

TURNING THE TIDE

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DEATH SQUADS IN AMERICA?

-RACIST TERRORISTS -- SEND KILLER MAIL BOMBS

A previously unknown racist group took responsibility for a number of letter bombs which killed a white federal judge and a Black civil rights lawyer and city council member earlier this year. The group, claiming it would kill again to defend "white womanhood" against "Black rapists", is the latest example of America's home-grown terrorists, the KKK and other similar cowardly night riders and cross burners.

When the U.S. judge was killed the media and FBI immediately began to bray about narco-terrorism, trying to link the killing to drug dealers in an effort to whip up hysteria for the war on drugs. After the death of the Black lawyer and the claim of responsibility by racists, they were forced to direct their attention, so far unsuccessfully, to the network of Klan sympathizers that have repeatedly given birth to such terrorist factions as the Order and the CSA.

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-- NAZI SKINHEADS SUED FOR KILLER CONSPIRACY

A civil lawsuit filed in Portland Oregon has named Tom Metzger, director of the racist WAR organization, his son John, their group, and several followers as conspirators in the killing of Ethiopian refugee Mulegeta Seraw in that city last year by several neo-Nazi skinheads associated with WAR in a group called East Side White Pride.

The lawsuit, brought on behalf of Seraw's family by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), seeks substantial monetary damages for the loss of life and violation of the young African's civil rights. The SPLC, which runs the Klanwatch project, brought a similar suit against one of the main KKKlans, on behalf of Beulah MacDonald some years ago after that Black woman's son was lynched. The KKK was driven into bankruptcy and forced to turn its headquarters over to MacDonald.

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--KILLER COPS TARGET BLACK MUSLIMS

The plague of police killings that has taken the lives of dozens of Blacks and Hispanics struck again in L.A. earlier this year when county sheriff's deputies shot Nation of Islam member Oliver X Beasley in the head. The incident was one of a series of confrontations between Muslims and L.A. cops and sheriffs.

Min. Louis Farrakhan came to L.A. for a series of protests. He spoke to more than 2000 at a joint Muslim-Christian memorial service for the slain Black man, and then spoke to more than 16,000 people who paid admission to hear the NOI minister speak. He eschewed revenge but demanded justice for the dead man and his family and called for a civilian review board to investigate this and similar cases.

Several other cases at the same time pointed up the tendency of law enforcement officers to use fatal force and unnecessary brutality against Black and Latino residents. In San Bernardino, several Mexican nationals won a court suit for massive damages against the sheriffs for beating them during an arrest. And in L.A., the police shot and killed three men whom they had followed and watched enter a McDonald's and hold it up.

Asked to defend the shootings rather than arresting the suspects before they committed the crime (since police believed them responsible for other hold-ups) the LAPD chief said, "If we had arrested they would've gotten out. Now they won't be holding up any more stores."

Anti-racists need to expose this "blue by day, white by night" mentality that makes cops judge jury and executioner, no different from a Klan lynch-mob. It's not only the occasional exposures of direct KKK activity in the police, like the group of sheriffs and M.P.'s in Texas who were recently fired after their KKK recruiting activities became known. The use of all cops, whatever their color or personal ideology, as an occupying army in marginalized communities of color who have no chance for advancement or dignity in this society, is what leads inevitably to these killings.

See related discussion of NOI in letters, page six.



Graphic credit: Mike, People Against Racist Terror/PART



MAILBAG

Sorry you haven't heard from me for a while. I've enclosed some recent clips about racism from Bay Area papers.

One thing would be interesting in your newsletter would be a report on racism and anti-racism in popular music. MTV recently did a lot of reports on that and on their show "Decade" even did a 10-minute piece on racism and explained it everywhere and especially in the music scene.

I like all kinds of music especially early punk rock and I like that the punks joined together with the reggae musicians to fight racism. I think that kind of unity must happen again even stronger in music today. In the Bay Area we've had an annual Rock Against Racism concert the last few years.

There must be more bands like the Dead Kennedys willing to speak out against racism. I think a lot could be said about racism and music; there are a lot of younger guys involved in underground/independent scene who are also involved in fighting racism, like MRR.

Don't give up the fight!!
Thanks a lot; I hope you like my suggestions.

Justin.

PART REPLIES

We'd love to do an issue of T.T.T. that focuses on questions of racism and the music scene, going back to the history of ripping off Black culture by white artists and entrepreneurs that has characterized rock and roll.

One good band and resource we know of in the southern California is the group the Fixtures. They play progressive, eclectic music in a hard driving style, available on cassette. They also put out a fascinating 'zine called "Gleet" which chronicles their efforts to develop alternative distribution and performance networks. You can contact them at P.O. Box 16283, Encino CA 91416.

Two other good resources are the Black Rock Coalition, 6201 Sunset Blvd, L.A. CA 90028; (213) 960-7730; and in the Bay Area as you mentioned, is Rock Against Racism, 1827 Haight St. Box 67, San Francisco CA 94117; 415-267-3171.

We invite our readers to contribute to a future issue of T.T.T. on theme of racism and anti-racism in the music scene.

ORANGE COUNTY ANTI - RACIST REPORT

Skinheads is not about being killers or ignorant bigots. We're knowledgeable citizens concerned with our surrounding environments. Traditional skinheads no longer want to be the targets of angry people looking to hunt down nazis. We're on the right side! To put it bluntly, racism sucks. Even though the skinhead subculture seems to've been fatally wounded, the spirit of '69 lives. Clashes between traditional skinheads and nazis have become frequent in O.C.

The nazis are on the rise again. Several weeks ago, the Peni Skins, a nazi gang, shouted racist slurs at two traditional skins who happened to be Black at a show. A fight began... All 5 of the nazi puppets were hospitalized. We realize you don't condone violence but the whole issue touches us a little deeper. The number of fights has increased the last few months. Nutty Skins and Brotherhood Skins are two anti-racist factions.

The last five attempts to crush these groups in an invasion of nazi skins have all failed. Nazi factions on the decline include C.F.S., AWS and the FFF, after a failure to take the streets. However, Peni Skins, WARskins and the American Firm are on the rise. We hear that WAR has plans to start a White Student Union at Fullerton College. An anonymous source says this is already in process at CSU Fullerton under the direction of John Metzger. Wake up O.C.! It's time to draw the line. Racism and education don't mix. We traditionalist skinheads call on the public not to be afraid to cooperate with us against nazis. We will do our best to make sure you can tell us apart.

Greetings from the battleground of O.C., Spykid.

Archbishop Romero

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Dear PART:

In response to your questionnaire, in Minnesota, there is a group called St. Paul Hammer Skins that also call themselves Rock

against Communism (after concerts put on in England by Skrewdriver). There's also a branch of David Duke's Populist Party that pass out literature at gun shows. They are based in northern MN, aiming at far right survivalist types.

Minnesotans are aware of nazi skins and condemn their actions. There has been a lot of media attention to racial violence by skinheads and racial abuse by police and racial attacks of white youths by blacks. There have been a handful of well-publicized racial attacks usually followed by arrests although in most cases the charges are dropped.

Overall Minnesotans condemn racial terror. PS, there are two nazi skinhead bands in St. Paul, Mass Corruption and Bound for Glory.

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GUARDAGRAPHIC BY MARTIN MCOLL

Political prisoners



Dear Mike and PAK:

About the prison issue — When you break the law and get caught and actually end up in prison, it's a miracle. Most go free. Several are released early, sex offenders for example.

I'm with an Explorer law enforcement post in Ft. Worth and this thing about prisons holding too many Blacks to whites is a load. Sure there's bigots in every sector of society. But in Ft. Worth, the west side, I've yet to see a white person dealing crack (I'm not talking about using). There are white dealers, but hardly any in crack.

Most crack dealers are scum who only make enough to support their habit. I've been in on SWAT raids and domestic disturbances. You'll find that a majority of the people doing crack are black. That's not racist. I've been hearing that from a lot of cops, white Black and Hispanic. The common drug selection used by whites is crack, marijuana and forms of acid.

All this about a war on drugs being a war on minorities outraged me. I'm out on those streets seeing this. It's simple poor neighborhoods have a tendency to have a lot of trash inside their boundaries and they are usually occupied by ethnic groups. By trash I mean the scum who don't give a damn, do and deal drugs and screw up society. If a majority of drug raids are on houses occupied by ethnics, so what. The police are warranted and have bought the drugs at least twice to make sure.

Drugs are destroying America. Criminals deserve to go down for their full sentence. When you are found guilty, you have no rights. I only wish our prison system was big enough to hold to house them and our judicial system not so lousy at prosecuting.

Racist jailers? Probably so — not to justify them, but when you are out-numbered like that, you'll use any technique to intimidate. Otherwise you might get killed.

We need fairer courts on the issue of race, but I would nail any person to the wall for drugs or crimes of violence, white black etc. We arrested some crack dealers at 4:00; they were out at 9:00 p.m. the same day. It's a screwed up world. Criminals have got to be dealt with.

Radar, D/FW Information.

PART REPLIES:

Dear Radar:

Your remarks are obviously heartfelt and based on your experience as you understand it. But you're looking at a small part of the picture. Once it was said, if you steal a loaf of bread, you go to prison; if you steal a railroad you become a U.S. Senator.

The same is true with drugs. The petty dealers, who as you say are barely making enough to feed their own sick habit, are the ones filling up the jails, while the kingpins rake in the profits through international banking cartels. Right there in Texas, the papers are exposing how the CIA and organized crime groups tied in to the Contras were using savings and loans to launder drug money, ripping off the taxpayers and the small depositors.

In the same way, this society stigmatizes and criminalizes one drug, crack, while legalizing many others that are more dangerous. Alcohol takes many lives than all illegal drugs put together. Tobacco is the deadliest and most addictive drug peddled in America — a recent study showed 90% of those who try it become addicted compared to a much lower rate for crack. But the alcohol and tobacco industries are big legal industries whose financiers like the Coors family support the racist right wing.

The racism of the law enforcement, prison and criminal "justice" system is undeniable. This does not mean that every individual involved in these

systems is a racist. But when one in four Black men is currently in prison, jail, on parole or probation — 400% the rate for whites — the conclusion is inescapable that the situation is systematic and larger than any individual.

It's very positive that you are working and organizing against nazi skins in the Dallas Ft Worth area. This is crucial work given recent disclosures about the extent of neo-nazi violence perpetrated by Confederate Hammer Skins. But your letter indicates that you have many unexamined attitudes of your own that you could benefit from struggling with. Calling people trash and scum, and claiming that convicts have no rights are chillingly similar to nazi rhetoric.

Law enforcement and prison security personnel who view people this way contribute to the dehumanization of whole communities and of inmates. This is not the same as tough, fair enforcement; it creates a mentality in the officers of, as you say, justifying anything to keep control over the numerically superior enemy. This is a prescription for disaster.

We hope you will reconsider some of what you have to say, and look at the larger question of how our society got into this fix. Drug dealing is an international industry that has always had protection inside national governments, including our own, as well as corrupting elements within local law enforcement. You need to direct some of your anger about the ugly realities on the streets at the people in the boardrooms and offices who have made it that way.

Dear Turning the Tide,

I was glad to see you calling the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment for their liberal sectarianism. Their anti-democratic and anti-radical pronouncements are only going to give comfort to fascist skins and white supremacists.

Also I was glad to see you borrow our graphic for your commentary on jails. If you'd be willing to credit us, I'd appreciate it, not because of any property right, which we reject, but just for recognition. We're trying to get people to know about us. Keep up the great work.

In solidarity,
Christopher Phelps
Portland Alliance

PART RESPONSES:

Excuse our failure to credit your wonderful paper for the graph on incarceration rates. The Alliance is a terrific resource for anti-racist and progressive people not only in Portland but is an inspiration and model worth reading anywhere in the country.

We commend to our readers your recent issue focussing on the suit against Tom Metzger and WAR for involvement in the killing by nazi skins of an Ethiopian refugee in Portland.

The Alliance is available from 2807 SE Stark, Portland OR 97214.

Dear TTT-PART,

Yesterday I was showing an issue of TTT to some high school and Junior high kids and a white supremacist came up to me saying all kinds of disrespectful things. I kicked his racial as all over until he apologized. This may be wrong but it did make a lot of people realize I am serious about what I believe in. After that about 30-35 kids followed me to a local hang-out and I talked to them about anti-racial subjects and answered questions. I know for what I did a lot of people are going to go in on the fight against racism.

I don't know if any of them will write to you, but even if they just get together and talk to people at school or at gigs, that their testimonies can influence a lot of people.

The nazis stay away from me because of my reputation, but people who know me know I am sensitive and caring and I have a hunger for a non-racial world. I got your issue on prisons, and I want to tell you that got a lot of people's attention out here. Every one is curious about prisons; it's like hell in most individuals eyes. I xeroxed a few copies and went down to the mall to pass them out.

Racism is for weak-minded losers. Thanks very much for the issue of TTT. I related to it 100% Twilight.

PART REPLIES:

Thanks for your constant support. We're glad to know that TTT is not falling on deaf ears.

We welcome any efforts our readers can make to reproduce and distribute TTT more widely. We're trying to plant seeds with pretty limited resources. If you can do anything to publicize the anti-racist cause, whether through TTT or by some other means, it is valuable and necessary work and your efforts will not be wasted.

Readers should feel free to copy TTT or any articles from it, to reprint stuff in 'zines and to give out our address and the anti-klan hot-line number 213-281-7928.

MORE ABOUT PRISONS

The last issue of TTT was devoted to racism and prisons. In response, we received a copy of *New Studies on the Left*, a great political journal that also just put out a 200 page prison issue packed with information about repression, resistance and the cases of political prisoners in the U.S. We recommend it highly. The double issue, Vol XIV #1-2, costs \$10, but four-issue subs are only \$10 from Saxifrage Publications, 1484 Wicklow St. Boulder CO 80303.

WAR in PORTLAND...

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Hopefully, a similar fate awaits Metzger and WAR in this case which charges that the Metzgers sent WAR agents like Dave Mazzella up to Portland specifically to foment acts of violence against minorities to build the nazi-skin movement and its alliance with WAR.

Testimony already given has indicated that this contention will hold up in court. Metzger is trying to use the case to rally support in the racist right. He tried unsuccessfully to get the ACLU to take up his defense, but the group refused, perhaps finally recognizing that the racist's organizing is not protected political speech but part of a campaign of intimidation and terror.

UPDATE

STUDENT COALITION SHUTS DOWN APARTHEID CONSULATE; MANDELA RELEASED UNCONDITIONALLY

The L.A. Student Coalition in cooperation with the SCLC organized a massive demonstration outside the racist South African consulate for King Day Jan 19. More than 4000 people, mostly all h.s. students rallied and marched and filled the block in Beverly Hills, effectively shutting the consulate down. PART participated, and there was a contingent of a couple dozen anti-racist SHARP skins. The L.A.S.C. is doing phenomenal work and is beginning to raise the issue of racism at home in its organizing.

CALL L.A.S.C. (213) 467-6888.

NAZI SKINHEADS GET OUT!

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 NAZIS!** kit. The kit includes stickers (with the image shown here); stencils; copies of our newspaper (**No KKK! No Fascist USA!**); 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

CANADIAN CONTACT LIST

We've been getting a growing number of letters and calls from anti-racists in Canada. We want to share some of the public addresses with our readers.

SHARP/HARD
P.O. Box 313
Toronto Ontario CANADA M5T 1R5

Prison News Service
P.O. Box 5052 Sta. A
Toronto Ontario CANADA M5W 1W4

"Crossbreed" 'zine
c/o 1171 Giles Gate
Oakville Ontario CANADA L6M 2S4

Syndicat des Elèves (Student Union)
2035 Boul. St. Laurent
Montreal, Quebec CANADA H2X 2T3

Ligue Antifasciste Mondiale
L.A.M. (World Anti-fascist League)
C.P. 583 Succursale H
Montreal PQ CANADA H3F 2L5

We've also heard from a Canadian group called United Against Racism but don't have an address we can give out.

We'll try to print some kind of contact list in every issue of TTT. Next issue, we'll be updating our US contacts, and we'd also like to print a southern California anti-racist resource list. Please get in touch if you want to be included. Incidentally, we have received very few responses to the questionnaire we included two issues back. Please write us with up to date info about what's happening in your area, and any clippings about racist and anti-racist activity.

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Turning the Tide:

Recently looking through issue #5 of Homocore 'zine, I came upon this letter I would interest you. It concerns an incident of fag-bashing by SHARP skins. I think most of the SHARP skins are the biggest bunch of hypocrites on this planet. They say they are anti-fascist, then they go around fag-bashing and saying what proud Americans they are. Give me a break. Another thing that pisses me off is when they go around saying Death to Nazis and they have a US flag sewn on their jackets. The flag is one of the most fascist symbols there ever has been.

As far as I'm concerned, SHARP is as racist and fascist as the KKK and they can go die! Direct action is what we need in dealing with these scum. We must destroy them by any means necessary. I'm glad there's people like you to expose these nazi pigs.

Yours, a South Bay Klan-hater

((Dear Tim & Homocore,

While in L.A., me and a friend got fag-bashed! See, cuz we were holding hands and that ain't a cool (dude) thing to do. 7 nazi skins, out for a night of fun, told us they were "the cure for AIDS," and they were gonna save our lives by beating the AIDS out of us. They messed us up pretty bad. Of course the LAPD were no help at all.

One thing I want to bring out is that all of them wore SHARP t-shirts or buttons, so they're supposedly against nazi skins. Well, if any of you SHARP skins are reading this, I've got news for you -- homophobia is a form of hate like racism and sexism. If you go out fag-bashing, you're still a nazi.

This violence is inexcusable. Me and my friends will not tolerate homophobia anymore!))

PART REPLIES:

Thanks for your letter and the reprint from Homocore, which raises a very serious issue. PART condemns homophobia and fag-bashing and supports the rights and liberation of gay men and lesbians, and believes that this a top priority for anti-fascists and anti-racists.

We know that there are many different ideas and ideologies among people who call themselves SHARP, and that some are homophobic despite their opposition to racism, and pro-American despite their opposition to nazis. We think this is a contradiction that must be dealt with. SHARP skins who are pro-American or wave the flag need to be struggled with as anti-racist allies.

SHARP skins who engage in fag-bashing, however have crossed a line and taken the side of racist and fascist terrorists themselves, and this cannot be tolerated.

We would point out however, that SHARP skins in L.A. have marched in demonstrations with openly gay people from ACT UP and have chanted slogans in support of gay rights and in defense of people with AIDS. So we know that some SHARP skins are struggling seriously with homophobia in themselves and in society. We also know that nazi skins have been known to claim membership in SHARP

at times in an effort to discredit and distort the image of anti-racist skinheads.

For these reasons, we would urge you to think twice before classifying all SHARP skins as hypocrites and calling for their destruction. Many SHARP skins share your hatred for anti-gay and pro-empire attitudes among anti-racist skins.

We invite SHARP members to respond to the charges raised here and to take the opportunity to advance the struggle against homophobia and fag-bashing in a practical way.

LETTER FROM SHARP

Dear PART --

I'm not necessarily arguing a point for the flag as symbol issue. I'd just like to say that I see no difference between chastising a person of Jewish belief for his/her faith and verbally attacking me because I have faith in the Constitution.

Second, I'd like to stress the importance of communication between all anti-racist organizations. Our SHARP chapter answers all letters as fast as we can. BASE's aren't necessary but are helpful.

Third and last, I don't know where it started but somewhere down the line, SHARP got a rep as fag-bashers. SHARP has no stand on homosexuality. That means that we don't approve and we certainly don't condemn anyone for their sexual preference. Skinheads aren't the mindless apes that we seem to be interpreted as. We're just regular people that have a certain pride about ourselves.

Stay motivated and keep up the good work.

Jonathan, San Fernando Valley
SHARP, POB 56956, Sherman Oaks
CA 91413.

"MAIL BOMBS" ... Continued from p. 3



Meanwhile FBI efforts have not yet cracked the case, leaving a threat of death hanging over civil rights activists and even the federal judiciary. The first target of their investigation, whose typewriter was reportedly used for the threats, has become a folk hero to reactionary white southerners.

This is another example of the

necessity to take racist terrorists seriously at the earliest possible stage. If police had responded aggressively to this group's opening salvo, a smoke bomb and threats sent to the NAACP, it's possible the killings might never have happened. Instead, the murders have provoked a series of copycat mail bombs and threats to others.

Dear P.A.R.T.

I'd like to say your newsletter is the best anti-nazi work yet. One thing that really appealed to me was that you recognized Malcolm X and didn't tear him up like some brainwashed buffoons. This letter is mainly to inform people about Muslims in America.

You mentioned that Metzger gave Farrakhan \$100. Metzger may be a dickhead, but he knows how to keep people divided. He knows Minister Farrakhan is receiving the same treatment from the FBI and CIA as Malcolm did back in the '60's... The white power institutions ... knew that the Nation of Islam united the people, gave them intelligence, got them off drugs and made them fight for complete total equality, not just crumbs. So now we have this modern-day Malcolm, Farrakhan, with even more followers, and again the media has all these ignorant 'holes thinking he's a "wild black racist." Open your eyes -- the NOI is our last hope for true equality.

The NOI believes in separation, not segregation -- where each group rules its own group, not where one group rules both groups!

Now you see why Metzger gave Farrakhan money? Not cuz he supports his ideas, but to keep the people of color divided, reinforce their ideas of Farrakhan as a black "racist." Farrakhan wants separation for everyone's good; but Metzger wants to exterminate every race but the white. So as Public Enemy says, "don't believe the hype!"

Simply, Ramo, Las Vegas NV.

PART replies:

We feel strongly that Malcolm X was one of the leading liberation thinkers and leaders for all people in this century. His message of empowerment and national self-



I BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL ULTIMATELY BE A CLASH BETWEEN THE OPPRESSED AND THOSE WHO DO THE OPPRESSING. I BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE A CLASH BETWEEN THOSE WHO WANT FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR EVERYONE AND THOSE WHO WANT TO CONTINUE THE SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION. I BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE THAT KIND OF CLASH, BUT I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE BASED ON THE COLOUR OF THE SKIN... Malcolm X



(Reprinted from the Milwaukee Sentinel, April 28, 1989 edition.)

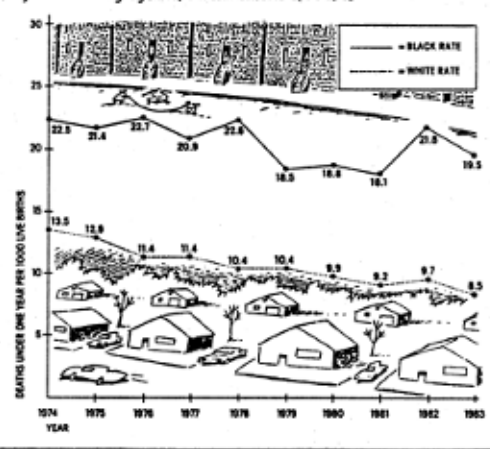
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determination for Black people laid the foundation on which any authentic positive social transformation and liberation of this whole society must be based.

We think however, that there is a difference between Malcolm and Min. Louis Farrakhan. Malcolm was a committed nationalist and revolutionary who was constantly re-examining his thinking in the light of struggle and reality. This led him to break with certain negative aspects of the traditional NOI teachings, such as the subordination of women.

Min. Farrakhan is certainly one of the most exciting and uncompromising Black leaders today with the strongest grass-roots following, but there are many contradictions in his thinking and preaching, including a tendency towards seeking a role as a power broker with the establishment, rather than an opponent of the establishment's power; and a pronounced homophobia and male chauvinism.

Min. Farrakhan opposed Malcolm in his lifetime and has never fully addressed himself to the role of the NOI in excommunicating and isolating Malcolm, allowing the state to move against him.

However, Min. Farrakhan is, as you say, the victim of a constant campaign today of vilification that anti-racists must oppose. He has changed his views and his expressions about Jews, for example, but is still constantly described as an anti-Semite in the mainstream media. The left has also distanced itself from him and thereby weakened the potential strength and unity of anti-racist forces.

Here in L.A. the support of the Black community at the grass-roots and middle-class level has begun to break down this isolation to the point where Farrakhan, who a few years ago was asked by Mayor Bradley to stay out of L.A., and whom the city tried to prevent from speaking, is now one of the most popular and respected Black leaders on his repeated and successful visits to the city. Overall, we think this is a positive development for the struggle against racism.

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WINTER '89 - '90:

RACIST TERRORISM IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

VANDALISM AND GRAFFITI

Neo-nazi vandalism is continuing throughout the Southland unabated in the new year. Several attacks have come to our attentions:

• Signs marking the newly-dedicated Martin Luther King Highway in San Diego were defaced with KKK graffiti.

• Several Jewish owned businesses in Encino were spraypainted with swastikas and anti-semitic slogans at the end of January.

• The base of the Santa Susana climbing rocks have been daubed with neo-nazi, Klan graffiti.

If you would like to join PART in painting out racist graffiti, call the anti-klan hotlines 213-281-7928.

ASSAULTS AND HARASSMENT

Attacks on gay men and lesbians are way up and rising.

• The Gay & Lesbian Community Services Ctr. reports more than two dozen attacks in Dec. and Jan.

• The L.A. County Human Relations Commission notes an increase in anti-gay attacks, mostly brutal assaults, in 1989 over '88 in their latest annual report, from 61 to 81

The Human Rel. Com. also reports a major increase in racially motivated hate crime last year, to a record high. Almost 1/3 of the incidents were assaults, also an unusually high proportion.

For a copy of the Commission report on hate crimes in 89 and in the decade of the 80's, write them at 320 W. Temple #1184, LA 90012.

Four nazi skins pleaded no contest to charges stemming from their attack on a young Iranian couple and their baby in a Laverne supermarket lot last year. The four who screamed racial epithets at the victims and knocked them down will receive between a month to a year in jail and long probation periods.



JEFFREY LEE ESKEW
... also a suspect in armed robbery

Jeff Eskew, a nazi-skin arrested for armed robbery here in L.A. was implicated in a similar hold-up and the vandalism of a Jewish school in the Washington DC area. Eskew told the DC papers that he had no remorse for the attack, in which thousands of dollars of damage were done to classes and books, because he "did it for Satan."

Marty Cox, a notorious WAR affiliated nazi skin head, has been busted on harassment charges in Orange County. Cox was immediately jailed for violating the terms of his probation on previous convictions for hate crime activity.

CROSS-BURNINGS & KKK

The California Klan held a public rally in robes and hoods in Clovis, CA in January to protest the MLKing Day holiday.

A wave of anti-Asian graffiti in Arcadia schools and neighborhoods culminated in a cross burning reported in our last issue.

Racial epithets and threats have met a Black family in Chino Hills, including harassment of the teenage kids. Walter Johnson reports the poisoning of his family's dog, vandalism of their cars and over Christmas the destruction of power lines to their house. San Bernardino police discounted a racial motive!

The U.S.

SYNDICATE HOLDS CHICAGO MEET

About 70 anti-racist skins and punks held a gathering in Chicago over the Christmas holidays. They heard a presentation on sexism and shared experiences dealing with racism and nazis in several midwest cities. Representatives of several anti-racist and political groups also spoke.

DALLAS -- Confederate Hammer Skins are convicted in federal court in a series of attacks on Blacks Latinos and Jews. Testimony shows they planned to put poison gas in the air conditioning system of a temple

HOUSTON -- Several police reserves and officers and military police at a local army base are relieved of duty after being exposed as members of the KKK.

ST. LOUIS -- "Former" klansman Jim Betts sets up White American Freedom Fighter vigilante patrols to patrol neighborhoods with mace and sticks to fight "black crime."

TENNESSEE, GEORGIA -- Klan, nazi-skins and Aryan Nations held protests of King Day. Thousands of cops had to protect dozens of racists from counter-demonstrators.



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IN BACKFACE, WHITE BOY
AMBLES UP TO A GROUP OF
YOUNG MEN HANGING AROUND
IN FRONT OF A BOARDING-UP
GROCERY STORE AND BEGINS
ASKING SPECIAL QUESTIONS
8. In your collective
opinion, how would
you rate your feel-
ings towards your
White brothers on
a scale of 1 to 10
LATER, AFTER DISCHARGE
FROM AN EMERGENCY ROOM
WHITE BOY CONSIDERS HOW
TO REPEAT HIS OMBRY-
AS HE ONCE AGAIN CARE-
FULLY APPLIES DISGUISE

1st U race

U WIN GOOD JOBS

Collect from USA

HAVING SPENT THE DAY AT
THE BEACH, R WHITE BOY
GOES UP TO A BLACK COP
JUST TO COMPARE TANS.
HOWEVER, HE IS ADVISED
1. that his options for
housing will decrease
2. life expectancy will
be reduced
3. the probability of
being imprisoned
will increase
4. the amount & varieties
of job opportunities
will narrow
WHITE BOY SHRUGS HIS
SHOULDERS AT 1st, BUT
PUTS ON A SMILE & BEGINS
DISGUISE.

3rd U race

U WIN EDUC. AID

Collect from USA

DISTURBED AT THE RATE
OF DEATH AMONG BLACK
INFANTS, WHITE BOY PUTS
ON HIS AUNT JIMMIE SUIT
TO FIND SOME ANSWERS...
1. learns that dead kids
don't talk.
2. finds that his speech
pattern and/or diction
doesn't instill instant
trust & shared hope
3. gets beat up a lot when
discovered in drug
STIPPING DISCOURAGED ON
A CURB, A BLACK WOMAN
TAKES OUT SOME CHALK &
GIVES WHITE BOY A TALK
ON ECONOMIC PSYCHOLOGY
ON THE MACADAM, NODDING
HEAD, GEMS ARE LINDOLIN
DISGUISE, GOES TO WASH.

5th U race

U WIN FAIR WAGES

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GETTING A GOOD TAN
AT THE BEACH, WHITE
BOY IS OVERHEARD AS
HE BUSES BODY OF EB
ONY AT THE REDSANDS;
1st. You can't live
quite as long.
2nd. Chance of being
questioned as a
criminal rises.
3rd. You won't be ex-
pected to succeed
except at sports
& music
WHITE BOY ASKS IF
HE AS A CHOICE, BUT
IS ONLY ADVISED TO
STAY OUT OF THE SUN

7th U race

U WIN GOOD HOUSING

Collect from USA

PERMITTING TO BE SOCIAL
PARADOXIST, OUR WHITE
BOY ASKS HONOR STUDENTS
WHAT THEY'D SAY 'IN FOM-
IN THEIR SPED BLACK MAN
TALKING TO THREE OR FOUR
WHITE WOMAN, ALL BOT 2 -

Priestly - a pimp
Secondly - a dealer
Thirdly - a stud
MBOV ANNOUNCES CLASS
WINNERS OF BIAS BAKERY
TO PLACE WITH BAKERY-
BALL AND TRUCK AWARDS

2nd U race

U WIN BIAS HALP

Collect from USA

WEARING HIS NEW ZEBRA
COSTUME, WHITE BOY ASKS
SOUTHERN COUNCIL TO WRITE
IN SECRET HOW MUCH INTERER-
TION WOULD BE PERMISSIBLE
IN THEIR RESIDENTIAL AREA

I. black families - 5%
II. backyard parties - 5%
III. swimming pool dips - 5%
WB AWARDS SUBURB PERS.
PLAG TO TOWN JUST LIKE
ALL 97% OF OTHER TOWNS

4th U race

U WIN JOB TRAINING

Collect from USA

DRESSED LIKE A ZEBRA
WHITE BOY TAKES FOML
WHITE PANTS - IF
DRESS COULD HAVE SAI-
ABOUT MOTHERS REA-
TIONS TO BLACK BOYS

a. phone calls - 2%
b. dates - 1%
c. kissing \$%
d. fooking -
WB NEVER GETS TO WHITE
DOWN RESPONSE TO NO. d

6th U race

U WIN SEG. END

Collect from USA

DISGUISED AS M.L. KING
WHITE BOY CONFERS WITH
S.A.P.R. POLITICAL LEAD-
ERS - FEELING MANDELA:
One, because he's been
jailed 4 26 yrs
Two, he's got TB
Three, if he dies, he'll
be a martyr

AFARHEID WRITES LAUGH
WHITE BOYOUT OF LAND -
DID IT MAKE A DIFFER-
ENCE WHEN KING WAS ASS
ASSINATED IN THE USA?

8th U race

U WIN COURT JUSTICE

WHITE BOY

PICKS
UP

AT THE

RACES

WINNING TICKETS