercising their right to choose.

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We need to build and unify a movement that can deal with all these problems. And we can't expect any help from the government -- although the cops may occasionally bust some nazi skins -- because the government is part of the problem.

Even when the racist terrorists get taken to court, they mostly get off. The acquittal of the Order conspirators, which allowed top ranking racists like Richard Butler and Bob Miles to go free, is one example. Recently, the North Carolina White Patriot who was charged with the execution slaying of three gay men was also found not guilty. And appeals judges just reduced to involuntary manslaughter the murder conviction of three guys in Northern California who beat one gay man to death and brutalized several others.

dissent, so that the fat-cats in power can ride out the storm. Then the nazi skins will be a convenient weapon for them to use against those of us who dare to resist, just like Hitler used the storm troopers.

That's one grim take on the future. It doesn't have to be that way. If we act wisely and steadily now. If we organize, sink the roots of resistance, unite anti-racist and other progressive forces.

PART doesn't begin to pretend to have all the answers. We're all going to have think as globally and imaginatively as we can, and then to grow as big as our dreams for the future. We need to ensure our physical and political security from the nazis and from the state, but not at the expense of reaching out to people in the broadest possible way.



Things are going to get a lot tougher in this country. The government is clamping the lid on at a time of economic expansion because it knows a contraction or collapse is on the way. The economy is living on borrowed time and borrowed dough. Having exploited and enslaved oppressed people and the planet, the government is now robbing the future and spending it on a joy ride.

When the fall comes -- probably in about the middle of Bush's first term -- when there are millions of homeless, bankrupt, jobless people, when "recovery" will require open genocide and a final assault on the eco-system, and maybe war, too, they expect to have the repressive apparatus in place, thanks to the war on drugs, the militarization of the borders, and the repression of

Anti-racists need to participate in the defense of women's clinics, and in an affirmative campaign to extend reproductive freedom. We need to support the self-determination of Black communities, of Native people, and to campaign against the hard-core racists behind the English Only movement. Anti-racists need to oppose the U.S. war in Central America and support the efforts of the people of El Salvador, Nicaragua and other countries to build a new, freer life. We need to take our message into the schools and community groups, to defend artistic and educational freedom from the book burners. Anti-racists need to expose the repressive potential of the war on drugs and support the efforts of people to recover from drug abuse without government coercion.

"88", as its sub-title implies, is essentially the personal memoir of a young reporter who spent several years undercover in the neo-nazi movement and klan-related organizations in the early 1980's. It is a useful complement to the other two books in its currency and immediacy, and also provides a fairly comprehensive listing of racist right groups around the country. The author is donating his proceeds from the sales of the book to anti-klan groups. The significance of the "88" in the book's title, Oakley explains, is that in neo-nazi numerology it represents "HH" for "Heil Hitler". More than a dozen klan and nazi groups adopted P.O. Box 88 as their address in reference to a planned racist takeover or uprising. Oakley paints some vivid pictures of individuals in these groups, like Bob Scloneger, KKK leader in Illinois, who lost his job as head of operations at Zion nuclear power plant outside Chicago, after Oakley exposed his active plans for genocide and race war.

The book takes us inside a conclave of klansmen, neo-nazis and Christian survivalists, allowing such figures as William Pierce, Thom Robb and Robert Miles to damn themselves with their own words. Pierce wrote "The Turner Diaries", a racist fiction of the near future which served as a handbook for "the Order." Miles is facing a federal conspiracy trial for plotting a revolutionary racist overthrow of the U.S. government. Oakley reports briefly on these developments, which came a year or two after he blew his cover by exposing Schloneger.

W. C. Wade, in writing his definitive text, debunks traditional historiography that painted the reconstruction Klan as heroically resisting the excesses of "carpetbaggers and scalawags". To counter this notion, cemented in white popular consciousness by books and films like "Birth of a Nation" and "Gone With the Wind," Wade carried out voluminous research in original source material. He also interviewed present and former klansmen, as well as participants in the struggle against the Klan in the last half century. Wade has performed a valuable service in making this wealth of material available to activists and historians.

He reports, incidentally, that since the 1970's and increasingly in the last seven years, irreplaceable records and books about the KKK have been stolen from libraries and newspapers across the country. It may not be paranoia to attribute the disappearance of these files to the actions of a racist movement headed underground to carry out its violence, and intent on covering its tracks. Wade's book makes abundantly clear how secrecy has always been a key component of Klan terrorism.

Wade catalogued all the documents and interviews that went into his own book and has donated them to the Special Collections of the Michigan State University Library in East Lansing, where they will be available to future researchers. He also suggests a fruitful line of inquiry into the records of the U.S. Justice Department, "especially in regard to the FBI's peculiar, often ambivalent relationship with the Klan in this century." In this regard, the role of FBI

informant Ed Dawson and Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms agent Bernard Butkovich who organized, armed and unified the nazis and KKK'ers in North Carolina who carried out the Greensboro massacre, deserves more attention than it received in any of these books.

Greensboro ushered in a new, fourth period of Klan history. With government approval, evident both in its inception and in the later impunity of the perpetrators, the massacre represented the transformation and consolidation of hard core racists from klan and nazi ranks into a U.S. death squad. The recent spate of federal and state prosecutions of these same hard-core rightists seems to represent second thoughts by the government, after the racists turned their ire and their weapons on the state apparatus they denounced as Zionist dominated and selling out the white man to Blacks and immigrants.

Unfortunately, nothing yet published in book form deals adequately with this new period, or with the two key developments of the '80's which sparked the renewed interest in the first place: the growth of racist violence among a new generation of white youth, and the development of a clandestine racist apparatus uniting klansmen and neo-nazis. The virtues of these books, however, are not undercut by that failure, which leaves a task to accomplish for anti-klan activists with the benefit of longer lead time on these unfolding developments.

IN OUR LAST ISSUE OF TTT, PART PRINTED A LETTER AND FLYER FROM THE ANTI-RACIST BRIGADE (ARB) IN LONG BEACH ADVOCATING ARMED ACTION AGAINST NAZI-SKINS, ALONG WITH SOME QUESTIONS AND CRITICISMS WE HAD. WHAT FOLLOWS IS A RESPONSE FROM THE ARB.

Dear PART,

Your reply brought up a lot of good points that I didn't write about. First off, fighting is something to be avoided, but it's becoming more important to be prepared for racists who are escalating violence, using weapons and guns. I agree they should be used only when absolutely necessary, and used carefully and responsibly. Organizing has more of a place than fighting. The reason I talk mostly about preparing to fight is because I think PART, John Brown and similar groups are doing an excellent job of organizing, but are sorely ignoring the need to be ready to fight racists if necessary.

You brought up some good points about security, which are especially important when talking about violence. You have every reason to suspect someone of being a Nazi or KKK infiltrator, especially considering what I'm talking about. Everyone should be careful nowadays, considering groups like the Animal Liberation Front and Earth First have been hurt by infiltrators and the FBI. Anti-racist groups may be targeted also. Some advice: never do anything incriminating or reveal important information to anyone you don't know and trust well. Any phone could be tapped. Don't be paranoid, be careful. Not only the FBI, but also racists would love to have our names and know what we do.

If anyone has doubts about my intentions, that's o.k. The only reason you should trust me is if you get to know me well. But take what you want from my advice. Just as it's irresponsible to use violence when it's not needed, it's also irresponsible not to be

prepared to fight back when facing violent racists. Remember, racists openly advocate violence against innocent people. Their goal is a race war, and they're escalating. The police can't be counted on. Don't overreact, just be prepared. Use your own judgment.

Fred,
A.R.B.

A leaflet on martial arts training is available from A.R.B., PO Box 8532, Long Beach CA 90808

LAST ISSUE, WE PRINTED AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN SEVERAL MEMBERS OF SHARP AND PART ABOUT THE USE OF THE U.S. FLAG. PART OPPOSES USING THE FLAG AS A SYMBOL, BECAUSE WE THINK IT STANDS FOR GENOCIDE. SOME CHAPTERS OF SHARP USE THE FLAG SYMBOL BECAUSE THEY LIKE THE IMAGE OF PATRIOTISM AND AMERICAN IDEALISM. WE GOT SEVERAL RESPONSES IN THE MAIL. WE'RE PRINTING EXCERPTS HERE, THEN WE'D LIKE TO LAY THE ISSUE TO REST FOR A WHILE AND GET ON TO OTHER QUESTIONS OF ANTI-RACIST RESISTANCE.

For you anti-racist flag waving skins,

You can invent all the reasons you want for your pride in the flag, but consider this: you have pride for a flag that isn't yours, you didn't make it, you didn't steal 50 states for 50 stars, you didn't kill millions of Mexicans and Indians; but if you see something in it that excuses all that, go ahead.

I think the flag is toilet paper. Nazis also take pride and wear the flag. Until this fucked up government does something good (not just for themselves but all humanity) there's absolutely nothing to be proud of. Burn a flag, don't wave one.

Stinky,
San Diego

Dear P.A.R.T.,

I'm writing in the hope it will help some of these new skins understand the truth about their beloved flag. It's a rag that represents fascism and injustice in this country, which was flying high

when countless Indians were slaughtered or Blacks were stolen from their homeland and brought here to be slaves in this "land of the free". Some may say I'm living in the past, but tell me, what has changed?

The only reason these skins wear flags is because they think it's the "skinhead" thing to do. I bet none of them cared about patriotism before they got into the scene. The funny thing is that being patriotic has nothing to do with being a skin. That was something started by right wing baldos in the so-called "skin revival" in the 70's. So spare me "the flag stands for justice" speech because that ain't how it is. I'm proud to be a member of the SHARP movement, but I will not contradict myself by supporting a symbol of racism.

If this letter pisses you off, try opening your mind and reading it again. Peace and good luck to all who have taken up the fight.

John,
W.L.A. SHARP
Trojan Traditionalist

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Dear PART,

Let it be said once again that Christ is our answer. Without Love, we are nothing. True love is impartial. I love the nazi-skinheads. I hate what they do. Nevertheless, they are redeemable in the eyes of Jesus. He may not yet have given them over to satan.

I was born and raised in the deep south. I've seen racism in its purest form. Anger rises in me every day when I see the rebel flag. I admit that I have had to battle the racist cancer within myself. But I thank God that tumor wasn't malignant, that Jesus was able to remove it without far-reaching damage to my soul.

Racism is hate. Hate is unforgiveness, and more so, fear. Fear of the unknown. Racism is stupid, it's warped. It's a

satanic ploy to turn our race, the human race, against itself. Jesus said himself that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Satan knows this, so he incites revolt within the ranks of the human race.

I like your newsletter, but remember, there is no peace until he returns to set up his kingdom. So all we can do is hold back the satanic onslaught, with love and an activist voice. I'm not advocating passivity, but the humility of Jesus: humility is controlled power; passivity is giving up power, becoming weak to the point of non-violence in any form. But we are foolish to believe that banding together without him is going to produce any lasting result. Let Jesus tell us how to combat racism. Without the protection of Jesus, we may as well hang it up.

Sincerely,
Joel Cooper
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Ft. Walton Beach FL

PART Replies

Dear Joel,

We appreciate your letter and support. PART is non-denominational, in fact non-religious. We agree that love is necessary in the struggle against hatred and evil, and if it helps you to picture love as Jesus and evil as Satan, we support your right to your beliefs. But we don't think anti-racists as a whole can restrict their ranks to Christians, or insist that Jesus is the only answer. Anti-racists must unite people of all religious faiths, and of no religion. Some very committed anti-racist, loving people are atheists, Buddhists or pagans, or worship the goddess. We need to support people of all religious groups who are under attack for their beliefs by the hate mongers, the way Jews and Muslims are now being attacked in the U.S.

To believers of all faiths, we remind you of the saying, god helps those who help themselves.