

# Smash Apartheid! Workers to Power!

South Africa's black masses observed the tenth anniversary of the Soweto rebellion, which was bloodily repressed by the apartheid state, with a general strike on June 16. The largest

## For a Bolshevik Party!

ever "stayaway," involving millions of black workers and shutting down major urban centers, was carried out in defiance of the regime's banning of any and all Soweto commemorations and under draconian nationwide "state of emergency" conditions. As we go to press, the near-total blackout of information from South Africa leaves only scraps of information gleaned from dispatches self-censored by the media to conform to apartheid *baas* P. W. Botha's "emergency" restrictions. In Paris, African National Congress (ANC) leader Oliver Tambo said that, contrary to official reports of "only" eleven killed on the 16th, there were "unconfirmed reports of massive slaughter."

Film footage that has gotten through shows the streets of Johannesburg virtually deserted, as were the trains and buses that normally bring hundreds of thousands from Soweto to work in the factories, shops and offices. Reportedly the strike was completely effective in the Eastern Cape region, including blacks, coloureds (mixed race) and Indians. One business source reported that up to 90 percent of the nation's black workers participated in the strike.



The red flag flies over funeral of Peter Nchabeleng, anti-apartheid fighter killed while in police detention.

In Durban, 40 percent of the workers reportedly stayed away as well. However, mass demonstrations and the insurrectionary actions Botha claimed were being prepared by "radical and revolutionary elements" apparently did not materialize. In the June 16 test of strength between the Pretoria regime and the combative black masses, it appears that there has been a cold standoff, for now.

Botha declared the "state of emergency" June 12 after the bogus "parliaments" of coloured and Indian representatives balked at legislation, eventually decreed on June 20, giving Law and Order Minister Le Grange dictatorial martial law powers.

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# ET/BT Grooves on Astronauts' Blood

Here's the latest creepy manifestation of the former "External Tendency," now born again as the "Bolshevik Tendency." This clot of rightist cowards—who individually quit our organization after losing their appetite for class struggle and revolution during the Reagan years—are positively reveling in the death of the seven astronauts aboard the space shuttle Challenger. At the TL's May 17 forum on "Flashpoints for War—Don't Mess with Russia!" two ET supporters spoke from the floor during the discussion period. The second evoked gasps from the nearly 40 people in attendance with his statement (it's on tape), that "I'm glad there was no escape hatch. I don't think that's bloodthirsty at all. Let the American people be disillusioned. Let there be no escape for people that tie onto Star Wars.... They were Star Warriors and they knew exactly what they were doing." (If so, they must have had severe suicidal tendencies.)

*Workers Vanguard* said at the time, "The bourgeoisie's tears are not for the seven dead astronauts but rather for their military space program." But as the article noted, "What we feel toward the astronauts is no more and no less than for any people who die in tragic circumstances, such as the nine poor Salvadorans who were killed by a fire in a Washington, D.C. basement apartment two days before" ("Challenger Blows Up in Reagan's Face," *WV* No. 397, 14 February). You don't need to be a Marxist, just a decent person, to be repulsed by the needless death of these seven human beings. But the ET/BT rub their hands in glee at the possibility that these people experienced the torture of plunging to their deaths, fully conscious and with no way out. It's sick, downright pathological.

And now it's in writing, in the second issue of *1917* (Summer 1986). Except for school teacher Christa McAuliffe, the rest of the crew aboard the Challenger are labeled "Reaganauts" who deserved to die; black astronaut Ronald McNair because he "helped develop specialized lasers" at MIT; Jewish scientist Judith Resnick who "operated the spacecraft's remote-control arm" and therefore "must have been aware," etc. The ET/BT's grotesque pathology of vicarious bloodlust is nothing new. They denounced us over the KAL 007 spy plane affair for standing with the Soviets (who rightly shot down what looked to be a military aircraft) in deploring the loss of life and laying the responsibility at Reagan's door. Similarly the ET found a "flinch" in our call for "Marines Out of Lebanon, Now, Alive!"—because we didn't hail the pointless death of 240-plus Marines in Beirut, blown up by god knows who in a situation where none of the feuding parties was fighting imperialism, and all sides were jockey-

ing for U.S. backing.

The ET/BT grooves on Challenger just as they grooved on the deaths of the Marines, many of them blacks, who were sent to Lebanon in the first place because they were considered "expendable" by the Pentagon. The ET line on the astronauts reveals exquisite self-consciousness on "bloodthirstiness"—a pose taken in direct proportion to the distance between the dubious ETs and wherever the blood is being shed. When it gets close to home and the heat is on, the ET is hard to find—especially when the victims of the U.S. terror state are black.

When one year ago the cops rained death on black Philadelphia, deliberately bombing black babies in the MOVE commune on orders from the Democratic mayor and with the aid and approval of the FBI, in a massacre that bore the indelible signature of Reagan's America, we immediately raised the loudest cry we could. However, the ET/BT were silent on this unspeakable crime until months later, when they printed a despicable smear job, sneeringly suggesting that MOVE supporter LaVerne Sims was a cop fink (and attacking the SL for enabling Sims to tell her story in New York instead of denouncing her from the podium).

What now for the ET/BT? Tom and Cathy, parents of the Canadian "family" of anti-Spartacism, might find true happiness as PR agents for Philly mayor Wilson Goode, except he's black. Is there *nothing* they won't say in order to defame our organization? Or maybe they just get their kicks sitting in cloistered rare books libraries plucking the wings off flies.

In contrast to these renegades the Marxist movement has always abhorred the senseless killing of human beings, for instance the millions who perished in two imperialist wars. But ET/BT would have us gloat over the astronauts' deaths. So why do these people positively go out of their way to act like Reagan's, or his dragon lady Jeane Kirkpatrick's caricature of a commie bloodsucker? To judge by what's printed in *1917*, the first issue of which is now available from the TL as No. 4 in the series, "Hate Trotskyism, Hate the Spartacist League," the ET/BT is a profile in provocation whose only *raison d'être* seems to be to piss in our well. *Cui bono*—who benefits?

If they liked the Challenger deaths, they must have loved Chernobyl. ■

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# Labor's Gotta Play Hardball to Win!

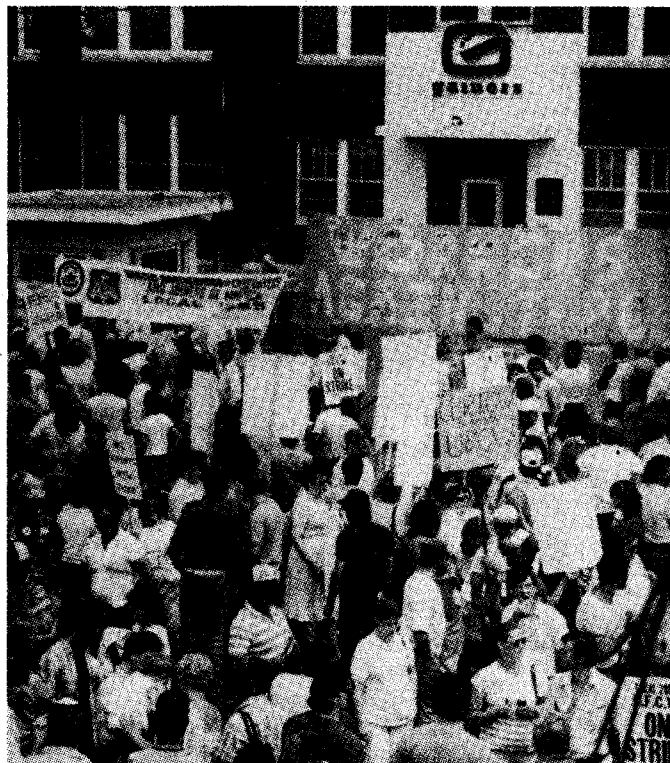
# Shut Down Gainers!

JUNE 20—The eyes of working people across Canada are riveted on the defiant fight by 1,080 striking meatpackers at Gainers Inc. in Edmonton, Alberta. For every militant who wants to defeat the bosses' war on labor, here's some hard, bitter union struggle against givebacks and union-busting coming in the capital of one of the most viciously anti-labor provinces in the country. Since June 1, Gainers workers, members of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 280P, have waged pitched battles against an army of strikebreaking cops, including a 60-strong riot squad equipped with plastic shields, clubs and tear gas. Hundreds of other unionists have put their bodies on the picket lines—where solidarity counts—to try to stop the busloads of scabs recruited by Gainers owner, the millionaire cowboy and defeated contender for federal Tory party leadership, Peter Pocklington.

Since 1984 Gainers workers have been saddled with a contract freezing wages and reducing starting pay for new hires to \$7/hour. Now Pocklington, a self-styled caricature of the union-busting robber baron, boasts he'll "never have another collective agreement with anyone." And he's grabbing every gun in the bosses' arsenal to smash the union. The club-swinging cops have arrested over 300, including the Alberta Federation of Labour president. Scab bus drivers are recruited to kill. One tried to run the picket line, dragging a picketer ten yards beneath the wheels. And on June 10, the courts came down with a new injunction against picketing which resembles the racist apartheid pass laws. Only Gainers strikers can picket and they must sign a register open to police inspection as well as carry written permission from the union leadership to picket. The injunction also makes it a "crime" for more than three people to congregate in a whole area of the city, including around union headquarters!

This is all out war! Pocklington's got the cops and courts in this labor-hating province behind him. On their side, the Gainers strikers have galvanized the biggest demonstrations of labor solidarity seen in Alberta in decades. On June 7, 5,000 unionists and their families marched on the plant chanting "No more scabs!" In the first week of the strike pickets of up to 1,000-strong turned back the scab buses. But the scabs are getting in and the strike hangs in the balance. What's needed to win are *daily round-the-clock mass pickets* of the union and its allies that nobody dares to cross! *Shut down Gainers!*

The labor bureaucrats are anxious to divert militant labor action into their defeatist pressure campaign on the government for "anti-scab" legislation (modeled after the Quebec law brought in by the



Edmonton, June 7: 5,000 unionists march on Gainers chanting "No More Scabs!"

labor-hating Parti Québécois which gives scabs legal protection, opens up the unions to direct government intervention and which was met with massive labor protests). CLC president Shirley Carr has appealed to Pocklington's pal, right-wing Tory premier Donald Getty, to "take immediate action to close the plants and end the violence" (*Globe and Mail*, 7 June). This was her message to 8,000 strike supporters who rallied at the Alberta legislature on June 12.

On the picket lines such a massive show of force could have closed the plant, sent the cops and scabs packing and put an end to their violence against workers who are simply defending their livelihoods. But the union misleaders are as worried as the strikebreaking bosses that the bitter and hard-fought strike at Gainers could spark a long-overdue labor offensive against the givebacks and layoffs that have ravaged the union movement and have been enforced by the sellout union tops. And not just in Alberta. In nearby B.C., where homeless are dying in the streets and unionists stand in unemployment and soup lines, the province's militant and combative labor movement is tired of taking it on the chin. Workers at the Gainers distribution plant in Vancouver have served notice they will strike if asked

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# Defend the Soviet Union!

# Flashpoints for War

We publish below an edited transcript of a presentation by Oliver Stephens at a Trotskyist League public forum on May 17.

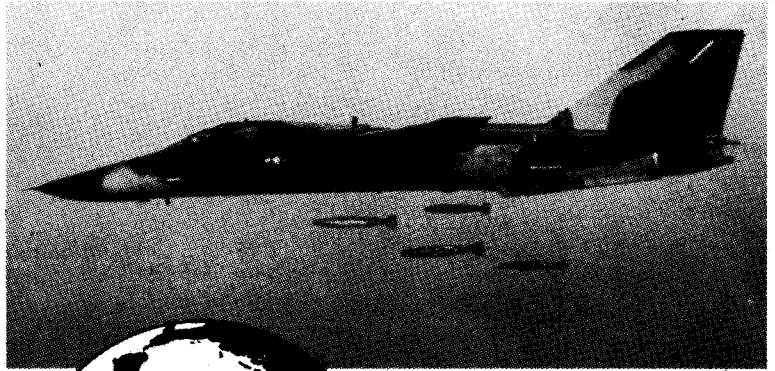
In 1984 Reagan warmed up for his weekly radio chat, announcing, "I'm pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes." On the night of April 14 the U.S. did begin bombing, not for the moment the Soviet Union, but Libya. Many on that night rightfully wondered if tomorrow was going to come.

The barbarous attack on Libya, timed so that millions could hear the bombs dropping live on the TV evening news, was a small dry run for the U.S. and NATO's anti-USSR war plans. It followed a strategy laid down by Democratic president Jimmy Carter in 1980 which targets the Soviet leadership for personal annihilation as part of a U.S. nuclear first strike. And that's what the U.S. with the fulsome backing of Canada, Britain, Israel and South Africa tried in Libya, but with "conventional" weapons. This was a murder mission to kill Qaddafi and terrorize the Libyan population. The U.S. murdered Qaddafi's adopted baby daughter, severely wounded several members of his family and killed and maimed over 100 civilians.

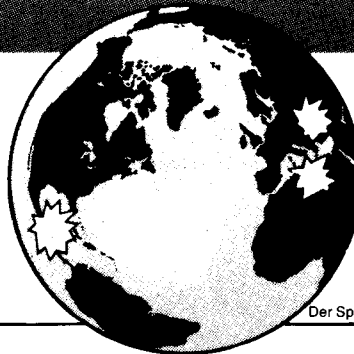
Reagan's 1984 "mike check" was no joke. It expressed succinctly the program of the U.S. imperialists, their Canadian flunkies and the rest of the "free world": to re-establish in full their sway over their former colonial subjects and to wipe out the gains of the 1917 October Revolution in Russia, when for the first time in history the working people took their future into their own hands, smashing the capitalist class and replacing it with the rule of the toilers. In their mad anti-Soviet campaign the White House and its allies, including not least in Ottawa, are tugging at the tripwires of World War III.

In the military confrontation between U.S. imperialism and Libya the world's working class had a side: with Libya against the U.S.' insane provocations. On March 25, the very day after the first U.S. attacks centered on the Gulf of Sidra, the Trotskyists of the international Spartacist tendency and the Spartacist League/U.S. sent a telegram to Muammar el-Qaddafi. It read: "We deeply respect and support just cause of Libyan independence and territorial integrity against assault by U.S. imperialist aggression." And on

March 26, a journalistic team of the iSt, composed of an Italian, an American of Jewish background and a French woman, arrived in Tripoli to establish with their physical presence our proletarian internationalist commitment to the military defense of Libya against the U.S. In a declaration issued upon the delegation's departure from Libya they said: "The terrorist actions of the U.S. imperialists against Libya are part and parcel of the war preparations of the USA and NATO forces against the Soviet Union, Nicaragua, Cuba, Afghanistan,



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Der Spiegel

**Canadian imperialists cheer U.S. war provocations: invasion of Soviet waters in Black Sea, terror bombing of Libya, escalating contra war against Nicaragua.**

Poland, and any other country that is perceived as an obstacle to imperialist domination."

### The Main Enemy Is At Home!

In Britain our comrades of the Spartacist League stood out sharply, taking the lead in demonstrations under the banners "Down with Reagan! Down with Thatcher! For Workers Revolution!" and "Reagan/Thatcher Bloody Hands Off Libya! Defend the Soviet Union!" Here in Canada the Trotskyist League marched in a Toronto demonstration on April 19 demanding, "Smash Canadian Imperialism, Reagan's Bloody Lackeys! Defend Libya!" Our chant "Don't mess with the Russians!" was featured extensively on some of the TV local news. The various groups who posture as socialists deliberately focused on Washington and the U.S. But in Canada such anti-Americanism is cheap. It covers for a craven

capitulation to the Canadian bourgeoisie. We say: The Main Enemy is at Home!

Canada has always, and necessarily, been a willing, loyal and obedient servant of first Britain and then the U.S. Mulroney just came back from visiting that great bastion of "democracy," South Korea, where he praised the 22,000 Canadian troops that joined with the U.S. in trying to suppress the fight of the Korean people in the 1950s for national and social justice, in trying to stop a social revolution. This is nothing new. In 1919 Canada was among the 14 imperialist nations that dispatched troops to crush the Russian Revolution. In Central America in 1932 Canada supplied warships off El Salvador to help suppress in blood the first working-class insurrection in that part of the world. Canadian warships are still participating in NATO military maneuvers directed at the leftist rebels in El Salvador and the Sandinistas in Nicaragua.

Around the bombing of Libya, the venal Canadian rulers are in company with Britain, butcher of the Irish, murderers of Argentine sailors on the *Belgrano* wantonly sunk on the orders of Margaret Thatcher in the Falklands/Malvinas war. With South Africa, that racist apartheid hell which denies the most elementary rights to the black majority, ruling by the whip and the gun. With Israel, a deathtrap for the Jewish people, which murdered 20,000 in its blitzkrieg in Lebanon in 1982, whose rulers see the Palestinian people as merely insects to be stamped out and obliterated.

Here are four countries, shining examples of the so-called "free world"—the real practitioners of terror on a mass scale, all in the name of "stopping Communism." That these sworn enemies of the struggle for human freedom always see behind the struggles for social and national justice the hand of Red Russia, stands as a testament to the inspiration of the 1917 Revolution which continues despite its Stalinist degeneration.

For Canada, Britain, the U.S., for these state terrorists, to denounce "terrorism" as a "scourge of humanity," as they did in the recent Tokyo summit, is Newspeak of truly Orwellian proportions. Libya has consistently denied having anything to do with the indefensible Berlin disco or TWA bombings or the brutal Rome and Vienna massacres. But for months Reagan has been literally daring Palestinian refugees, Qaddafi or anyone enraged by the crimes of U.S. imperialism to respond by criminally attacking, holding hostage or killing individual Americans. Not only are such random,



TL contingent, Toronto, April 19: "The Main Enemy is at Home!"

indiscriminate terrorist attacks abominable crimes, they're playing Reagan's game, helping him to whip up a war fever in an American population that ever since the heroic Vietnamese handed the U.S. a stinging military defeat in 1975 has resisted every attempt to drag them into another dirty, losing colonial war.

But actually, the U.S. murder raid on Libya had absolutely nothing to do with the West Berlin disco bombing, with the TWA plane or the airport massacres. The London *Sunday Times* revealed that in fact the U.S. attacks on Libya had been planned nearly one year ago at a National Security Planning Group meeting. They chose Libya as a target because they wanted to pick on someone to restore U.S. imperialist prestige on the cheap. Remember the U.S. invasion of tiny black Grenada to distract from Reagan's bloody debacle in Lebanon? They also wanted to send a "message" to the Soviet Union. The U.S. was looking for an excuse, so they seized on the horrid bombing of the La Belle disco with Reagan, in a continually shifting story, blaming it on Qaddafi. And of course the likes of Canada's Joe Clark snapped into line and saluted.

As it turns out, although this never turned up in the Toronto media, the La Belle disco was a soul music club frequented by black soldiers and foreign workers. Of the two killed, one was a black GI, the other a Turkish woman. There are some in this room tonight who label themselves the Bolshevik Tendency who, if they were consistent, no doubt groove over the dead and wounded black GIs. But we figured that while Qaddafi may not be very likeable, as the head of an Islamic North African country it doesn't seem reasonable or likely that he would order the mass murder of blacks and Muslims. It smacked more of the *modus operandi* of fascist killers. And our newspaper in the U.S., *Workers Vanguard*, did discover that a neo-Nazi outfit had

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## Flashpoints...

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claimed the heinous bombing. But it fell in the time slot assigned by the scenario worked out in Washington for Libyan terrorism, and so the Big Lie machine went into overtime.

The U.S. will blame anything and everything on Qaddafi or on the Soviet Union if it serves the anti-Soviet war drive. Remember the "pope plot"? Turkish fascists were supposedly hired by Bulgarians at the behest of the KGB to wipe out the pope in order to stop Solidarność in Poland! Then there's "yellow rain"—how the Soviets were supposedly poisoning the brown-skinned peoples of the world by dropping deadly microtoxins from the skies. It didn't take long for some scientists to figure out that "yellow rain" was nothing other than processed pollen excreted by bees. A polite way of saying it was bee shit.

Around the tragic industrial accident at Chernobyl the White House and the media went into an anti-Soviet hysteria gleefully "reporting" thousands dead, conjuring up all kinds of wild stories. Added to this vicious Cold War rhetoric was a dose of Ukrainian exile malice, in interviews with people who all seemed to have left the Ukraine around 1944, in the baggage train of the retreating Wehrmacht. Today these same people held a rally to "save" Ukrainian children from Chernobyl. Well, it was the Soviet Red Army that saved Ukrainian and millions of other children when they smashed Hitler's armies in World War II.

In World War II the Libyan people learned first hand that there wasn't very much to choose from between the "democratic" Allied imperialists and the "totalitarian" Axis imperialists—Libya was continually ravaged by both sides in that inter-imperialist conflict. Today, the former enemies of World War II are united against the USSR, the military industrial powerhouse of the states where capitalism has been smashed. And despite the political counterrevolution under Stalin in 1924 which destroyed the Bolshevik Party, the USSR remains today a workers state and the main obstacle to untrammelled imperialist domination of the world. Vietnam today would be nothing other than irradiated nuclear rubble if it weren't for the Soviet Union. South Africa would enslave all of the black states in southern Africa. And the likes of the Hitlerites might be in power today throughout all of Eastern Europe. It's also the threat of a Soviet nuclear retaliatory strike that has, so far, stayed the hand of Reagan.

But, Rambo Ronnie thinks that if you squeeze hard enough, grind hard enough, keep squeezing, keep grinding, that the USSR will crack and cry "uncle." So U.S. imperialism and its allies have embarked on a program of insane war provocations. The raid on Libya, for example, came hard on the heels of a literal invasion of Soviet territorial waters by two U.S. ships in the Black Sea, near the headquarters of a key Soviet naval unit. The Rus-

sians would have been perfectly within their rights to blow these ships out of the water. But as they pointed out, they exercised restraint, this time.

The same missile cruiser *Yorktown* which came within six miles of the Soviet land mass was the ship that led the first attack on Libya. Also involved was the destroyer *Caron*. It had been doing duty harassing Nicaragua where the U.S. has been threatening a military invasion to crush a Soviet "surrogate," the petty-bourgeois nationalist Sandinista regime. Reagan explicitly linked the barbarous raid on Libya and the imperialist drive to destroy the Sandinistas using the attack on Libya to push giving \$100 million to the contra cutthroats who are funded, organized and backed by the CIA and who seem to have a source of made-in-Canada ammunition. Nicaragua is in the crosshairs of the anti-Soviet war drive. It is desperately necessary for us in North America to defend Nicaragua and it is desperately necessary to complete the revolution, to expropriate the contras who hold economic power within the country and to spread that revolution throughout Central America.

Going after Nicaragua hammer and tong, Reagan is also going to send Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to South Africa-backed troops in Angola. In 1975 these same troops staged a march on Luanda, the capital of black Angola, and were turned back only by the intervention of battle-tested and hardened



**Nicaraguan contras: sadistic killers, torturers and rapists are imperialists' "freedom fighters."**

Cuban troops. Another scheduled recipient of the Stinger anti-aircraft missiles are the so-called "freedom fighters" in Afghanistan, who are also amongst the beloved of the Canadian government. Now, these are "freedom fighters" who murder  
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## Still the Victims of Government Racism

# Justice for Japanese Canadians!

One of the most revolting crimes of Canadian imperialism during World War II was the rounding up and jailing of over 22,000 Japanese Canadians in concentration camps on the West Coast. Today, more than 40 years later, Japanese Canadian survivors, who justly demand retribution for the racist atrocities committed against them, are again the target of a vicious government witchhunt. Arrogant, shameless and deeply racist, the Canadian rulers choke on even making an official "apology." Now Cold War neanderthal Otto Jelinek, the Tories' "Multiculturalism Minister," is on the warpath against the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) for demanding some financial compensation for the millions stolen from Canada's concentration camp victims. Baiting the NAJC as not "real survivors," Jelinek insidiously adds, "I think the Government will have to listen to the other groups, Japanese Canadians, legitimate Japanese Canadian organizations which are concerned this is dragging on too long" (*Globe and Mail*, 29 January). What an obscenity!

The NAJC is asking for \$25,000 for each of the 11,000 survivors, based on a report by the Price Waterhouse accounting firm which very conservatively estimates that Japanese Canadians were robbed of at least \$443 million. And even this is a mere pittance for people who lost their homes, their possessions, their means of livelihood, who spent their childhoods behind barbed wire and who were forced to work in slave labor camps. As chairman of the NAJC redress committee Roy Miki said:

"This study does not include a figure for pain and suffering—the humiliation of being branded 'enemy alien,' the emotional trauma of the uprooting, the break-up of families and the harsh living conditions.... Nor does it include a monetary figure for the violation of rights, wrongful internment, unjust liquidation of properties, destruction of the community, expulsion from Canada and the shameful government policy of requiring Japanese Canadians to pay for their internment."

—*Globe and Mail*, 9 May

While the victims were made to pay for the concentration camps, their jailers made massive fortunes from the prosperous orchards, farms and fishing fleets they stole from the Japanese Canadians. Now one of Jelinek's Tory buddies, MP Bill Lesick, adds his voice to the racist vendetta against the survivors of this infamy, suggesting that the NAJC has been stealing government grant money! And the leaders of the "Canadian Multiculturalism Council" provocatively ask in the

letters pages of the *Globe and Mail* (19 February): "What is the paid membership of the NAJC, and how many of the 11,000 survivors belong to this organization?" The smug, arrogant racism behind this witchhunt is boundless! It's so grotesque that even one of the columnists for the right-wing, racist *Toronto Sun* is protesting that if Jelinek "gets away with it, the crime will be compounded" (3 February).



**Burial at concentration camp. Circles on prisoners' uniforms, a shooting target for guards.**

And the *Globe's* editorialists ask why Mulroney can't "find someone with sympathy for the job?"

To be sure having Jelinek responsible for "redressing" Japanese Canadians is something like putting Rudolf Hess in charge of "compensating" the survivors of Hitler's concentration camps. A refugee from the Czechoslovak workers state, Jelinek is a vicious labor-hater and unregenerate "captive nation" anti-Communist. Today the lead witchhunter of Japanese Canadians, in the 1970s Jelinek was at the forefront of a frenzied anti-Soviet spy hunt which led to the expulsion of several Soviet diplomats from Canada. (He's a big campaigner to bring back the noose as well.) But the good minister is what "multiculturalism" is all about in Canada: racism and anti-Communism. The survivors of Canada's concentration camps are put on trial and persecuted again. The butchers who ran Hitler's death camps were welcomed with open

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## South Africa...

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In the early hours of the 12th, security forces rounded up at least 1,200 anti-apartheid militants, including leaders of the United Democratic Front (UDF), the president of the Azanian People's Organisation (AZAPO) Saths Cooper, Piroshaw Camay of the Council of Unions of South Africa (CUSA), and clergymen. During the next days, over 4,000 were "detained," including many lower and middle-level officials of black unions and anti-apartheid groups, as well as the secretary general of the South African Catholic Bishops Conference and members of the End Conscription Campaign, a white group that opposes the draft.

Under the regulations, detainees may be held incommunicado indefinitely, and no security official can be tried for any actions under the "emergency," including murder. The offices of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) as well as those of the National Union of Mine-workers (NUM) were ransacked. Winnie Mandela, wife of imprisoned ANC leader Nelson Mandela, was barred from speaking to journalists and restricted to her house from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. daily. Reporters were completely barred from the black townships and prohibited from reporting any "subversive" statements (such as a strike call), any actions by the police or army, or the names of detainees. On the 16th telephones were cut off for most of the day in the townships around Johannesburg, Cape Town, Pretoria, Port Elizabeth and Durban.

Pretoria geared up for repression on a massive, bloody scale. In an interview on ABC News, T. J. Swanepoel, the police commander who ordered the first shot fired in the massacre of over 1,000 black youth during the 1976 Soweto rebellion, said he would do it again: "I will kill a thousand people if I can stop the violence...." On June 15, police fired tear gas into a gathering of nearly 1,000 commemorating Soweto at the St. Athans Road Moslem Mosque in Athlone, a mixed-race suburb of Cape Town. According to the UPI: "Terrified worshippers broke doors and windows attempting to escape and several older people and children fainted and had to be dragged from the building, witnesses said. Police waiting outside the mosque beat fleeing worshippers with whips." At St. Nicholas Anglican Church in the Cape township of Elsie's River, 250 were arrested (including many children) by police who called the service a "subversive" meeting.

Despite Botha's reign of terror, the massive strike was carried off, and black workers are challenging the round-up of union leaders and shop stewards

with strikes and sit-down protests across the country. In the 20-month-long confrontation between the racist regime and deepening anti-apartheid revolt, police-state measures have failed to cow the oppressed into submission. Importantly, repression could not prevent the two previous general strikes, in the Transvaal in November 1984 and nationally



Reuters

**Apartheid reign of terror from Crossroads to Soweto.**

in the recent heroic May Day strike. But as the prospect for bloody one-sided civil war looms ever larger, the question of power—who shall rule the country—is posed starkly. In confrontations such as this, the need for revolutionary leadership is more urgent than ever.

South Africa today has the smell of a revolutionary situation. In Lenin's classic definition, it's not enough that the masses can no longer live in the old way—their rulers must also be unable to rule in the old way. The government's actions are losing coherence, going in different directions at the same time, trying for piecemeal "reform" of apartheid, ordering brutal repression of anti-apartheid revolt, fantasizing about a separate Afrikaner state. Meanwhile the open fascists are growing in strength. There appears to be a loss of nerve at the top, the inability of the state to act as the general staff of a united ruling class. Which doesn't mean they're not ready for blood—on the contrary, genocide can be the result. Hitler came to power in part because of a loss of nerve of the German bourgeoisie. But rather than uniting around a bonaparte, the South African rulers seem to be thrashing around in wild factionalism.

The enormous potential power of the six-million-strong South African black proletariat has once again been demonstrated. "A general strike could bring the country to its knees in a couple of weeks," worried the chief labor specialist for the huge Anglo American mining and industrial conglomerate (New



York Times Magazine, 15 June). And the black unions have discovered that they can't avoid politics. It all points to a revolutionary crisis brewing, but the key element for victory is missing. Unless the anti-apartheid revolt is organized along class lines, with the black proletariat led by a multiracial Bolshevik party, forged on the program of permanent revolution and leading the rest of the oppressed and disenfranchised in a fight for state power, the possibility of smashing the power of the white supremacist capitalist regime will be squandered, with hideous consequences.

**White Laager Digs In**

While the nationalists of the main anti-apartheid grouping, the ANC, pursue a strategy of "pressure" on the regime (from without through imperialist economic sanctions, from within through the "policy of chaos," of making the townships "ungovernable"), Botha has increasingly responded to pressure from the right. Thus the South African bombing raids on the capitals of three black African border states, ostensibly aimed at ANC installations, in late May. Said Botha afterward: "South Africa has the capacity and the will to break the ANC.... We have only delivered the first installment" (*New York Times*, 22 May).

A genuinely fascist far right has grown, largely at the expense of Botha's National Party (especially among the police). Hitlerite Eugene Terre'Blanche led his *Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging* (AWB—Afrikaner Resistance Movement) thugs in storming a National Party meeting just days after the bombing of the black states. From the shoulders of his stormtroopers, as the AWB's three-legged swastika flags filled the hall, Terre'Blanche ranted: "I want to tell the ANC: if you mess with the Boer Volk (people), we will blow you all to hell" (*Times* [London], 23 May).

At the Crossroads squatter settlements near Cape Town, the regime is giving a taste of what it is pre-

pared to unleash on the black population. For years Crossroads has stood as a symbol of resistance to the apartheid "influx control" which makes it illegal for the majority of blacks to move to the cities. The government has unsuccessfully been trying to force out most of the Crossroads population into a new black "township" ten miles further out of town—a deathtrap with only one access road and military bases on two sides. As they have throughout the country, the cops spawned reactionary black vigilantes in Crossroads, called "witdoekies" for the white armbands they wear, consisting primarily of black cops, common criminals and some shop owners, to be used against the militant township youth, the "comrades."

Between mid-May and mid-June, the police and army have backed up several thousand vigilantes in systematically destroying sections of Crossroads occupied by the "comrades," killing at least 65 with machetes and guns, torching thousands of shacks and leaving 70,000 homeless in Cape Town's winter rain and near-freezing temperatures. Pretoria's game here is clear, of portraying the events at Crossroads as "black on black violence." Ronald Reagan joined in this pretext for terror, claiming "It is blacks fighting against blacks" (*New York Times*, 14 June). And in early May, Reagan's Canadian flunky Brian Mulroney told a press conference "he was relatively satisfied with progress toward the dismantling of apartheid" (*Globe and Mail*, 15 May)! As has been evident from the outset, the U.S. imperialists and their Canadian junior partners stand with their anti-Soviet ally in Pretoria, looking to save white-ruled South Africa as the "free world" policeman of the continent.

This simple fact has not dissuaded the proponents of imperialist "sanctions"—who run the gamut from Bishop Desmond Tutu to the ANC and its "left" supporters. *Newsweek* (23 June) reported that "Tutu met with Botha for 90 minutes and appealed to him—in the name of Christianity and anti-communism—to lift the ban." Tutu emerged from the meeting with the complaint that the draconian measures would "not likely help restore law and order," i.e., they might backfire. On the eve of his visit to Toronto to pressure Ottawa for sanctions Tutu spelled out the anti-Soviet "logic" behind his appeal for imperialist divestment. In a speech to Hunter College students in New York Tutu proclaimed:

"What would happen if the front-line [African] states were to ask the Russians to their aid...? What would the West do? It is [in] your own interests, America, if for nothing else, that you help to destroy the scourge of apartheid."

—*Globe and Mail*, 30 May

Similarly the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group supports sanctions and pressure on Pretoria to negotiate with the ANC, warning that if sanctions aren't applied:

"The leaders of major Western governments  
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## South Africa...

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should consider very carefully what kind of a government would result. It would be radical; it would owe allegiance to the source of its arms; and it would certainly nationalize the totality of Western economic interests in South Africa."

—*Globe and Mail*, 13 June

Botha's reply to "the Commonwealth" was the bombing raid on three black African member states while the EPG was in South Africa. Ever righteous, the Canadian government responded by temporarily withdrawing its South African ambassador. But the quintessential imperialist hypocrisy of the racist Canadian rulers was nowhere better demonstrated than in their declaration banning Krugerrand sales in Canada last year. They're making a bundle out of this "sanction" as sales of their "Maple Leaf" gold coins skyrocket. Meanwhile, many Canadian companies like Noranda Mines and Alcan are pulling out of South Africa. It's not out of any concern for black freedom. As one president of a Noranda subsidiary put it:

"Everybody and his uncle was always calling us up—the churches and everything—asking why we were investing in South Africa. But I make my decisions for business reasons, period."

—*Globe and Mail*, 29 May

Billions of dollars have fled South Africa and it hasn't put a dent in the racist apartheid reign of terror. It's simply good business. And the ultimate absurdity behind the call on the racist imperialists to impose sanctions on South Africa was exposed by the report that *Israel*, a major military supplier of the Pretoria regime, was considering a trade ban!

### Those Who Labor Must Rule!

Backing the Soweto Day general strike in a May 21 radio broadcast from his headquarters in Zambia, ANC president Tambo called for a total shutdown as part of a "death-defying" campaign to "bring the ruling class to its knees." But the ANC calls for "armed struggle" and "people's war" as part of its thoroughly reformist strategy of pressuring apartheid into a "power-sharing" scheme. Are unarmed black masses to go up against the massively armed racist ruling class and die by the thousands just so that Oliver Tambo can be South Africa's counterpart to Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, so Nelson Mandela's picture will be printed on Rand notes while Anglo American, Wall Street and the City of London continue to control the wealth of South Africa? To liberate the oppressed masses from apartheid slavery *those who labor must rule*. This can be accomplished only through the construction of a Leninist proletarian vanguard party forged in struggle against petty-bourgeois nationalism and its pressure schemes.

Pretoria, spurred on by the Afrikaner ultraright, is gearing up to drown the black revolt in blood.

But there are notable cracks within the white population, as demonstrated by thousands of white youth who are refusing conscription and the hundreds who defy police *sjamboks* and bullets to demonstrate alongside blacks. One of the stories to filter out of South Africa is that in the early morning hours of June 16, some 30 carloads of flowers collected the day before in liberal white



**Apartheid police attack black and white university students.**

churches were deposited on the outskirts of Soweto—which was sealed off to whites. The flowers were seized by the apartheid authorities; apparently they too were "subversive." Later, some were dropped into the township by plane. Attached to one bouquet was a message that read:

"Many white South Africans feel a profound sense of sadness and shame at what happened in Soweto in 1976, and what continues to happen in 1986, and would like to express this in some way. Normal avenues of communication have been closed and so we search for a gesture to show black South Africans that we care, and that we too would like to see the creation of a just and open society in this country."

—*New York Times*, 17 June

Such gestures are all too rare in this racist police state. But a Bolshevik party can seize upon such openings while struggling tirelessly to overcome ethnic and tribalist divisions among the exploited and oppressed, especially among the strategic "migrant" workers who come from the bantustans and neighboring black states. The vision of a "just and open society" for all the oppressed—in which anti-racist whites must have a place as well—can only be realized in a black-centered workers government that turns the tremendous mineral and industrial resources of South Africa into a powerhouse for the liberation of the entire continent. The question of power is posed point-blank—and beginning the work of constructing a Leninist-Trotskyist party for the conquest of power, the urgent internationalist duty of all revolutionists, is long overdue.

—*Adapted from Workers Vanguard No. 406*, 20 June

## Flashpoints...

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school teachers for trying to teach young women to read; who stand for the buying and selling of women like chattel slaves, for the bride price and for the veil. When the Soviets went in in 1979 the sides were obvious. We said: "Hail Red Army in Afghanistan! Extend the Gains of the October Revolution to the Afghan Peoples!"

The problem is that the Stalinist bureaucracy in the USSR is a narrow, nationalist, conservative caste. And it's possible they might strike a deal and pull out of Afghanistan. Pursuing the pipe dream of detente with imperialism, the Stalinists undermine the defense of the gains of the October Revolution. But it is arguably a mistake to think that the Soviets can be terrorized into capitulation. Hitler tried it once and lost. And Marshal Ogarkov isn't the roll-over-and-die kind. Put another way, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Vladimir Lomeiko said recently that any attempt to test the Soviet Union using strength "would be tantamount to attacking your own people." We say: "Don't Mess with Russia!"

The defense of the Russian Revolution has been the fundamental political dividing line in the world for nearly 70 years. Those "leftists" who refuse to defend the gains of October have necessarily and inevitably ended up in the camp of their own bourgeoisie. The Canadian fake-lefts take their cue from the Cold War NDP. They agree with Reagan that if the USSR were aiding Nicaragua then U.S. intervention would be justified. So they took a big dive when the Democrats and the NDP went into a frenzy over Daniel Ortega's visit to Moscow. And they go crazy when the TL marches under the banner "Defense of Cuba/USSR Begins in Central America!"

In Cold War II many once leftists have moved rapidly rightward. They seek not to smash Canadian imperialism but to pressure it, to dress it up as the peace-loving imperialism. All the reformists can see is the pressure of the ruling class, and they bow in homage before it. The international Spartacist tendency looks to the mighty power of the working class at home and internationally. We note, for example, the courageous stand of the predominately black San Francisco Local 10 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union whose Executive Board declared on April 24:

"ILWU Local 10 supports the cause of Libyan independence and territorial integrity against assaults by U.S. imperialism. We condemn U.S. imperialism's policy of anti-Soviet provocation and its acts of aggression, criminal assassination and mass terror against Libya."

That resolution was presented by Stan Gow, a member of the ILWU Local 10 Executive Board and supporter of the Spartacist League/U.S.

We need to educate the working class, to patiently explain that imperialist capitalism is a system that

means untold war and oppression. We need to mobilize the working people for socialist revolution to destroy this system before it destroys us all. And these tasks require, as Leon Trotsky, founder of the Red Army and with Lenin a leader of the Russian Revolution, put it, a party, a party and once again a party. So I urge you tonight to study the program of the international Spartacist tendency, to commit yourself to the struggle for mankind's socialist future and to join with us to build a mass proletarian multiracial revolutionary party here in the very belly of the North American imperialist beast. ■

## Gainers...

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to handle any scab goods from the Alberta plant. They should be on strike now! Shut down Gainers! And, instead of the bureaucrats' impotent call for a consumer boycott of Gainers, designed to avoid the hard labor fight necessary to win this strike, unionists must make sure that no scab products leave the Alberta plant. Hot-cargo Gainers!

The Gainers strike has many parallels with the bitter Hormel meatpackers strike in Austin, Minnesota. These determined and courageous workers revived militant tactics like roving pickets to spread their strike to Hormel plants throughout the U.S. For seven months they stood up against a union-busting company, the scabherding National Guard and the labor traitors that head the UFCW and AFL-CIO who acted as open strikebreakers. But despite determination and militancy, the heroic Hormel strikers didn't have the class-struggle program and leadership necessary to win against this unholy alliance.

The crucial lesson of the Hormel strike is that for workers to beat back the bosses on the economic front, to stand down the cops and courts, they must be mobilized for a *political fight*. This means a struggle to forge a class-struggle leadership of the unions against the pro-capitalist bureaucrats who are strangling the labor movement. It means a fight to build picket lines no one dares to cross, to fight for jobs for the unemployed (from whom Pocklington recruited his scabs), for a shorter work week at no loss in pay. It means fighting racial oppression and the racist poison of protectionism pushed by the labor tops. It means opposing the anti-Soviet war drive, which is intimately linked to the war on labor and minorities at home. What's necessary is a fight against the Cold War NDP social democrats, who have smashed strikes with all the vigor of Pocklington whenever and wherever they have been in power, to build a revolutionary workers party. In 1919 the Alberta Federation of Labour passed a resolution expressing its "full accord and sympathy with the aims and purposes of the Russian Bolshevik and German Spartacist revolutions." Today, it's those same aims and purposes that are necessary to win labor's fight—the struggle for workers power under the leadership of a multiracial revolutionary party. Victory to the Gainers strike! ■

## Terror Scare...

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a co-director of the "Counter Terror Study Centre" based in Winnipeg! What's this, the Canadian branch plant of the sinister "Jonathan Institute"? Named after an Israeli commando killed in the 1976 Entebbe raid, the Jonathan Institute was founded at a 1979 conference in Jerusalem which brought together Israeli intelligence officers with a large Anglo-American contingent including the notorious Big Liars behind the anti-Soviet "pope plot," Claire Sterling and Arnaud de Borchgrave; future U.S. vice president George Bush; former CIA deputy director for intelligence Ray Cline and British MI6/CIA "assets" Robert Moss and Brian Crozier. It was this "anti-terror" outfit that first launched the line, later taken up by the Reagan administration, that the Soviet Union was the center of an international terror network.

Now there's the book, *Terrorism: How the West Can Win*, based on a 1984 conference of the Jonathan Institute held in Washington, D.C. Added to the "dezinformatsiya" experts, Claire Sterling *et al.*, in attendance at this conference were a whole gamut of *bona fide* state terrorists running from U.S. secretary of state George Shultz, attorney general Edwin Meese, and dragon lady Jeane Kirkpatrick to Israeli minister of defense Yitzhak Rabin and Yehuda Blum, the Israeli ambassador to the United Nations during the Zionist Blitzkrieg against Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. According to the *New York Times Book Review* (18 May) the book issuing out of the proceedings of the 1984 conference names Libya, Cuba, North Korea and Syria, among others, as "terrorist states" and proclaims that "behind these terrorist states is the Soviet Union." In a blatant call for war it urges that "the West, led by the United States, must launch a collective effort to extirpate terrorism from the face of the globe."

The Jonathan Institute book on fighting "terrorism" came out on the heels of Reagan's terror bombing of Libya and war provocations against the Soviet Union in the Black Sea around the major naval installation at Sevastopol. At about the same time Hamizrachi, the former commander of Zionist terror in southern Lebanon, was addressing the Canadian anti-terrorism conference, calling on Reagan's junior partners to crack down on "ethnic communities" and to "follow the Israeli program of intelligence, readiness, prevention and operations" (*Toronto Sun*, 27 April). From the mass murder of defenseless Palestinian refugees at Sabra and Shatila to the terror bombing of a Palestinian camp in Tunisia that killed over a hundred men, women and children, the Israeli "program" is modeled on Adolf Hitler's policy of *Schrecklichkeit* or terrorizing the population.



Israeli "anti-terrorist" program: mass murder of Palestinians at Shatila and Sabra refugee camps, 1982.

The Canadian imperialists have already borrowed more than a page from the Zionist book—with its murderous proposition that all Palestinians are "terrorists" and "the only good one is a dead one." Witness the recent war cry against "Sikh terrorism." The RCMP was sent out on gestapo-style terror raids against the Sikh community in Vancouver looking for people they claimed were responsible for bombing an Air-India flight that crashed off the coast of Ireland last summer. There has yet to emerge any hard evidence that the plane was bombed, let alone by Sikhs. Indeed the most convincing stories have come from reports by *Globe and Mail* reporter Zuhair Kashmeiri, laying responsibility for whatever happened at the doorstep of the Indian government and its *agents provocateurs*.

For the Canadian government the Air-India crash was a good excuse for state terror and a racist round-up. Over 2,800 deportation notices were issued against Sikhs in Canada (see "Stop the Racist Deportations," SC No. 65, December 1985/January 1986). Now five Sikhs are being held without bail in Montreal on charges of "possessing explosives with intent to injure" which are all based on "largely circumstantial" evidence even according to the prosecution. And the East Indian community across Canada can only be bracing against increased racist attacks. The terror of the Canadian state and its police breeds the nightriding terror of the KKK against East Indians and other minorities. And where's the outcry against this genuine terrorism in the "hallowed halls" of Parliament Hill? There isn't any. The fascists are simply the strong-arm version of the racism and anti-Communism which emanates from the highest sources of power.

Preparing the machinery for a wave of Cold War

II witchhunting, the government's terror scare has not a shred of political reality. But as that consummate practitioner of the Big Lie, Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels, knew only too well, what's important is not that the lies are believed so much as accepted as an excuse for a witchhunt. And the rulers of this country need the mythical "terror scare." It's important in creating a mood to justify increased police spying, harassment, disruption, sabotage, persecution and jailing of labor militants, leftists, fighters for East Indian and black rights and any other perceived opponent of the state. In his address to the "anti-terrorism" conference, former Liberal solicitor general Robert Kaplan put it baldly: "Unfortunately, greater target-hardening [against terrorists] affects privacy, personal liberty and even freedom of the press" (*Globe and Mail*, 28 April).

These words come from the mouth of the architect of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). The "Mounties" were taken out of their scarlet and gold uniforms, dressed in civilian clothing, loaded up with bugs, black bags and guns and sent out as the CSIS for an all-out Cold War red-hunt. It was the most blatant and open declaration of official witchhunting since Communist Party members were thrown in internment camps in World War II. Kaplan was also charged with responsibility, by a government Order in Council, for planning and preparing to "establish, administer and operate civilian internment camps!"

The CSIS has the legal license to do all the things the RCMP was supposed to have stopped doing when its "dirty tricks" were exposed—mail openings, wire-tappings, theft, arson. And who is Big Brother looking for? Well, just about anyone according to the most recent statistics which put wiretaps in Canada at double the number in the U.S. (On a *per capita* basis that's 20 times the number of U.S. wiretaps!) You don't have to be wanted for, or even under suspicion of, committing a crime to be on the state's hit list. The Canadian Police Information Centre's computerized network includes 16,000 persons who are "under observation." Openly acknowledged to

"include people never found to be on the wrong side of the law," you just have to be branded a "dangerous person" by the cops to have your name plugged into virtually every police computer in Canada. It's all laying the basis for a computerized ideological hit list.

Added to the "are you now or have you ever been" ideological criteria of the McCarthyite 1950s is the new and sinister twist of "terrorism." And the CSIS is not only about so-called "intrusive investigative techniques." These hitmen and spies for the capitalists have the legal mandate to commit any crime in the course of their "duties"—including "legal" murder. This is where the terror scare comes in handy: to set up, frame up and destroy any perceived opponent of the government.

To be labeled a "terrorist" is to be an outlaw, a dangerous criminal to be taken with a drawn gun. And for the bourgeoisie "terrorism" is the official description associated with any cause of which they don't approve: from strikers defending their picket lines to minorities fighting racist terror to Central American peasants struggling against sadistic death squads and South African blacks fighting apartheid slavery. The physical destruction of the Black Panther Party in the U.S. demonstrated in gunfire and blood how the state comes after those tagged as terrorists. Or recall the case of black nationalist Fulani Sunni Ali whose home in rural Mississippi was blitzkrieged in 1981 with three tanks, four SWAT teams, helicopters, 150 cops and troops. "It can't happen here," yelp the Canadian nationalists and fake-leftists whose faith in the "democracy" and "good will" of the Canadian imperialists is boundless. Well how about this:

"Four men in black, wearing gas masks and armed with pistols and machine guns, burst into a large wooden shed on the outskirts of town and begin firing real bullets at cardboard human targets."

—*Globe and Mail*, 17 May

This was a "promo" demonstration of the new RCMP "anti-terrorist" hit squad—the Special Emergency Response Team. The Canadian government is spending millions to train these "Rambo" commandos who are to be "called in on a kill-and-destroy basis."

**Canadian State Über Alles**

The junior partners in Reagan's war against Communism abroad, at home the Canadian imperialists have modeled their legislation for political repression after the FBI's "Domestic Security/Terrorism Guidelines," under which left groups are defined as "terrorist criminal enterprises." The only difference is that unlike Reagan and his sinister attorney general Edwin Meese, the Canadian imperialists don't have to worry about such technicalities as a Bill of Rights standing in the way.

There are no constitutionally guaranteed rights in Canada, which was founded as a bastion of British colonialism against the American Revolution. Oh, there was much hoopla over the so-called "Charter

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of Rights," brought in after "her majesty" granted her "humble subjects" of the Canadian Dominion their own constitution. But here's the rub—the "Charter of Rights" gives the government the power to arbitrarily abrogate even this limp document. The "Charter" is as much the legacy of Canada's reactionary British heritage as the draconian Official Secrets and War Measures Acts, allowing the bourgeoisie to suspend all democratic rights when it judges that these rights conflict with their class rule.

Under the War Measures Act over 400 Quebec leftists, union leaders and nationalists were thrown in jail in 1970 and 22,000 Japanese Canadians were rounded up and sent to concentration camps in World War II. But even at this there were still a couple of things seen to be standing in the way of the full and unrestrained legal powers of the state, its courts and cops. After all, even in Canada a man's home is still considered to be his castle. That is until about two months ago when the Supreme Court ruled that the cops no longer need a warrant to break into someone's home as long as they have reason to believe a criminal is inside (and the cops determine their own "reasons"). This ruling came on the heels of government legislation aimed at guaranteeing secrecy for the raids, break-ins, burglaries and other dirty work of their cops and secret police. It is now illegal to publish anything about police raids unless charges have been laid or all parties "touched" by the raid agree to publication! Ominously, on top of all this, there is a big push by the cops and Tory MPs to bring back the death penalty, including for "acts of treason" and "terrorism."

### Fight the Cold War Terror Scare!

From the outcry against "terrorism" to the sweeping powers granted the secret police to Supreme Court rulings more appropriate to a police state than a bourgeois "democracy," the imperialist rulers are out to regiment the population through fear—fear of the Soviet Union, fear of terrorism and above all fear of the state. Attempting to enforce ideological conformity behind Cold War II they want to crush any domestic political opposition and dissent, no matter how tame.

Earlier this year the RCMP raided the home of a Toronto woman who was a reporter for the now-defunct liberal paper, the *Toronto Clarion*, looking for "evidence" that NDP MP Lynn McDonald had cheated on her election expenses! The "crime" behind this over-one-year-long witchhunt was a committee that had been set up to oppose McDonald's electoral opponent, millionaire former editor of the racist, labor-hating *Toronto Sun*, Peter Worthington. Describing the raid as reminiscent of RCMP "dirty tricks" against the left and labor movement in the 1970s, Toronto lawyer Robert Kellermann commented "the force still finds it

difficult to accept political activities outside the three main parties" (*Globe and Mail*, 12 March). That's a polite way of putting the harassment, disruption, infiltration and smear jobs the RCMP carried out for years. As in the McDonald case, sometimes "the force" even finds it "difficult" to accept the activities of the NDP despite the fact that these Cold War right-wing social democrats take the lead in whipping up the anti-Soviet hysteria so conducive to increased secret police spying and terror.

Now the Ontario attorney general, Ian Scott, is going after Toronto lawyer Harry Kopyto on charges of contempt of court which carry a sentence of up to six months in jail. Kopyto is charged with "scandalizing the court" with his statement that "the courts in this country are warped in favor of protecting the police. The courts and the RCMP are sticking so close together you'd think they were put together with Krazy Glue" (*Globe and Mail*, 18 December 1985). A pretty tame assessment of the "class justice" of the bourgeois courts, especially considering that Kopyto's remarks were made at the end of eight years of failed court battles against RCMP "dirty tricks" on behalf of his client Ross Dowson. The case was completely shut out in federal and provincial courts and ended up in a small claims court! In December, Provincial Court judge Marvin Zuker threw the case out again. Arguing that the RCMP was "only doing its job" in its campaign of disruption and slander against the ostensible Trotskyists of the former League for Socialist Action in the early 1970s, Zuker ruled:

"Even if the defendants could be said to have acted wrongfully, they were clearly acting in the performance of their functions or role."

—*Globe and Mail*, 18 December 1985

As the Trotskyist League of Canada said in a letter demanding that the outrageous charges against Kopyto be dropped, "With his charges against Kopyto, Ontario attorney general Ian Scott is out to drive home the message that lawyers had better serve the purpose of the state's Cold War witchhunt or else." It recalls the 1950s in the U.S. when the courts often threw lawyers in jail along with their clients (this is called a "chilling effect" on legal representation for the accused). Or more recently, it has parallels with the legal strategy of the West German government which viciously persecutes

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lawyers for defending people accused of terrorism.

It's the Canadian government and its secret police which are the terrorists and perpetrators of violence. Gearing up behind their senior partners in Washington to plunge all of humanity into anti-Soviet thermonuclear holocaust, they contrive the spectre of "terrorism" to legitimate their own consummately violent state and domestic war on labor and minorities. The purpose is to frame up and destroy the state's political enemies. And they don't much care about the law or naive reformers who believe otherwise. In the heyday of the McDonald Commission of Inquiry into RCMP "wrongdoings" the liberals and reformists were smug in their conviction that this would lead to a gentlemanly security operation. But it was the McDonald Commission which came up with the recommendation for a more streamlined, professional "civilian" spy agency to better carry out the duties of state harassment and terror against those whose only "crime" is their political convictions. In his submission to the McDonald Commission Ross' Dowson (an ex-Trotskyist and for many years now a pretty mainline social democrat) appealed for a "massive corrective educational campaign" for the secret police. As we said of Dowson's suit against the RCMP in *Spartacist Canada* ("Reformists vs. the RCMP," No. 47, March/April 1981):

"We hope Dowson can get the government to say it's sorry for the 'excesses' of the past, thereby creating a less favorable climate for witch-hunting in the future. But reformist illusions in the possibility of a capitalist class that plays by the rules and shakes hands if it loses the game never did anyone any good."

In contrast the lawsuit filed by our comrades in the Spartacist League/U.S. against the U.S. Attorney General's 1983 "Domestic Security/Terrorism Guidelines" ended in an important legal victory, the admission by the FBI that Marxists are not terrorists. As Marxist revolutionaries we had no illusions in what can be won in the courtrooms or that the government's secret police will stop their harassment, infiltration and disruption of Marxist political organizations. Nonetheless we struck a modest but genuine blow against the new McCarthyism, the deadly syllogism that all political opponents of the government are terrorists, and this victory was warmly acknowledged in statements of support from civil libertarians, unionists and fighters for black freedom.

As Spartacist League general counsel, comrade Rachel Wolkenstein, concluded in a speech assessing the SL's victory against Reagan's FBI:

"We'll continue to fight the new McCarthyism with every legal and political means at our disposal. When the working class and the oppressed of this country are ready to move, when the decaying, blundering, lying, incompetent ruling class is challenged by massive struggle on behalf of a rational economy and an end to the constant threat of nuclear Armageddon, it will not be

because some small group of Bolshevik propagandists conspired to make it happen. It will happen because the condition of dying capitalism will have made it a historic necessity, consciously



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### SL/U.S. victory against FBI announced.

understood by large sections of the population. We had better be there when it does, providing, as the Bolsheviks did in war-ravaged Russia in 1917, the critical element of organized leadership. We are a very precious commodity, in its infancy. Like the Bolshevik party for Russia, the SL may be America's last best hope."

It will take international socialist revolution to liberate the workers and oppressed from the terror and violence of this decaying, racist system. It is to the task of building the revolutionary Bolshevik party to lead the struggle for proletarian victory that the Trotskyist League and the international Spartacist tendency are dedicated. ■

## Japanese Canadians...

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arms, and thousands of these killers live a comfortable life in Canada, untouched by the government. The files detailing the government's crimes against Japanese Canadians in World War II have "disappeared" and the files on Nazi war criminals living in Canada have similarly been disposed of.

Although no amount of money can blot out the pain and horror of their internment, we strongly support the efforts of Japanese Canadians to get as much restitution as they can. During World War II the Trotskyists, themselves persecuted for their revolutionary opposition to imperialist war, were among the few who protested the racist atrocity at the time. And today we fight the chauvinist poison of protectionism, peddled by the labor tops and social democrats, which pits Canadian against Japanese workers and creates a renewed climate of racist hysteria. We fight for the unity of the international working class against all the bloody exploiters, for socialist revolution which will avenge the racist atrocities and myriad crimes of the Canadian imperialists. Stop the government's racist witchhunt! Justice for Japanese Canadians! ■

## Leftists, Minorities, Labor in the Crosshairs

# Fight Cold War Terror Scare!

The Canadian imperialists cheered as U.S. bombers rained down terror and death on Libya, calling this murder mission a blow against "international terrorism." And at home Reagan's loyal allies are whipping up their own domestic "terrorism" scare aimed at gearing up the repressive machinery for witchhunting and destruction of anyone perceived to be an opponent of "free world" union-busting, anti-communism, racism, poverty and war. At their service are the hired pens of the capitalist press. With scare headlines reading "Increase in terrorism predicted for Canada," "Terror teams said poised to hit Canada," "Terror training 'going in B.C.!', " these yellow journalists retailed such wild-eyed stories they would have made Claire Sterling, of the Bulgarian "pope plot" flop, blush.

Grist for the disinformation mills was supplied by a two-day conference on "terrorism," sponsored by the right-wing think tank, the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies and held in Quebec, April 25-26. These "experts on terrorism" had everyone from the "Red Army Faction" to "Direct Action" hiding out, training and buying supplies for bombs in Canada—the only thing missing from this wholesale nonsense list was the all-purpose phantom terrorist "Carlos." Peter Shoniker, an assistant crown attorney and self-described "freelance consultant on terrorism," became an overnight sensation as his lurid and incredible tales of "Canadian terrorists" training in Libya, South Yemen and Lebanon "preparing to kidnap and assassinate politicians in this country" made front-page news.

Whew! In the McCarthyite 1950s it was "reds under the beds"; today in Cold War II you're supposed to find a Canadian "Carlos" in the closet! But the overtones of low comedy aside, the anti-terrorism scare is no joke for its intended victims. "International terrorism," with its wild pope plots, yellow rain and spy dust fantasies, is the code-word for the drive to war against the Russian workers state and aggression against anyone else the imperialists



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**RCMP "Special Emergency Response Team" terrorist, trained to kill.**

don't like (so Libya and Nicaragua, for example, become "Soviet surrogates"). Now this fraud is being brought home with a vengeance to create a climate of fear and intimidation aimed at regimenting the population for war against the Soviet Union through a full-scale domestic red-hunt.

The only thing missing from the terror scare are the supposed "terrorists." But the hired guns, hit-men, spies and terrorists of the capitalist state who came out to the "anti-terrorism" conference are very real and deadly serious. There were over 120 "security experts," from police, military and secret service officials to Federal deputy solicitor general Fred Gibson and former top cop under the Trudeau Liberal government, Robert Kaplan, in attendance.

A featured speaker was Yoram Hamizrachi, an ex-Israeli Defense Force commander who is presently

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