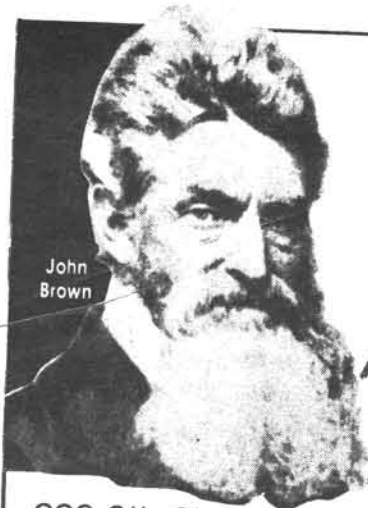




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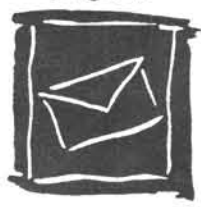
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AMERICA'S NAZI CHILDREN

By Rex Gutwood
In the annals of homegrown terrorism, 1989 promises to be the year of Nazi skinheads.

Now that the mass media has awakened to the reality of Nazi skinheads across the country, everyone from the *New York Times* to *Geraldo Rivera* wants a piece of the action. Well, if you want your nose broken on network TV, Nazi skinheads are happy to oblige. But, if you want action—not just media reaction, you need a broad coalition of committed anti-fascists. The John Brown Anti-Klan Committee is building that coalition.

Here's the story.

On the march in many cities across the country, the Nazi skinheads emulate Third Reich storm troopers in their combat boots and swastika badges and tattoos and in their penchant for violence against Blacks, Jews, and gays.

Further, white-power skinheads are determined to destroy anti-racist skinheads and the progressive music and political punk scene from Los Angeles to Houston to New York City.

Today's Nazi skinheads aren't just last year's bratpacks with a taste for brew and brawls. They're schooled in Nazi philosophy and taught to kill, Green-beret style, by the master-racists of America—California's White Aryan Resistance (WAR), Richard Butler's Aryan Nations, and the Ku Klux Klan. WAR leader Tom Metzger calls Nazi skinheads the "frontline troops for the white race... If Blacks or anyone give them trouble, they will smash it." The *San Francisco Examiner* said, "Neo-Nazi skinheads have become the new Hitler Jugend."

WHITE POWER GOES POST-MODERN

Like the Hitler Youth of the 1930s, racist skinheads are the shock troops of a new white supremacist movement. They have a full-blown ideology—and it's the same as Hitler's. They aim to wrest control

of the U.S. government (which they see as controlled by "Jews and left-wing conservatives") in order to begin their "holocaust of Africans, Asians, Jews, gays and Latinos."

Seems implausible? Read on.

Tom Metzger is the chief architect of post-modern white supremacy. Metzger's blueprint fuses the old KKK—the cross-burning, church-bombing, lynch-mobbing segregationists true to Ronald Reagan and the red, white, and blue—and the new American Nazis—the high-tech militarists who want to install a fascist regime under a swastika flag in Washington, D.C., by force. We call this menacing merger of the KKK and Nazis the "nazified Klan." Recruiting Nazi skinheads is only a part of the strategy.

In the public arena, Metzger has run in state elections in California. WAR uses its weekly cable TV show, computer network, phone network, fundamentalist churches, and public appearances to attract followers at all levels of society.

Meanwhile, through ties to the U.S. Army and Marines, the neo-Nazis are stockpiling arms and conducting military training camps for men, women, and children. They rob banks when they need money. They threaten, beat and assassinate their opponents.

The military wing of the new Klan made headlines in 1985 when dramatic coast-to-coast arrests of dozens of white "warriors" focused national attention on the existence of a fascist underground inside the U.S. Called variously The White American Bastion, The Silent Brotherhood or The Order, this secret army left a bloody trail from the Pacific northwest to the Mexico border and the deep south. The Order is the group portrayed in the Hollywood movie *Betrayed*. The FBI and other government agencies came down hard on the Order when they started robbing banks and killing FBI agents. A dozen Aryan "warriors" were given long prison

terms. The military wing of the Order was temporarily out of business, but the top leadership remained untouched.

These leaders could see that the fascist movement needed new soldiers to replace those killed or jailed. Organizing racist skinheads was an idea whose time had come. WAR began systematic recruitment of right-wing skinheads, feeding them Nazi ideology.

An ugly but accurate picture of a growing, violent fascist movement among white youth is etched by dozens of reports received by the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee. JBAKC began fighting Nazi skins in Chicago several years ago, and monitoring Nazi skinhead activity in the Bay Area after a skinhead attack on a 54-year-old Black woman in San Jose in the summer of 1987. "We are racial and she was black," said 20-year-old Kenneth Lamar Allen when he was arrested for the attack. "We're into white supremacy."

After a San Francisco "white power" rally led by Bob Heick and his American Front, on May 1, 1988, JBAKC placed ads in *Maximum RockNRoll* and other magazines asking for eyewitness news. Anti-racist skinheads and punks all over the United States have swamped our P. O. box with letters and reports. We know more—and our conclusions are different—than other watchdog groups like the Anti-Defamation League. The A.D.L. calls for "careful monitoring" of skinheads. We say Nazi skins must be fought.

HATE IN THE HAIGHT

May 1, 1988, San Francisco. Under a banner proclaiming White Workers Day, fifty shaved-head racists gathered in Buena Vista Park, the hilltop at the edge of the Haight-Ashbury district. Their eggshell heads and swastika badges reflecting the noon-day sun, the neo-Nazis closed ranks

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HITLER YOUTH EATS RED MEAT

June, 1988—Erik Pyontek, a college student from Trenton, NJ went to a supermarket and saw a promotional poster put out by Fleming Companies, an Oklahoma City-based food wholesaler. The poster, showing a tall, blond cowboy holding the American flag, was meant to equate beef with patriotism. Sounds like a George Bush promotional campaign. The picture reminded Pyontek of a picture in a high-school history textbook. He confirmed his suspicion, then sent copies of the look-alike pictures to the press. Take away the cowboy hat and chaps, change the shirt color from white to brown, substitute a



swastika for the longhorn tie, and what does the advertisement look like? A Hitler Youth poster from World War II Germany.

Sully & Rozier, the ad agency that created the poster took no responsibility for the resemblance. Fleming Company, which distributed the posters to hundreds of supermarkets across the country, says that the striking resemblance is only coincidence, but hastened to add that the image for its next campaign will be a Black Angus steer.

TEXAS KILLER COPS GO FREE

Hemphill, Tx—A Sabine County jury, composed of eleven whites and one Black, acquitted three white cops charged in the beating death of Loyal Garner Jr., a Black man. (see No KKK, Winter, 1988) Garner was beaten in the Sabine County jail on December 25, 1987, and died two days later in a Tyler, Texas hospital of massive brain injuries.

The three, a police chief, and two sheriff's deputies, faced charges of violating the civil rights of 34-year-old Garner of Florien, Louisiana, by beating him and denying him medical attention. The Southern Poverty Law Center represented the Garner family in a federal civil rights suit against the three officers and the City of Hemphill.

The prosecutor presented several other inmates who testified they saw one of the officers hit Garner in the head three times while he was pleading to use the telephone to call his wife. Garner was an employee of the Florien, Louisiana, parish government. Police stopped Garner and three friends as they drove the short distance from Florien to Hemphill, Texas, to help a friend with a disabled vehicle.

The cops claimed that Garner was drunk

him out to make his call. The medical evidence proved that he was not legally intoxicated, and that he did not die by hitting his head on a file cabinet as the police claimed.

Racial Tensions at Trial

During the trial a white juror's daughter who was in the audience claimed that Garner's brother breathed on her neck as he leaned forward in his bench. He was arrested and removed from the courtroom, but later released. Prosecutor John Hannah charged that many of the trial judge's rulings unfairly favored the defendants, including the court's refusal to remove prospective jurors who had given money to the three officers' legal defense fund.

Although Black people in Hemphill were angry about the verdict, most expected it. Vollie Grace, head of the local chapter of the NAACP, said, "Had the jury



found them guilty, the people on the jury could not have stayed in Sabine County." Will Smith Sr., another Black citizen of Hemphill, simply said, "It's a case of hometown boys and a hometown jury."

The *New York Times* reported that white people they talked to in Hemphill denied there were any racial problems in the town, but that their speech was "liberally sprinkled with racial slurs." One white man, who refused to give his name, said "I've heard the n----r [Loyal Garner, Jr.] was one of the meanest son-of-a-guns who has ever been in this part of the country." Last January, the *Times* reported that Loyal Garner Jr. was one of the most respected men in his hometown of Florien, Louisiana.



Sole Black Juror Repudiates Verdict

After the trial, the only Black member of the jury that acquitted the three lawmen said she felt sure that one of them, former Hemphill Police Chief Thomas Ladner, was guilty. "I was just one Black against all those people," she said. "What could I do with those people against me? It should have been six whites and six blacks. I knew I wasn't going to win."

"FRUHMENSCHEN" FBI'S RACIST PROGRAM

A secret FBI program with an obscure German name? In a lawsuit filed in Atlanta, Black officials unmasked an FBI program of harassment and selective prosecution of high ranking Black elected and appointed officials. A supporting affidavit submitted by Hirsch Friedman, a Georgia attorney, underscores the naked racism of the program.

Among other things, Mr. Friedman testified:

"Shortly after I began working with the FBI [as an informant, ed.] in 1979, I was made aware of an unofficial policy of the FBI which was generally referred to by Special Agent John McAvoy as *Fruhmenschen*. The purpose of this policy was the routine investigation, without probable cause, of prominent elected and appointed black officials in major metropolitan areas throughout the United States. I learned from my conversations with special agents of the FBI that the basis for this policy was the assumption by the FBI that Black officials were intellectually and socially incapable of governing major government organization and institutions.

"An upshot of the FBI's *Fruhmenschen* policy in Atlanta was the investigation generally referred to in the Atlanta FBI field office as *Blue Eyes*, *Green Eyes* and *Brown Eyes*, of Eldrin Bell, a top-ranking Black police official in Atlanta who has blue eyes; *Green Eyes*, Maynard Jackson, the Black Mayor of Atlanta in the early 1980s and *Brown Eyes*, Reginald Eaves, the Defendant in this case who has brown eyes. The investigation targeted these particular individuals with the aim of prosecuting them if possible, although there was no probable cause to have started the investigation.

"Special Agent McAvoy, routinely made remarks regarding the targets of his investigative efforts which I took as strictly racist. An example of these remarks used in connection with his investigation of elected and appointed black officials in Georgia would be, 'We've got to get the *Fruhmenschen*!'"

A consultation with a German linguist revealed that *Fruhmenschen* would be a slang expression for "primitive people."

KONTRA KOSTA COUNTY RACIST JAIL MANUAL

Contra Costa County, California uses a short primer called *The Lion Tamer*, but it's not about training dangerous animals.

Instead the pamphlet tells prison guards how to manage treacherous prisoners—and likens inmates who are Black, Asian and Latino to African lions, tigers from Asia and pumas from the southwest and South America.

The training manual written by a Sheriff's Department official, and used in the county's jail for five years, is under attack because it is racist, sexist and vulgar, say its critics.

But author Bill Frazier says that the profane language and treatment of people as animals were not meant to demean prisoners, but were graphic tools for getting through to those who work in the "new generation" prisons.

A training consultant who has used *The Lion Tamer* in courses he teaches to jailers throughout the country, said he would remove the segment from his course. He estimates 200 police agencies around the country use the booklet.

The booklet's advice for handling the mentally disturbed prisoners, called leopards, is particularly offensive. Frazier says to "dope their feed," to slow them down.

The pamphlet says that "ladies are dazzled" by macho lion tamers and counsels jailers never to leave prisoners unattended.

Otherwise, "they're going to fight," it reads. "Big problems will result. Dead cats, hurt cats, big bills coming from the vet, the f--- Humane Society calling."

Frazier now says he invites suggestions for a better analogy to improve the book.

How about jailers as pigs?

DECATUR KLAN CASE

Ten years ago the Klan attacked Black marchers in Decatur, Alabama, but the Klansmen have not been brought to justice. Although the Justice Department investigated the Klan's 1979 attack on the Black marchers, they claimed they could not find sufficient evidence to prosecute them. Klanwatch investigators began to search for evidence of a conspiracy. Attorneys took depositions and turned them



over to federal authorities, forcing them to reopen the case in 1984. But the Justice Department only indicted nine Klansmen. The charges stem from a bloody brawl nine years ago when 125 Klansmen armed with guns and ax handles confronted 100 civil-rights marchers.

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), filed a civil lawsuit against 50 of the Klansmen involved. This is no ordinary gang of Klansmen. It may be difficult to keep a straight face reading these titles, but this group of Klan big-wigs includes a grand dragon, two titans, a grand chaplain, two klegles, a cyclops and more.

Good-ole-boy Judge William M. Acker, Jr. ruled that the depositions which the SPLC took to the Justice Department were inadmissible. Acker's 1984 ruling disallowing the depositions referred to the Klan as "a vigilante group which undoubtedly, from time to time, violates the constitutional rights of citizens." He went on to chastise the SPLC by saying, "one vigilante group does not justify the creation and operation of a counter-vigilante group in violation of the constitutional rights of the first group."

In June, 1988 the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Acker was incorrect when he suppressed the use of the depositions, removed Acker from the case saying that he was wrong to dismiss one indictment against the Klansmen and wrong to acquit a Klansman after a jury found him guilty. This decision means that at last, a group of Alabama Klansmen may face

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NAZIS IN THE BUSHES

During George Bush's presidential campaign five members of his ethnic advisory panel, including the honorary chairman, resigned amid charges that they were anti-Semitic or linked to pro-Nazi groups or activities.

The co-chairman of the Coalition of American Nationalities resigned because of similar accusations. Those who quit were the

panel's honorary chairman, Florian Galdau and members Philip Guarino, Laszlo Pasztor, Ignatius Bilinsky and Rhodon Fedorak.

Pasztor, a Hungarian American, served in Hungary's pro-Nazi Arrowcross

regime as a young man, and Galdau, a Romanian Orthodox priest, was described by Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal as New York chief of the still-active Iron Guard, a Romanian pro-Nazi group.

Panel vice chairman Guarino, a Catholic priest, has been listed as a member of P-2, an illegal Italian group led by longtime fascist Licio Gelli, with whom Guarino is close. Even though Guarino was forced to resign his job as vice-chairman of CAN, Guarino remains in his full-time staff job as a special assistant to Frank Fahrenkopf, the chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Bush adviser and deputy chairman of the Republican National Committee, Frederic Malek resigned after a report that on President Nixon's orders, he compiled a list of Jews working for the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 1971. Two Jews in top bureau posts were moved to less visible jobs after Malek submitted his list. Malek claims he had nothing to do with the demonstrations.

Jerome Brentar, another co-chairman of Bush's Coalition of American Nationalities stepped down after Jewish Week reported that he had helped defend accused Nazi John Demanjuk, convicted in Israel of committing World War II atrocities as "Ivan the Terrible" at the Treblinka death camp.

Brentar was also linked to a group that denies the existence of the Nazi Holocaust, in which 6 million Jews were killed.

This story has been ignored or downplayed by the mass media. Quoting from the Guardian editorial of September 21:

"To have uncovered so much scum at the top of a Bush Campaign would seem to be big news, but it hasn't turned out that way. The story has been ignored almost completely . . . Now that these particular anti-Semites and fascists are gone (except for Guarino), the press and nearly everyone else seems to have forgotten they were ever there. Since the story was so poorly reported in the first place, it's not likely that there will be a widespread outcry for more information or widespread distrust of Bush for having surrounded himself with such a crew."

PICNIC IN JAMES VENABLE PARK

Minutes before the opening of the Democratic National Convention, actions by the Stone Mountain City Council embarrassed image-conscious Atlanta, and enraged many Blacks and anti-racist whites.

The council voted unanimously to rename the park after James Venable, an 83-year old lawyer, former mayor and lifelong



Klan leader. Venable's family donated the park land to the city.

Stone Mountain is a residential community of 7,000 in De Kalb County, about 17 miles from Atlanta. It's near Stone Mountain State Park, a popular tourist attraction that features the images of Confederate leaders Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson carved into a granite mountain (like Confederate Mt. Rushmore).

The Atlanta Constitution, the largest newspaper in the region, trumpeted the action in a page one story that featured a picture of Venable in his golden Grand Dragon robes and quoted him fondly recalling, "the days when we had presidents who were in the Klan, we had governors in the Klan. We had six mayors of Atlanta in the Klan, but they never tell you that."

Venable also waxed nostalgic for the days when Klansmen could drive a motorcade through "colored town" without objection. "If we were to do that today, I'd be indicted and carted off to the penitentiary by my own race," he said.

GAY STUDENTS CLUB THREATENED

Fremont, CA. Fall, 1988—Swastikas and obscene anti-gay threats were scrawled on posters at Fremont's Ohlone College after a move to form a gay student union on campus.

"I was shocked," club organizer Chris Freeman, 19, said when he discovered the defaced signs, many scrawled with the words "homo" and "gays must die."

Freeman, a student council member, had hung posters around the community college campus to promote the new gay and lesbian club.

The gay students received no support from the faculty. Sue Crust, campus student activities director, said that Freeman moved "too fast."

Crust minimized the anti-gay actions of the students saying, "They have never had to confront anyone who is so openly gay." Then adding insult to injury, Freeman was

he asked for \$100 to bring four gay speakers to the campus.

"I thought we were here for an education," said club member Jon Foster, 35, "not to learn phobias."

GREEN BERET = KKK!

Guatemala—Barry Sadler, who idealized the Special Forces with his Vietnam-era hit, "Ballad of the Green Berets," was shot in the head in September while training Contras in Guatemala.

Bob Robinson, Sadler's agent in Nashville, said the former Green Beret staff sergeant had been shot by unidentified people as he returned to his home just outside Guatemala City.

A friend of Sadler's said Sadler had received death threats in recent months. "People had written 'die gringo' on the walls around the house," he said. "Gunshots were fired into the house and there were threatening phone calls."

What was Sadler doing in Guatemala that would lead to death threats and gunshots? The former Special Forces Green Beret was training Guatemalan soldiers and Nicaraguan contras in firearms use and his work was common knowledge.

As a staff sergeant, Sadler co-wrote and recorded *Ballad of the Green Berets*, which was the No. 1 song in the country for five weeks in 1966. The song, which glorified "fearless men who jump and die," sold 9 million singles and albums.

He left the music business to write novels. He published 30 in the past 10 years, most about tough mercenary types in Central American settings.

GUNS N' ROSES IS RACIST

Wait 'til you hear some of the lyrics from *Lies*, Gun n' Roses' new album. For example, from "One In A Million," "Police and n—rs, that's right, get out of my way . . . Immigrants and faggots, they make no sense to me / They come to our country and think they'll do as they please." Lead singer Axl-Rose told the *LA Times*, "I'm not a racist. The songs are just an account of what happened to us. If you change the words or soften them, you change the truth."

But musical truth isn't just words. Truth



is also the potential for destruction when those words are casually tossed like a match into a gasoline-soaked environment of growing violence against Blacks, immigrants and gays. And the words of Guns

N' Roses is taken seriously not just because they make popular music, but because they're openly proud to be a voice for their core audience of young, white working-class males. These kids are part of the first American generation that will be worse off than its parents. (According to a recent Congressional study, 97% of the new jobs filled by white males in the 1980s pay less than \$7,000 a year.) Given no other explanation for their condition, much of that audience shares the views expressed in "One in a Million."

Somebody's going to win over the headbangers, though. We hope it won't be the Nazi Party, where a recent internal struggle over whether or not to approach the Gun N' Roses audience was resolved in favor of action. As North Carolina Nazi leader, Harold Covington, put it in a recent pamphlet: "One long-haired, dope-smoking, rock & roll freak who will act is worth more than a thousand blond-haired, blue-eyed purists who sit in their goddamned armchairs and criticize."

When Geffen Records defends the bigotry on *Lies* by saying "It's important to let our artists speak for themselves and we hope that their audience will judge them in the appropriate context," they're playing right into the hands of Harold Covington. Rock & roll has a power that often goes far beyond the intentions of its creators or distributors. If somebody hands you a loaded gun, you don't go leaving it around.

Tom Metzger of WAR (White Aryan Resistance) promotes this album on his Aryan Update telephone line. We urge our readers to write to Geffen Records, demanding this album be withdrawn. Gun N' Roses is not only spreading racist and homophobic trash, they're getting rich off it!

Thanks to Rock and Roll Confidential for the information in this article.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR NAZIS

A thousand points of light were shed this fall on the cozy relationship between the "legitimate" right-wing and Naziism.

A congressional hearing revealed that an Education Department official, a formerly president of Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum, refused six times to fund a Holocaust education program. An advisory panel recommended denying money to

"Facing History and Ourselves" because it "did not present the Nazi and KKK point of view."

Rep. Ted Weiss, D-NY, accused the department of bowing to pressure from Schlafly, known for her right-wing positions against abortion and equal rights for women. Weiss is a European-born Jew, most of whose family was killed in the Nazi Holocaust. He said the funding refusals "suggest an institutional bias against teaching American children about the mass murders of Jews and others under the Nazi rule of Germany in the 1930s and 1940s."

New Rightists like Schlafly, Dan Quayle and Jerry Falwell use their "respectable" positions to give legitimacy even to outright fascists. As a member of the advisory panel put it, "The program gives no evidence of balance or objectivity. The Nazi point of view, however unpopular, is still a point of view and is not presented, nor is that of the Ku Klux Klan."

Nazi sympathizers believe that the Holocaust never happened.

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as they stepped onto Haight Street to begin a seven-block march, chanting, "We don't care what the commies say, May 1st is white workers day." This was the report of Joel, a teenager who was shopping on Haight Street that morning. Joel, who is Black, didn't stick around, but he did call JBAKC's Anti-Racist Hotline.

Meanwhile, Kyle, 18, a punk with a multi-colored mohawk, outraged by the appearance of Nazis in the Haight, put on a home-made "Fuck White Power" t-shirt and heckled the march from across the street. The next day five of the bald Nazis caught up with Kyle and broke his nose, warning, "Stay away from Skinhead Hill." (Popular with families and gays until Nazi skinheads began gay bashing there, "Skinhead Hill" is the part of Buena Vista Park the Nazis have claimed as their turf.) Kyle called JBAKC.

A few days later, a skinhead on Haight Street was handing out flyers to 15-year-old John and other young white kids. John passed the leaflets on to JBAKC. Sample message: "White Youth! The future can be yours! If you have the guts to fight for it. Free America from the criminal control of Zionist war-mongers, race traitors, fags and mud races. White revolution is the only solution." These were the same leaflets the skins handed out on May Day, signed by the "American Front" and offering a San Francisco contact for more information. Ironically, the leaflets were adorned with clean-cut cartoon-whites sporting neckties and conservative haircuts.

The May Day parade marked the racists' self-congratulation for the ugly new mood they had brought to the Haight. Rudy, a Black gay Haight resident, told JBAKC he was beaten once by five skinheads. Now, he says, gays and Blacks just don't go into Buena Vista Park or the east end of Golden Gate Park, the Haight's eastern and western boundaries and major recreational areas of San Francisco. At the June 1988 Haight Street Fair—an annual celebration of the neighborhood's diverse lifestyles and progressive community activities—the skinheads attacked interracial couples and gay men in drag. This time anti-racist bystanders fought back—only skinheads got hurt.

THE FRONT BEHIND THE HATE

The May Day White Power rally brought out 60 racists. It was the first organized west coast appearance of the growing Nazi movement, and marked the public re-emergence of The American Front, a skinhead political group that garnered headlines in 1984 after vandalizing a Haight Street anarchist bookstore.

Their 1984 manifesto threatened "Punks, Communists, Anarchists, Hippys [sic], and Homosexuals... We the SKINHEADS will not tolerate your spreading of unwanted diseases both mental and physical... YOUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED."

The Nazi skin leaflets were adorned with clean-cut cartoon-whites sporting neckties and conservative haircuts.

"The skinheads are so violent that I didn't want to be around them most of the time," says Clinton Sipes, a former Klansman who worked closely with racist skinheads in the Bay Area for a year and a half. His distaste notwithstanding, Sipes was there when skinheads ran their car over a gay man in San Francisco and when they kidnapped and tortured a prostitute in Oakland, California. Many acts of skinhead violence—and racist terror—go unreported or go down as random acts of violence," according to Sipes. "It surprises me how much stuff [racist skinheads] do that just goes unnoticed." Thus, the media picture of skinhead violence may show only the fin of the white racist shark.

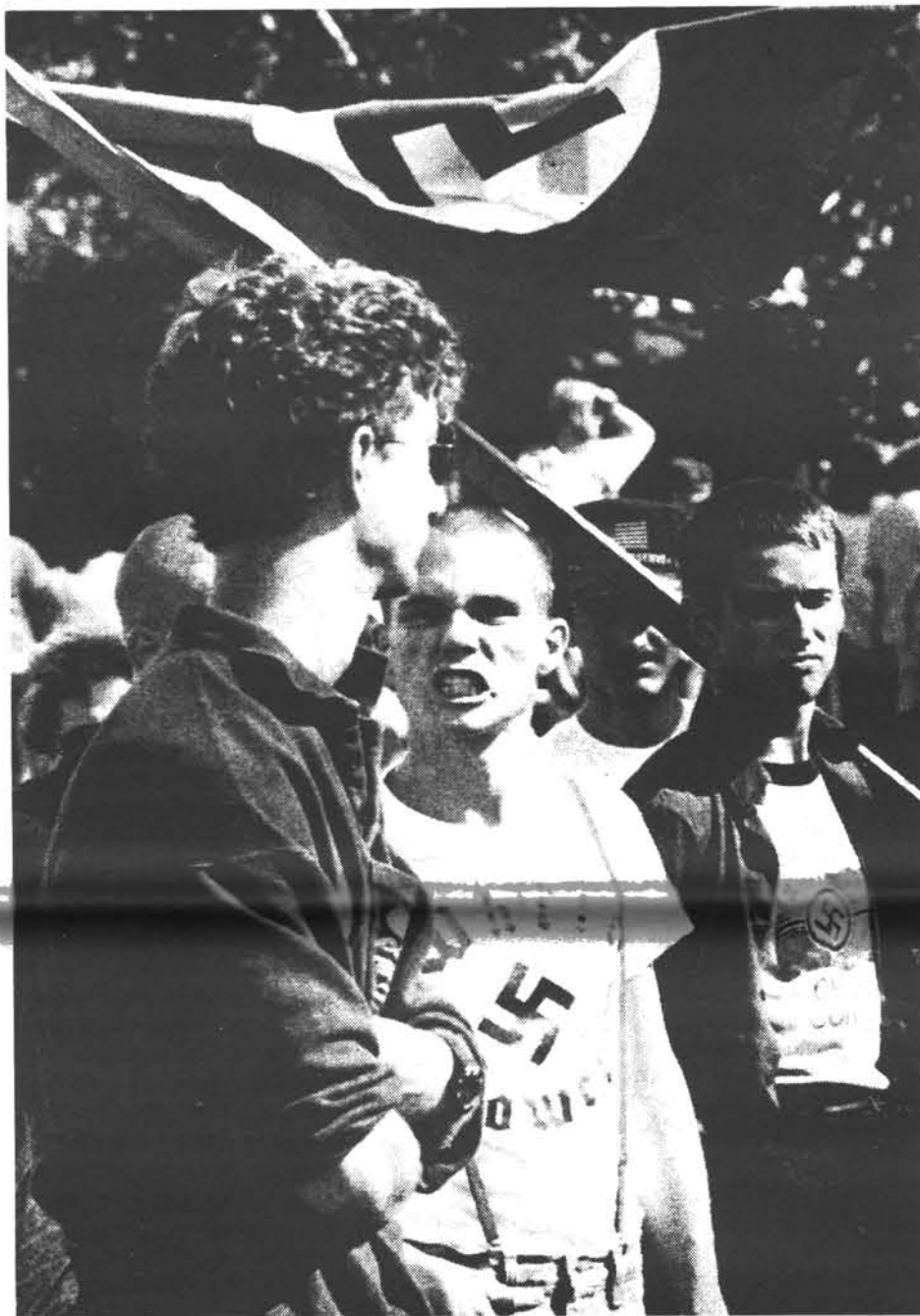
The Nazis project an increasing confidence and strength—evidence of the money and organizing savvy supplied by Metzger's WAR. Appearing the next day on a network TV morning show, *People Are Talking*, Metzger praised the American Front's May Day rally. Skinheads, he said, are "soldiers in a white supremacist race war."

WAR WOOS THE SKINS

WAR and its youth wing, the Aryan Youth Movement (AYM), saw the potential of the racist skinheads. For the skinheads, WAR has much to offer: Nazi ideology and free literature, books on national socialism, a newspaper with a massive computer distribution list, weapons training, cross-burnings, white power ral-

lies and Timothy Grimes." Another recent issue announced "Operation Warlords," which aims to create "a new wave of Predatory Leaders among Aryan Youth... Our enemies understand only one message: that of the knife, the gun and the club."

Skinheads who don't like to read can call one of WAR's telephone "Hate Lines" and hear a tape produced by Metzger. One explains: "[The U.S. government] is a Jewish conspiracy. Once we get the white people's minds right and we get rid of all these white traitors, the Jews will be a weekend operation, baby!" Another requests callers to "Call WAR and tell us everything you know about the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee, where they live, where they eat, where they sleep."



Nazi skin at KKK rally, Chicago, September, 1988

lies and a sense of importance. "Tom Metzger is an influence for any true white American," says Nazi skinhead Dave Lynch, now organizing in Newburgh, New York. "He's an inspiration for me, the top of my list."

While the WAR-AYM goal of a national skinhead confederation remains a way off, Metzger's son, John Metzger, is making steady progress. Three California WAR skin chapters (San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Orange County) work directly with WAR. Heck's American Front also works with Clark Martell's CASH (Chicago Area Skinheads); DASH (Detroit Area Skin Heads); SS Action Group, with chapters in Chicago and Pontiac, Michigan; the Confederate Hammer and Northern Hammer groups from Dallas and Minneapolis; and groups from Cincinnati, Tulsa and Portland. This alliance also includes Nazi gangs from Brooklyn, Philadelphia and New Jersey.

According to an article in the December, 1988 issue of *Rolling Stone*, the AYM newspaper, which pitches to skinheads, features comic-strip depictions of Jews, Black children burned at a stake, a communist teacher and an integrated class being blown to bits by a bomb. The paper salutes the "revolutionary efforts" of the Howard Beach mob "for hunting down and causing the death of Negro Michael Griffith, and for physically beating with baseball bats Negroes Cedric Sandiford

For Nazi hackers there's even a computer bulletin board complete with lists of "race traitors."

For hard-core Nazis and the curious unconverted, Metzger's weekly cable-TV talk show, *Race and Reason*, airs on public access channels in over fifty cities. *Race and Reason* features skinheads regularly. Recent guest Robert Heck, founder of the American Front, reported on the May Day rally and vowed to bring thousands of white supremacists to San Francisco's Civic Center on May Day, 1989.

FÜHRER ON THE AIR

A blustering, sarcastic speaker, Metzger elbows his way onto network talk shows whenever he can. Metzger appeared on Oprah Winfrey's daytime show twice. Son John Metzger, who organizes skinheads but himself sports a Michael J. Fox look, appeared in February on the Winfrey show which featured a panel of racist skinheads; Tom Metzger and WAR organizer Carl Straight were in the audience. So were many anti-racist skinheads and members of JBAKC. Debate was heated. The Metzgers and the Nazi skinheads finally marched off the set, right arms extended in a Nazi salute, when Winfrey ejected Marty Cox. Cox had called a Black woman "a monkey."

"You think because she is black and because I'm black we're monkeys?" Winfrey asked.

"It's a proven fact," Cox replied. Shouting and shoving ensued.

Cox, on federal parole for an assault in California, attended the 1988 Aryan Nation's Congress in Hayden Lake, Idaho and is a frequent guest on Metzger's cable TV show.

In September, Metzger was back on the Oprah Winfrey show, onstage this time, defending Klan access to cable TV. Racist TV is a Metzger innovation. TV appearances—and telephone and computer networks—are an important part of Metzger's plan for white revolution, not only attracting sympathizers but also serving as a national bulletin board, for hit-lists and hate-tracts. (See related story on Metzger)

SLIME SPREADS

The first skinheads were English working class youth reacting to the long hair styles and expensive clothes of '60s "mods."

In the 70s, England's economic crisis fueled the rise of the National Front, infamous for its violence toward African, Asian, and Caribbean immigrants. Attacked for its white supremacist politics by young people in Rock Against Racism concerts, the fascist National Front party sought to turn the tables and recruit skinheads through their own racist hardcore concerts.

This tactic met with a good deal of success; in England "skinhead" became a synonym for "neo-Nazi." Gangs of skinheads roamed London and other cities "bashing" Asians and Blacks and firebombing their homes and shops. The leading skinhead band—in both England and the U.S.—is Skrewdriver, led by Ian Stuart, who has done prison time for racist violence. Among the groups's singles are "White Power," "Nigger, Nigger," and "Prisoner of Peace (Rudolph Hess)."

Bob Heck's American Front is a direct descendant of England's National Front, inheriting characteristics from both British working class fascists and American racists.

A MARRIAGE MADE IN HELL

Racism is as American as skateboards and rock and roll. The U.S. proudly entitles white people to racism. The Supreme Court enshrines racism every time it allows the KKK to march in public. White folks violently "defend" their neighborhoods, their schools, and their jobs from imagined Third World threats. White Americans grow up breathing racism, expecting to go to better schools, live in better houses, get better jobs, eat better food, and even live longer than Black people. White lives are privileged, and they always have been.

Now, for the first time in American history, the system cannot deliver the "American Dream" to all white people. Since 1980, half of all new jobs pay less than \$7,000 a year. While young Black people are looking at almost certain unemployment, young whites are looking at a future that is sharply divided between two classes. The college educated face a highly competitive scramble for professional and technical jobs. Working class white youth can expect little more than a dead-end minimum wage job at Burger King.

Dropouts from family and education, infatuated with violence, racist skins could be wooed by white supremacist ideology and fascist demagoguery.

The Nazi message, thinly veiled as "affirmative action for whites," finds a receptive audience in young white people who grew up under Reaganism. Nazism, promoted as a "revolutionary" alternative

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Know Your Enemy...

By Owen Brown

The TV camera moves in on a benevolent-looking man. In well-modulated tones, he begins; "Welcome. The show is *Race and Reason*, and I am your host, Tom Metzger." Sponsored by the White American Political Association, *Race and Reason* puts the white supremacist movement on the air and in the living rooms of homes throughout the country. Using a talk-show format, the show puts Nazis and the Klan in touch with a potential audience of millions across the country through community access cable TV.

TV is perfect for the Klan's goal of legitimizing racism and finding responsive audiences. *Race and Reason* has a slick, low-key format that avoids the open advocacy of violence and use of racial epithets found in WAR/Klan newspapers and rallies.

As a TV talk-show host, Metzger is getting his message out to the folks he wants to reach in the privacy of their homes, without attracting much attention from potential opposition. Television casts a broad net that draws in new followers and sympathizers without exposing them to public identification. In a period when most fascist groups have turned away from public appearances, Metzger has hit on TV as one of the best ways to maintain a public presence for the white supremacist movement. It is the perfect complement to a level of Klan and Nazi organizing and training that is secret from the public eye.

Besides giving these Nazis a forum and an aura of respectability, Metzger's TV show allows him to project the Nazified Klan nationally. The show is an important vehicle for overcoming the regionalism that plagued the ultraright in the past. It is part of promoting the national consolidation of the Klan and neo-Nazi movements under one united leadership. Metzger at the helm features guests on his show that include the Aryan Nation's Richard Butler, Texas Klan leader Louis Beam, Nazi skinheads and others of fascist persuasion.

TOM METZGER: AN AMERICAN FASCIST

In the decade since he first emerged from the militarized, right-wing suburbs stretching between Los Angeles and San Diego, Tom Metzger has become one of the most dangerous representatives of the new Nazified Ku Klux Klan.

He is a skilled political opportunist, propagandist and organizer. The twists and turns of his career provide a microcosmic view of how the KKK and other violent racists survived the setbacks brought about by the civil rights movement a generation ago, transforming themselves from old style segregationists into the aggressive fascist movement of the 1980s.

In the atmosphere of Reagan's celebra-

tion, the ideological and organizational development of a fascist movement rapidly accelerated. Today, a violent white supremacist movement is as much part of the Reagan legacy as is intervention in Central America, the plight of the homeless, the rising toll of dead from the AIDS epidemic, and of course George Bush. Movies like *Betrayed* and highly publicized convictions of a handful of racist terrorists from the Order convey the impression that the government is stopping this new generation of fascists. Analyzing the operations of men like Metzger reveals a different and far less comforting story.

EVOLUTION OF AN AMERICAN FASCIST

Tom Metzger, now 50 years old, claims to have first developed his "segregationist" ideology while serving in the U.S. Army during the cold war. In 1964, after the as-

ship position. In what would become a bloody thread running throughout his career, he was secretly and simultaneously working to build another organization: the Minutemen. The Minutemen was a clandestine, highly militarized grouping of racists, anti-communists and survivalists which trained, stockpiled weapons and waged armed actions—a full twenty years before the Order received nationwide attention for similar acts in the 1980s. After weathering the progressive era of the '60s in the shelter of the large, legitimate John Birch Society, Metzger was one of many who left this group because he wanted more action than the Birchers provided.

In the early 1970s, he formed the White Brotherhood, the first of many organizations which would carry out his vision of combining mass racist movements with select cadres dedicated to armed terror. In 1974, this group merged with David

also foresaw the potential for the racist movement to broaden its base by adding gray flannel suits to its wardrobe and engaging in electoral politics.

TELEVISION, THE BALLOT AND THE GUN

With Ronald Reagan leading the wave of right-wing populism, Metzger campaigned in California's 43rd Congressional District Democratic Primary. Running a George Wallace-style populist campaign which emphasized the powerlessness of the "little white guy," he received 30,000 votes and won the nomination in one of the country's largest districts.

Although he lost the general election, his widespread support proved the efficacy of the electoral tactic. When the LA Times and San Diego Union canvassed the district, most Metzger voters said they knew who he was and voted for him because he

was a Klansman. After the election the Metzger renamed the California KKK the White American Political Association (WAPA), and Metzger was on his way to becoming a national leader whose views commanded increasing respect. By 1982, Metzger campaigned for the U.S. Senate and received 80,000 votes.

The embrace of electoral politics by members of the KKK and Nazi organizations is a source of confusion for many trying to understand what these racists are up to. Far from being an alternative to violence in building their movement, fascists like Metzger have always viewed working in the "legitimate" political arena as one part of a strategy dedicated to creating an Aryan nation.

Tom Metzger is an important and dangerous leader because he is able to conceive and carry out strategy on several levels at once. While broadening his base through electoral politics, he undertook a project to broaden

the audience of white supremacist and Nazi ideology by creating Ku Klux Klan television shows that would be broadcast around the country. Using legislation which regulates access to cable television, Metzger created a show called *Race and Reason*. Carefully cloaked in First Amendment rights to freedom of speech, *Race and Reason* has grown from a locally produced program to a full blown broadcast of hate, shown in roughly 50 cities every week.

ROBBERIES, BOMBINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS

It would be tempting to think that all this would be more than enough to keep any fascist busy. But the early 1980s saw deadly plans hatched in KKK and Nazi circles across the country. From the Aryan Nations in Idaho to the Texas Klan, from North Carolina to Michigan, the racist movement was growing both in numbers and in its commitment to building a paramilitary vanguard of "Aryan warriors" whose guns would blaze a trail for others to follow. The Order was born, and Tom Metzger was there to help give it direction.

TOM METZGER An American Fascist



sassination of President Kennedy and the rise of the Black Liberation and anti-war movements, he joined with reactionaries of every stripe to support the failed Republican campaign of conservative standard bearer, Barry Goldwater.

With Goldwater's stunning defeat at the polls, the grand conservative coalition underwent a process of division, pitting those committed to remaining inside the Republican party against the more overt racists. Metzger joined the John Birch Society, a rapidly growing nationwide organization which professed the McCarthyite belief that there were "communist infiltrators" in the schools and behind many desks in Washington.

The John Birch Society was the granddaddy of today's New Right groups like the Moral Majority, Eagle Forum and Conservative Political Action Committees. It received millions of dollars in contributions from the very wealthy and thousands of ultra-conservative citizens who opposed not only civil rights but all progressive change.

Metzger stayed within the Birch Society for nearly a decade and rose to a leader-

ship position. In what would become a bloody thread running throughout his career, he was secretly and simultaneously working to build another organization: the Minutemen. The Minutemen was a clandestine, highly militarized grouping of racists, anti-communists and survivalists which trained, stockpiled weapons and waged armed actions—a full twenty years before the Order received nationwide attention for similar acts in the 1980s. After weathering the progressive era of the '60s in the shelter of the large, legitimate John Birch Society, Metzger was one of many who left this group because he wanted more action than the Birchers provided.

In the early 1970s, he formed the White Brotherhood, the first of many organizations which would carry out his vision of combining mass racist movements with select cadres dedicated to armed terror. In 1974, this group merged with David Duke's Knights of the KKK. Duke is a product of the U.S. military and counter-insurgency expert with tours of duty in Southeast Asia, including work with the CIA in Laos. At the time David Duke was the rising star in the emerging new Klan, devoted to renovating the image of the KKK through the skillful use of television talk show appearances and the championing of "white rights in the age of affirmative action."

1979 Metzger pulled out of Duke's Knights of the KKK, and formed the California Knights of the KKK, with himself as Grand Dragon. This organization drew immediate national attention when it organized Klan "border patrols" to prevent undocumented Mexican workers from entering the U.S. Nearby Camp Pendleton became a focus of recruitment efforts, and in a move emulated by others around the country, marines were brought into the organization. Besides organizing the apparatus for violence, Metzger promoted the use of electronics, video and computers to the leadership of the national movement. While playing a central role in the Klan internal security organization, he

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In 1983, Metzger hosted a cross-burning, attended by Aryan Nation's leader Richard Butler and future members of the Order. As Metzger lit the crosses in a Los Angeles suburb, chants of "white victory" rang out. Shortly thereafter, the Order moved into action. The Order robbed banks netting millions of dollars, bombed synagogues and assassinated talk-show host Alan Berg.

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The entire country became aware of the racist underground. While the Federal Government arrested and convicted over a dozen members of this paramilitary organization, its leadership has completely escaped prosecution. One Order member, Bruce Carroll Pierce, told the FBI that Metzger received between \$250,000 and \$300,000 of the millions stolen by the

gang. Pierce later recanted the statement and Metzger has never been prosecuted.

The years following the arrests of the Order were difficult ones for the fascist movement. It had operated in relative obscurity and was now facing government repression and press scrutiny. Throughout this period, and even now, Metzger continued to defend the Order, singing the praises of its fallen "Aryan warriors."

Moving away from electoral campaigns, he created a new organization: WAR, White Aryan Resistance, and intensified the work of spreading his television shows. Metzger and his son, John, also founded the Aryan Youth Movement, known for its work among Nazi skinheads. WAR is the leading edge of the Nazified Klan in the U.S. today, and Metzger is its leader. WAR is a quasi-clandestine organization which publishes a newspaper, runs telephone hate lines, organizes youth and has devoted itself to building a full-blown fascist movement.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE: FASCISM AMERICAN STYLE

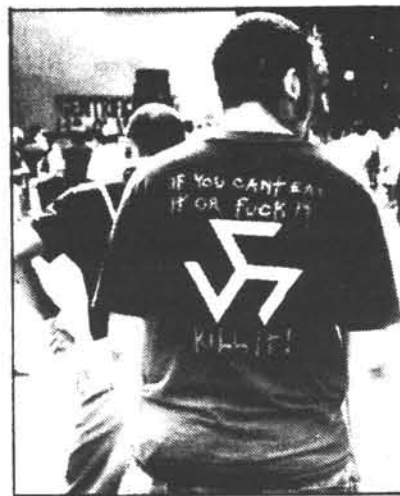
While refraining from parading around in brown shirts and swastikas, this movement has a clear ideology and vision. The Nazified Klan embraces the driving ideas behind Hitler's National Socialism and applies them to the current realities of U.S. life.

Focused on the oppression of white workers, Metzger seeks to build a revolutionary "Pan-Aryan, racial socialist, not just national socialist," struggle. His goal is to unseat the monopoly capitalist fat-cats who are seen as responsible for the crisis this country faces. Profoundly racist and anti-Semitic, Metzger's WAR pitches

to racist white workers and youth who are feeling more insecure about their futures every day.

The old segregationist Klan, threatened by Black people's struggles for human rights, fought to "keep things as they had always been." The traditional Klan, known for its ultra-patriotism, supports U.S. policies down the line.

The new Klan, a product of violent American racism merged with Nazi fascism, brings together the most right-wing reactionary and militant aspects of both



Nazi skin in NYC, just the kind Metzger likes.

the traditional Klan and the neo-Nazi movements.

The Nazis are racist to the core. This brand of White Aryan Nationalism declares that the white race is responsible for all that is good in civilization and that Africans, Latin Americans, Asians and Jews—"mud races"—for all that is bad. To this they add virulent Nazi anti-Semi-

tism, anti-communism, and vicious homophobia.

ZOG (Zionist Occupation Government) uses Black and Third World people to anchor its power and line its pockets. ZOG must be overthrown, so that the Aryan race can regain control and send non-whites, Jews, gays, and communists to the ovens—Hitler's program triumphant. They believe they can do it. We should too. These groups have international connections, guns, computers and a growing mass base.

Fighting for white rights and power is the central focus for renewing the glory both of America and the race. The enemy is sometimes ZOG, sometimes fat cats and cowardly conservatives, but it makes little difference.

Metzger was one of the first to see that the Order needed new "Aryan warriors" if the military wing of the movement was to keep up with the public organizing. The potential of organizing racist skinheads was clear to him. One of Metzger's particular contributions to the process is his ability to learn from fascists the world over. Metzger's great success at organizing Nazi skinheads flows from the lessons of the fascist movement in Britain where skinheads have been the dirty street fighters of the National Front for the last decade.

The paramilitary commandos of the fascist movement appear to be reconsolidating after the tactical defeat of the Order several years ago. We should be clear that all the television appearances, and papers distributed and electoral campaigns only serve to build a movement with both armed and mass based components, whose aim is white power.

Tom Metzger is surely playing a role in reorganizing the clandestine, disciplined fascist armed forces. Whether this terrorist force is primarily skinheads, survivalists, or alienated white workers makes little difference. If we don't oppose them today, their targets will be all oppressed and progressive people tomorrow.

Minneapolis, January 1989

ANTI-RACIST SKINS FORM THE "SYNDICATE"

By Chicago JBAKC

150 anti-racist skinheads, representing organizations in nine cities across the mid-west formed a new organization in a one day meeting, Saturday, January 14, 1989. The organization, named The Syndicate, is a federation with members from Minneapolis/St. Paul (Anti-Racist Action—ARA), Milwaukee (Brew City Skins), Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas (Mid-America Patriots), Chicago (Anti-Racist Action), Indianapolis (Anti-Racist Action) Cincinnati (Skinheads Committed Against Racism—SCAR—and the Anti-Racist League).

By invitation of the Minneapolis/St. Paul ARA Chapter, JBAKC attended the meeting and other events over the weekend.

Representatives from the nine cities gave reports on local conditions and the

sentatives reported that a gang of Nazi skinheads from Atlanta has been traveling through the mid-west checking out the local situation.

Wherever the Bonheads do get a foothold, they destroy the counterculture/youth scene by their violent, racist and disgusting actions.

The meeting revealed two main points of political agreement which have unanimous support: uncompromising anti-racism, and physical confrontation if necessary to defend their scene and beliefs.

We were impressed by the breadth of this grouping, which represented a wide range of world views: anarchism, socialism, Black nationalism, anti-racist patriotism. While there wasn't agreement on these questions, the strong commitment to fighting racism and direct action coupled with an understanding of the



status of their struggles against the Nazi skinheads (now officially called "Boneheads" by a consensus of everyone at the meeting). Several important facts emerged as the local reports were given. In cities where there is a strong, organized anti-racist presence, it has been difficult, if not impossible for the "Boneheads" to get a foothold. Where local conditions were weaker or disorganized the Boneheads are quick to exploit the situation. When the Boneheads were run out of Minneapolis and Chicago they converged on Milwaukee, creating a serious situation for the Brew City Skins.

strength derived from organization and community will provide a strong foundation.

On Sunday there was an anti-racist graffiti paint out in Minneapolis, sponsored by the Black Law Student's Association and the Progressive Student Organization from the University of Minnesota along with the Twin Cities ARA and the Revolutionary Anarchist Bowling League. JBAKC and many others from the conference participated in the paint-out, which was a very appropriate ending to a very important weekend.

JBAKC congratulates the Syndicate for

Indianapolis ANTI-RACIST ACTION

By Chicago JBAKC

The Indianapolis chapter of Anti-Racist Action (ARA), a youth organization that fights racism and Nazi skinheads, held a dance and music benefit for themselves and the local youth music magazine.

One of the groups that played at the benefit was *Words from the Oppressed*. Their piece "Ramblings of Some Twisted Minds" is a popular song in the anti-racist skin scene. Due to limited space we can only reprint part of it below.

Despite threats from Nazi skinheads in Cincinnati and Indianapolis and local Klansmen, the event was a huge success, attended by more than 200 and raising enough money to publish an issue of Zine. Local police arrested four Nazi skins on weapons charges.

JBAKC brought newspapers, pamphlets and anti-Nazi T-shirts and sold everything!

Now the Indianapolis ARA is working on an anti-apartheid event for April.

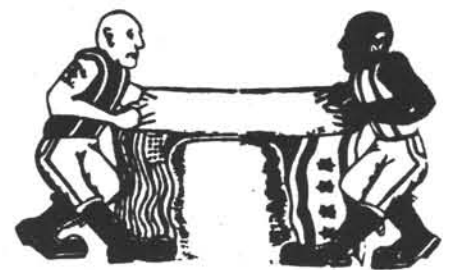
Ramblings of some twisted minds

By Matt & Angi

You think you're such a patriot
You're in the Ku Klux Klan
You say you love your country
so you hate another man.
Just because he's not like you
just because he's free of stupid
racial prejudice hate and bigotry.

What makes you think you're better
when you're marching thru the streets
And if you're so superior
Why hide behind those sheets?
My body's just the same as those
who do those heinous things and
when I hear about their actions the
blood inside me stings.
Hate stares me down at every turn
I've nowhere left to run
it slowly penetrates my thoughts
until the job is done
And then it takes control of me
and screams at all my friends
It makes them want to hate me back
and then nobody win... except hate.

Baldies, ARA & JBAKC Join Forces Against Racist Skins



By Chicago JBAKC

Anti-racist skinheads, punks and leftists joined forces to address the growing danger of racist skinheads and their Nazi/KKK leadership, at a program organized by Chicago JBAKC. Almost 200-strong, the fiery meeting, which drew activists from Indiana and Minnesota, discussed questions facing anti-racists trying to combat the growing racist skinhead problem.

The program featured video footage of the aborted Aryan Woodstock, which went down in defeat when confronted by a thousand anti-racist activists. Speakers included the ARA of Minneapolis, ARA of Chicago, JBAKC San Francisco and JBAKC Chicago.

The lively discussion looked at questions like militancy, building an anti-racist network, sexism and uniting with other anti-racist movements.

ARA-Chicago debuted their new zine, *Colorblind*, which covers political statements, music reviews, a piece on Black Nationalism and more. Organizers thought the evening a successful beginning to consolidating various anti-racist and

Racist Skins Across the Sea

By Alan Huff

When a skinhead in the U.S. dons the characteristic suspenders, "white power" T-shirt, high-laced Doc Marten boots and swastika emblems, he is not



Nazi skinhead sticker

merely copying the dress code of his English role models or even just associating with a sub-culture of gross violence and anti-social behavior. As an aspiring Nazi skin, he is identifying with an international fascist movement with a long history and developed ideology. It is a movement with a plan of action as well, in which youthful skinheads will supply the blood and guts—the foot soldiers and storm troopers in an impending race war.

To better understand the Nazi skinhead movement in this country and the significance of efforts by fascists like Tom Metzger to organize them, it's helpful to take a look across the Atlantic Ocean.

European fascism didn't die with the defeat of Hitler's Nazis in World War II. The fascist and neo-Nazi movements have survived and grown to become a permanent fixture in the political landscape of the non-communist countries of Europe. The radical right organizes around racial supremacy, violent attacks on non-white immigrants and Jews, and opposition to any form of socialism, women's rights or progressive working class activity. Neo-Nazis sometimes function in small, clandestine terrorist squads—such as Italy's Armed Revolutionary Nuclei which was responsible for the 1980 bombing of Bologna's central railway station resulting in 85 dead and over 200 wounded. Others operate as mass, legal political parties which hide their more violent tendencies—like Jean-Marie Le Pen's Front National which has won a number of seats in the French National Assembly and is a strong

system has room only for the "center"—Democrats and Republicans.

The mainstream media and politicians dismiss the left and far right as inconsequential fringe elements to be ignored or laughed off as either idealists or delinquent pranksters unable to pose any real alternative. To help keep the peace, politicians with far right credentials like Dan Quayle are selected to give rightist sectors a voice and hopefully keep them inside the party structures. Politicians fear right wing leaders like Tom Metzger who condemn the U.S. political system and organize white people to oppose it.

European skinheads have been around in some form for at least 20 years. Today the majority identify with, if not belong to, militant fascist organizations. While there are active Nazi skinhead movements in West Germany, France, Sweden, Ireland and elsewhere, the largest one and the one to which fascist skins throughout Europe and the U.S. look for inspiration is in England.

BRITISH BONEHEADS

English skinheads trace their roots to the 1960s when working class youth cut their



Wild in the streets: a National Front rally in London

hair short in response to the long-haired, mostly middle class mod music scene. In the early seventies they favored the Ska and early Reggae brought to the Isles by Jamaican immigrants. Although the skinhead movement has included a number of progressive, multi-racial two-toned skin groups, other skinheads often reflected the racism and anti-immigrant sentiments prevalent in the white working class communities.

In recent years racist skinheads in England have become closely identified with the National Front—that country's main fascist organization which dates back to the 1930s. The growth of the Nazi skin movement in England and its orientation to the National Front was no political accident or cultural coincidence. Groups like the NF have been hard at work over the last ten years developing campaigns aimed at recruiting militant disaffected youth as their thugs and streetfighters. According to *Searchlight*, the British anti-fascist journal:

"The NF saw the huge success of the rock against racism movement of the mid to late 1970s and decided to try and attract young street fighting skins into the NF by offering them gigs that would be heavily racist and anti-Jewish."

The National Front recruited Ian Stuart, lead singer of the racist skinhead band Skrewdriver. In late 1982, according to *Searchlight*, Stuart and the NF formed White Noise Records to publish and distribute Skrewdriver's music. The NF hoped to build a "White Noise Movement" by encouraging similar Nazi bands and sponsoring concerts drawing hundreds of Nazi skinheads from throughout Europe—all part of the NF's strategy for recruiting

supporters and organizing a broad fascist movement. Skins associated with the National Front hosted visits by Nazi skinheads from many other countries, strengthening the international ties between fascist movements.

British bands such as Skrewdriver, Razor Sharp and Skullheads (with their album *White Warrior*) also toured other countries and inspired similar groups in West Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Ireland and Scotland. In true NF fashion, Ian Stuart did not limit himself to writing and performing white supremacist lyrics. Together with other cronies, Stewart formed the National Front's "Instant Response Unit" to defend NF meetings and attack political rivals. Stuart himself has been in and out of prison for racist assaults (as have other members of his band); his arrest last May for participating in an armed assault on a group of gay men forced the cancellation of a long-awaited Skrewdriver tour of the U.S. Although there has been a political split in the NF and Ian Stuart is no longer associated with them, he continues to minister to his fascist fans through the recently-created Blood and Honour Club.

SKINHEADS IN THE U.S.

It should come as no surprise that Skrewdriver is very popular with Nazi skinheads in the U.S.—and even less surprising that those actively distributing White Noise records in this country are Tom Metzger's White Aryan Resistance (WAR) and the Nazi skin SS Action Group working out of Detroit and Chicago. In addition, Metzger plugs other groups including the heavy metal band "Queens Reich."

Nazi skinheads in the U.S. have formed their own bands to popularize fascist culture and ideology. These include "Best Defense" in Pennsylvania, "Youth Defense League" in New York City, "Trodentcore" (members of the SS Action Group) in Minnesota, "Slave State" from Rochester, NY and "Terre Blanche" (White Land named after the leader of a South African fascist group) from Chicago. American Front leader Bob Heick even tried his hand as lead singer of a band called "Storm Troop 5" in San Francisco.

In Britain, the efforts of the National Front and White Noise to merge rebellious youth, racist culture and fascist violence should be warning to us about the many ways a consciously organized and directed Nazi skinhead movement can affect a country's political and social environment. Many of the same Nazi skinheads who pack "Rock Against Communism" concerts in England routinely and viciously attack Jews and immigrants.

The National Front has organized them to participate in marches in Belfast, Northern Ireland in support of continued British colonial control and military occupation of that country. The NF and its skinhead followers play key roles in the

growing violence-oriented soccer clubs which regularly terrorize fans of visiting teams and travel throughout Europe fighting, vandalizing and attacking non-whites. *Searchlight Magazine* reports that Nazi skinheads are gaining influence among

RACISME FASCISME
NATIONALISME
STOP!



Anti-racist skinhead sticker

squatters' groups in London, meeting with some success among anarchist punks and libertarians.

Challenged by these developments, the left and progressive movements in Britain responded to the threat in a direct and forceful manner. National Front marches meet a unified response from leftists, trade unionists, students and community groups who physically stop the Nazis from marching and send them running. But increasingly Nazi skinheads avoid open parades in favor of community infiltration and urban terror.

One important group confronting Nazis is the Anti-Fascist Action. Founded in 1985, the AFA advocated a national anti-fascist front on a broad, non-sectarian basis. Their principles highlight "the need to oppose racism and fascism physically on the streets and ideologically." They also "support the right of ethnic minority groups and groups under threat to defend themselves when under attack." The AFA sees very direct links between fascism and more generalized racism. They raise these issues among young people and other key groups, and support related campaigns against police attacks in non-white communities.

The Nazi skinhead movement in Europe is not a passing fad or a flirtation with fascist fashions. It is organized, vicious, and growing. It draws on the same jingoist patriotism, white supremacy and anti-Semitism that enabled a small band of young thugs led by Adolf Hitler to grow into a movement which began a world war



and launched the Holocaust.

The U.S. is not free of the same racial and ethnic hatred that spawned the Nazi skinheads in Europe. They are flourishing in the fertile compost of America's decaying empire. If we learned nothing else from the experiences of fascism's earlier days, it is that the budding weeds of fascism must not be ignored or merely pushed aside. They will only disappear when pulled out by the roots.



Racist skinhead literary magazine.

force in electoral contests.

The multi-party political environment in many European countries recognizes socialists and communists as legitimate voices in the political spectrum, and also makes room for the far-right to promote its ideology of hate. As a result, it is easier to analyze and seriously respond to the fascist menace in these countries than in the U.S., where the much-touted democratic

NAZI SKINHEADS USA . . .

Compiled by Alan Huff

Clearwater, Florida

Skinhead Dean McKee, 16, was sentenced to life in prison in June for the murder of Isaiah Walker, a Black man whose body was found outside the Tampa Museum.

Washington, D.C.

In what investigators called a senseless weekend rampage against gays and college students last September, a band of five skinheads wielding baseball bats and shouting anti-gay epithets attacked a gay man, fracturing his skull and breaking his shoulder and several ribs. The day before at least three members of the same gang assaulted several students on the campus of Georgetown University and at least one man in Rose Park. Several arrests were made and charges are pending, although the U.S. Attorney's office initially resisted police and others' requests that the youths be prosecuted as adults due to the brutality of their acts. The U.S. Attorney's office has a history of not prosecuting criminals implicated in anti-gay violence.

Thanks to Lou Chibbaro Jr. reporting in "The Washington Blade."

Allentown, PA

Three teenagers were attacked by about 15 skinheads with knives and chains on October 7. Local non-racist skinheads claimed the attackers were from out-of-state. Allentown is an East Coast hub for skinheads of all types who come from New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut to visit a local music club.

Reno, Nevada

On December 10, Anthony Montgomery was shot to death by white supremacist skinheads driving through a Black neighborhood looking for someone to kill. Matthew Faessel, 18, Michael Stringer, 17, and

"White Man, Awake!" and "Smash Communism!" the skins menaced the anti-racist demonstrators, including several elderly women and a group of Jewish veterans of World War II, one of them disabled and in a wheelchair. When several younger demonstrators confronted the neo-Nazis, fists, sticks and signs flew. One member of the anti-Nazi rally was thrown to the ground and later hospitalized with injuries.

Thanks to Michael Novick.

Spokane, WA

On July 30, 24-year-old Billy Wayne Worl and a 17-year-old youth attacked a Black man, Raymond Hill, with a knife in a supermarket parking lot. Originally charged with attempted first-degree murder, first-degree assault and malicious harassment for the racially-motivated assault, Worl, a self-professed Nazi skinhead was convicted in December of attempted second-degree murder and harassment. Worl, previously of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, said he came to the Spokane area a week before the attack, attracted by the Church of Jesus Christ Christian (Aryan Nation) in nearby Hayden Lake, Idaho.

Denver, CO

A synagogue and Jewish school were vandalized on November 10. Swastikas were spray-painted on the doors and on a bulletin board on the front lawn. In foot-high letters, the words "Remember Kristallnacht" were spray-painted across all four doors of the Hebrew Educational Alliance. A few blocks away, another swastika and the words "Jude die!"—Jude is German for Jew—were scrawled on the wall of a kosher delicatessen and grocery. 1988 was the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht (the night of broken glass), a Nazi pogrom in which Storm Troopers murdered hundreds of German Jews and smashed the windows of Jewish homes and businesses.

Angela Stanley, 17, were arrested and charged with the murder. Local police sought to downplay the significance of the attack. They did admit that skinheads attacked a man in a local mall last April and are thought to be responsible for defacing a car with swastikas in March.

Martin and his racist Reich skins style themselves National Socialists. They were confronted in their CHATWORTH stomping grounds by anti-racist skinheads from the "two-tone" groups the Mickey Mouse Club and the West Coast Front. After Martin was arrested, a spray-painting went up ridiculing Martin and featuring a large and menacing figure of Mickey Mouse.



Like several other skinheads arrested in similar cases in southern California, Martin, after pleading guilty, was released from jail and placed on probation.

In SAN DIEGO, where Metzger has direct influence over skinheads, his hateline is answered by WAR skins who opened a new public office in the city to encourage drop-ins for recruiting. In July, San Diego skinhead Mike Mann was convicted, along with two juveniles, of two counts of assault with a deadly

weapon against two Vietnamese people. Mann's two roommates, Frank Tokash and Charles Leek also pled guilty to a similar assault on another couple.

In an attack similar to the Denver commemoration of Hitler's "Kristallnacht", swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans were sprayed on a synagogue in SAN CARLOS, outside of San Diego. Two cars were also vandalized and a nearby house that had a flower bed in the shape of the Star of David on its lawn was also attacked.

Police arrested five skinheads, three girls and two boys, all under sixteen. One of the youths reportedly boasted of their anti-Semitic acts and links to white supremacist groups.

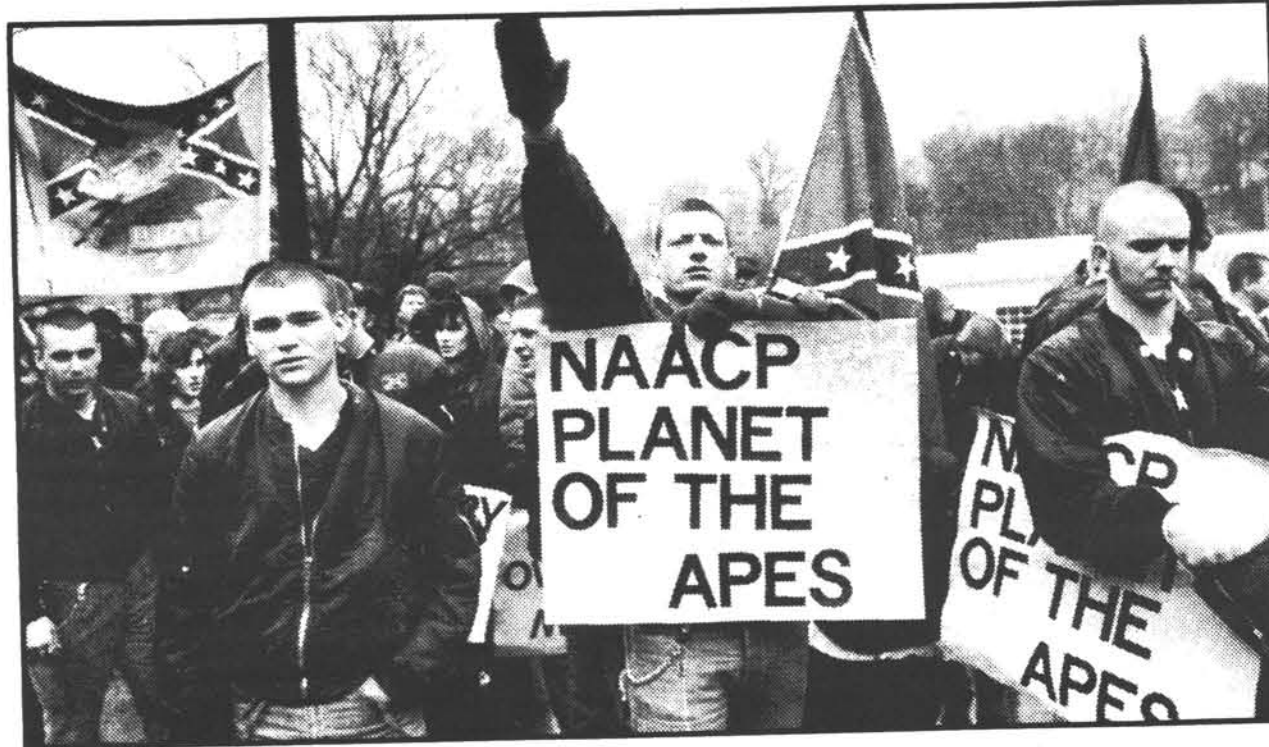
In LAGUNA BEACH, three skinheads were arrested over the summer in the brutal beatings of two gay men in a park. John Moore, Steve Walter and Aaron Cornpean were charged with attempted murder. They are also charged with harassment because of sexual orientation, a civil rights violation, because they went to Laguna Beach with the intention of attacking gays. All were convicted and sentenced to terms of three to seven years.

Harassment of gays in that area and elsewhere around the Los Angeles basin continues, both by skins and other organized anti-gay forces. Shots were fired into a gay-owned business along the Pacific Coast Highway. In WEST HOLLYWOOD, skinheads have been seen emerging from a car driven by a white man in his sixties along Santa Monica Boulevard, to beat gay men or lesbians on the street and then drive off.

Several other groups, such as UAF (United Against Faggots) and AFL (Anti-Fags and Lesbians) have been involved in similar attacks. Also in WEST HOLLYWOOD, City Councilman John Heilman sued three men who he charges assaulted him outside a restaurant in April because he is gay.

A reporter for the L.A. Weekly interviewed a group of "militant heterosexual" men, all Klan and Nazi sympathizers, who boasted of beating up "queers" in LOS ANGELES. Calling themselves the Blue Boys, these non-skinhead racists met playing softball—their trademark is the use of a blue baseball bat in their beatings while wearing "Dodger Blue" outfits.

On November 19, Nazi skinheads attacked a benefit for the anti-nuclear group



Nazis march against Martin Luther King Day, 1989

Davis, CA

In March, skinheads Kenneth James Johnston and Sean Edward Boyd were arrested on charges of beating and kicking two men they suspected of being gay.

Gilroy, CA

In November, 1988 Nazi skinheads passed out leaflets claiming that the AIDS virus was developed by white scientists to kill off gays and third world people. Similar literature, printed by Tom Metzger's W.A.R., was distributed in nearby HOLLISTER last May along with a tabloid written by Aryan Youth Movement

year with baseball bats and pipes in their van on their way to disrupt a King Day civil rights march featuring Martin Luther King III. Metzger reported on his Aryan Update hateline that they are suing the city of Fontana for millions of dollars for false arrest, a tactic he recommends to others.

Metzger also defends Michael Martin, leader of LA's Reich Skins, who was busted along with several juvenile members of his group, for vandalizing schools and synagogues in the SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. Martin was also charged with assault with a deadly weapon after he broke into a Latino student's home and threatened him and his mother with a gun.

California have proclaimed themselves WARskins and openly affiliate or sympathize with Tom Metzger's White Aryan Resistance (WAR) and John Metzger's Aryan Youth Movement/White Student Union. Metzger affiliated skins were arrested in FONTANA last

SANE/Freeze at the Ice Thai restaurant in HOLLYWOOD. The skinheads were apparently targeting the main band "Final Conflict," popular peace punks, whose lyrics stress "peace, love and anarchy." One volunteer and a guitarist for the band "Offspring" were stabbed and another volunteer was beaten when the skinheads rushed the stage. After the skins were finally evicted, they ripped the door off its hinges. Two of them were arrested.

In WESTMINSTER, skinheads have been carrying out a campaign of racist vandalism and graffiti, culminating in a cross burning on July 28 at the home of a former leader of the Orange County NAACP. One suspect, former skin Gary Skillman, was arrested but other skinheads continued the harassment, shouting out racist slogans, spray-painting swastikas, throwing rocks at homes and making telephone and letter death threats to the family of the cross-burning victim. At the time of his arrest Skillman was carrying a poem called "KKK Youth Camp," which urged the killing of Blacks and Jews.

WARskins from the SAN GABRIEL VALLEY came to GLENDALE last fall to support racist J.B. Stoner who was speaking there. One skin, Allen Maza of the West Covina area, swung a heavy, knob-headed cane at a protester, initiating a brawl in which he and several other skins were knocked to the ground and beaten. Two other members of his group were arrested and later released to their parents. Maza eventually got probation. Glendale authorities, who declared the picketing of Stoner's appearance illegal and brought out dogs and a water cannon to convince the crowd to leave the area, indicted four anti-racists including Mike Lee, a public defender and progressive activist who had expressed his outrage at police treatment of demonstrators.

Not all racist violence, which is on a steady upsurge, is coming from skinheads. The county Human Relations Commission has reported a massive increase this last year in race and religion-related hate crimes throughout L.A. against Asians, Blacks, Jews, Muslims and Latinos. Non-skinhead youth have been arrested in a number of incidents of racist vandalism in MONTROSE and GLENDALE.

Finally, racial tension continues to grow at area colleges, particularly UCLA, where a violent confrontation over a student body election, in which the Latino victor was

denied the presidency, resulted in State Senate hearings into racism on the campus.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Nazi skinheads in Atlanta, Georgia got national attention when they joined the KKK at the 1988 Democratic National Convention and faced off with a determined group of anti-Klan protesters.

The Atlanta skinheads are based in Little Five Points a tolerant, harmonious neighborhood which includes numbers of Blacks, gays, lesbians and political activists. The Nazis began causing trouble in 1985 with the vicious beating of a punk club owner who had ejected them for disruptive behavior; his wounds required over 100 stitches. In 1986 racist skinheads attacked a benefit for Nicaragua, overturning literature tables, threatening participants and injuring a man who denounced them from the stage. A group calling itself *Atlantans in Defense of Democracy* (ADD) formed to rally the community against the skinheads harassment.

Skinheads accost pedestrians and demand money. One woman was beaten with a beer bottle and subjected to anti-gay epithets when she refused. Two high school age skinheads were arrested last spring for spray-painting swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans on a Jewish school. Also defaced was the Martin Luther King Jr. peace mural in Little Five Points. Despite these attacks and the ominous appearance last April of posters inviting skinheads to participate in "War Games" in suburban Atlanta, the city police and district attorney continue to treat Nazi skinhead violence as a few isolated incidents.

Thanks to Amanda Bates and Atlanta's "Southern Voice"

Powder Springs, Georgia

Fifty robed Klansmen held a two-hour rally in west Cobb County, burning a cross in full view of a mostly Black congregation gathered at a nearby church on November 13. As Black children stood in the pews and watched the cross burn, Leonard Broadnax, chairman of the board of Macedonia Baptist Church in the suburban

Atlanta county, said, "I'm going to cry for the South. I thought this was a thing of the past."

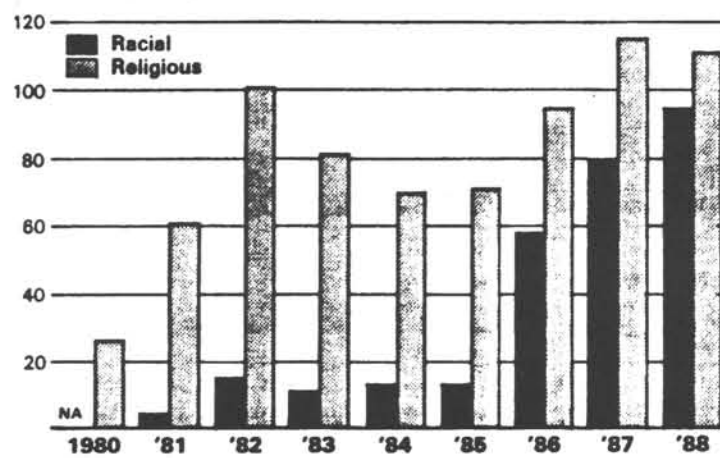
Canada

Hearings were underway in November before the Canadian Human Relations

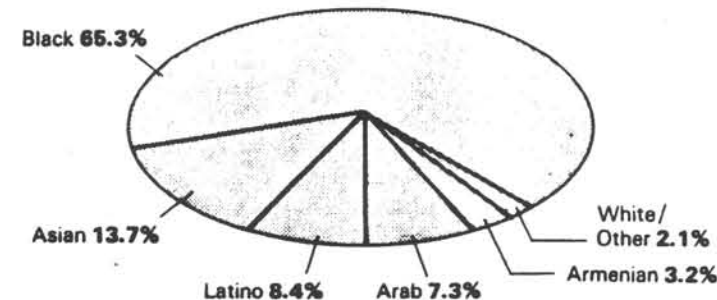
Commission, a quasi-judicial body, over the telephone hate-line of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian Aryan Nations. The Canadian racist group is modeled on the one headed by Richard Butler across the border in Idaho. The telephone messages preach hatred of Jews and non-whites, and condemn Canada's immigration policies as "national suicide." The white supremacist leader involved

HATE CRIMES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Hate crimes are defined as acts directed at an individual, institution or business expressly because of race, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation.



Ethnicity of Victims



Source: Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations

Pulaski, Tennessee

Four hundred members of the Ku Klux Klan and racist skinheads converged on Pulaski, birthplace of the KKK, on January 14 for the fourth annual meeting and march against Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This was the first year that skinheads attended, representing such groups as the National White Resistance in Indianapolis which is closely affiliated with the Indiana Klan. It took over 100 police from surrounding counties to protect the racists from 500 protestors who disrupted the march and rally.

boycotted the hearings, which examined whether the hate messages were illegal under the country's Human Rights Act, which prohibits "spreading hatred."

Lawrence, Kansas

Some 400 University of Kansas students, demonstrated in November to denounce groups that foster racial hatred. "we don't want these groups to have their views legitimized on campus," said Dan May, a rally organizer and member of the Academic Freedom Action Coalition.

David Duke's White Power Family Album: THESE PICTURES ARE WORTH MORE THAN A THOUSAND WORDS



Klan and Nazi leader David Duke, running as a Republican, recently won a seat in the Louisiana State Legislature. Duke says he's not a racist but these pictures tell a different story. Shown here are Duke's wedding picture (left); Duke with Art Jones, vice president of the American Nazi Party, at the March, 1989 meeting of the Populist Party; and Duke wearing a "Keep Forsyth White" button at the 2500-person racist rally in Forsyth, Georgia, 1987.

NAZI SKINHEADS

Many progressive anti-racist people have been too late—after violent atrocities have scarred their communities—in taking racist skinheads seriously.

Two exceptions stand out: anti-racist skinheads, who trace their movement and philosophy to England's two-tone skinheads (integrated, working class progressives of the early 1970s); and JBAKC members and friends, especially in Chicago and San Francisco, who have confronted the growing Nazi skinhead phenomenon since the early 1980s.

Now, with the media's attention on racist skinheads countrywide, a diverse set of groups have swung into action to oppose the humpty-dumpty Hitlers. Most active are the sectors of the community that the racist skins attack; it's not a short list.

BLACK OUTRAGE

Most racist skinheads support Tom Metzger's program—a white state and white nation via fascist revolution and genocide. Murder and assault of Blacks are glorified in white power propaganda and esteemed in practice. The Black communities' outrage at skinhead atrocities—such as the slaying of 27-year-old Mulugeta Seraw by baseball-bat-wielding members of Portland's East Side White Pride—made racist skinheads a public issue. In Portland, demonstrations swiftly followed the murder of Seraw.

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WHITES ANGERED TOO

Anti-racist whites have responded with anger and activism. Hundreds rallied in San Jose to protest racist skinhead harassment of a 47-year-old Black woman. When Nazi skins gathered on Whidbey Island, near Seattle, to commemorate the shoot-out death of arch-racist Robert Matthews, leader of the Nazi paramilitary gang, the Order, more than 300 anti-racist activists met them.

A large portion of white anti-racists come from the punk scene, which, though often identified with skinheads by outsiders, is the most frequent target of skinhead violence and skinhead recruiting. A 19-year-old anti-racist skinhead in Santa Fe comments, "the hardcore/punk scene is totally against what these jerks are about." Punk rockers have been drawn into the fray because they are the target of random street attacks and brawls and assaults at punk shows and skins wreck nightclubs and vandalize punk-oriented businesses.

A Los Angeles punk laments, "The punk scene here in L.A. is pretty much dead, thanks to the racist skins" and a Tennessee reports, "White power skins are taking over Memphis hardcore shows . . . They're destroying the scene." Punk bands in Portland and Dallas refuse to play their hometown night spots, complaining that club-owners have done nothing to stop

Nazi skinhead violence and intimidation. A Portlander reports, "At the last punk show . . . all the local skinheads were packing guns." Punks in Houston observed that "lately, at a few hardcore and speedmetal shows, clubs used racist skins as bouncers."

BANDS, FANS & ZINES OPPOSE NAZIS

At the Gilman Street Project, a now-defunct punk club in Berkeley—patrons supported the security team in ejecting anyone who breaks anti-racism, anti-violence rules. Other punk scenes have reacted to skinhead violence with mass action. In San Jose, hundreds of punks staged an anti-racist memorial concert for Scott Vollmer, a young white man killed by a skinhead when he defended a Black friend at a party. Many punks are banding together in small groups to defend themselves and their scene from racist violence. Some groups are friends who agree to travel together for self-protection; other publicize anti-racism with stickers and flyers reflecting a growing awareness among punks of the hardening Nazi politics of the skinheads.

Rock Against Racism shows in larger cities, and rock lyrics and performances by the Dead Kennedys, MDC, the Beatnigs, D.O.A., and dozens of other punk bands have attempted to rally young people to anti-racist action. While racist skins were rallying in San Francisco on May 1, New Yorkers were gathered at a *Rock Against Racism* show in Central Park.

Organized action and Nazi-haters acting alone—printing anti-racist stickers in San Diego; spray painting anti-racist slogans in San Antonio; harassing Nazi skinheads in New Jersey; distributing anti-racist flyers in Quebec—show that a grassroots base of young anti-fascists has survived Reaganism.

"Zines"—Local newsletters of punk rock and anti-racist skinhead news, gossip, politics and interviews—keep their communities informed of racist activities and anti-Nazi organizing. JBAKC has received zines with news of racist skinhead activity from Las Vegas; Salt Lake City; Norwalk, CT; San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Houston TX; Tulsa, OK; Torrance, Canoga Park, Daly City, and Los Angeles, CA; Rock Hill, SC; Chicago, IL; Macedon, NY; Germany, New Zealand and Greece. These zines also print anti-Nazi information, interviews and other anti-racist articles.

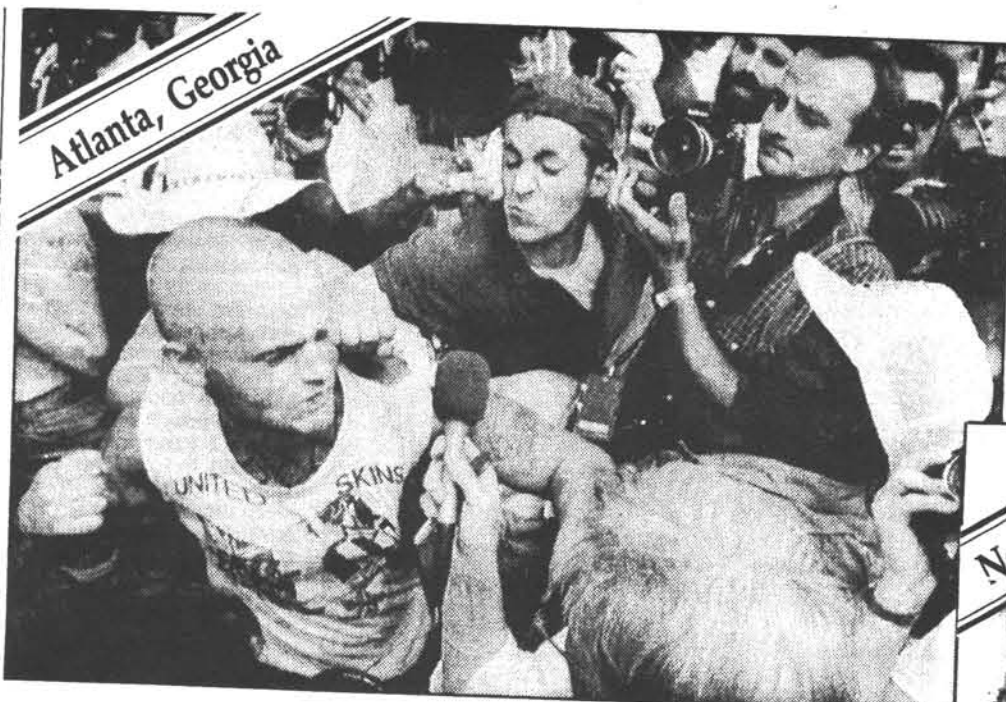
ANTI-RACIST SKINS ORGANIZE

The racist trend has polarized skinhead subculture. Initially outnumbered and out-organized, Black skinheads, Jewish skinheads, gay and anti-racist white skinheads began forming their own anti-Nazi organizations in 1986. These groups often won wide support and in some cities have the Nazis on the run.

The Baldies have virtually sent racist skinheads packing from the Minneapolis area. By April, 1989 the Baldies had grown from 14 to more than 40 members. "To consolidate their victory," a Minneapolis baldy writes, "a group now known as ARA (Anti-Racist Action) has been started. It now includes Punks, B-Boys, Two-Tone skins, Ska, and all youth. The goal of ARA is mostly education, but as the name implies, ACTION will be taken if need be." For a copy of the ARA newsletter, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to ARA, PO Box 7471, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Another Minneapolis group affiliated with ARA is the Anarchist Youth Federation; contact AYF at PO Box 8585, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

In Chicago, SCAR, *Skinheads Committed Against Racism*, joined forces with Minneapolis-based ARA and formed a Chicago-ARA to combat the notorious *Chicago Area Skinheads* (CASH).



GET OUT!



York, NY

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ARYAN WHITESTOCK FIZZLES IN RAIN

Tom Metzger's "Aryan Woodstock" fizzled in the rain March 4, 1989 as 1,000 angry anti-racist demonstrators surged up a Napa County, California, highway to confront less than 100 Nazi skinheads attracted by a concert that never took place.

Demonstrators arrived in carpools from San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Vacaville, Vallejo, Napa and at least ten other Northern California cities.

The California Highway Patrol was forced to close Highway 12 to accommodate the spirited anti-racist crowd. Demonstrators marched two miles to the rolling land where the Nazi skinheads gathered. Over 450 highway patrol and police officers and sheriff's deputies lined the highway during the march.

Despite the persistent rain, the protesters were high-spirited and vocal. Chanting "No Nazis, No KKK, No Fascist USA!" and "Nazi skinheads are pinheads," the crowd was a mix of local suburbanites from Napa, Sonoma, and Solano Counties, political activists, anti-racist punks and skinheads, community groups, yuppies, high school and college students. A large lesbian and gay contingent chanted, "We're here, we're queer, we're not tasting wine!" Napa County is part of Northern California's famed wine country.

At the rally site, a dozen racists taunted the demonstrators with Hitler salutes and verbal abuse, from the top of a hill, 100 yards from the highway, behind a fence and a line of riot police. Police stopped one Black demonstrator who broke through the fence and began climbing the hill. They were going to arrest him but the fiery crowd demanded his release and the police relented.

The highly-publicized police presence was unable, however, to prevent the angry marchers from attacking Modesto Klan leader Bill Albers who led ten of his

up the highway into a confrontation with the demonstrators returning to their cars from the rally site. Protestors chanted "Blood on your hands, mud on your face," as the Klansmen were pushed, struck with fists, and pelted with mud before police ranks closed around them and ushered them into a sheriff's van. Demonstrators also taunted and threw mud at several Nazi skinheads who arrived late and attempted to walk past the demonstration to get to the Aryan rally.

Metzger, leader of White Aryan Resistance (WAR), and American Front leader Bob Heick had been dogged by opposition since early February when JBAKC exposed their plans for a two-day Nazi skinhead rally on private land in Napa. Previously, a racist skin rally planned for a public site in Rocklin, California, was thwarted when anti-racist protestors forced the Rocklin City Council to demand a \$4,500 security bond from the Nazis. The American Front didn't pay and the Rocklin rally didn't happen. Since the Rocklin defeat, the American Front was searching for a private site for the white power gathering. Billed as Aryan Woodstock, the Napa Nazi fest promised five white power skinhead bands from

Boot Boys, HammerHead, New Glory, and Haken Kreuz in an "all day, all night music frenzy," according to WAR publicity.

JBAKC's call for a counter-demonstration won immediate support from a broad range of political and community groups in the Bay Area. On February 28, over 150 Napa County residents, angry and frightened by the Nazis' plan, attended the Napa Board of Supervisors meeting to demand that Aryan Woodstock be stopped. The local district attorney sought an injunction against the gathering, citing the failure of the organizers to obtain a permit for a large gathering and music festival.

At the same time 35 protestors picketed the office of Dr. Howard Lonsdale, who had rented his 70-acre farm to the American Front, claiming he thought they were an environmental group. Lonsdale soon made his sympathies clear and refused to spurn the Nazis.

Nationwide media attention focused on the event. Several Northern California talk shows invited protest organizers to appear. Newspaper columns and editorials commented extensively on the issues. Metzger, Heick, and JBAKC members were interviewed repeatedly.

Organizers of the protest in both Napa and the Bay Area, consistently called for a militant non-violent and safe demonstration, but some media joined with police of

violence on the part of the anti-racist demonstrators. This disinformation campaign was orchestrated by the local police and California Highway Patrol working with the U.S. Justice Department, which was called in to advise the local police agencies. Every night for a week before the anti-Nazi demonstration local TV news stations showed archived footage of violent and bloody confrontations between Klansmen, Nazis and demonstrators.

Fortunately the work that JBAKC has been doing on the issue of racist skinheads for the last two years helped focus awareness on the real threat, the threat of Nazi organizing and violence. Demonstrators were scared but not deterred.

Two days before the event, the Nazis were handed a partial defeat when a Napa judge ruled they could gather but not play music. While the judge's decision was half-hearted and cowardly, it underscored that the real nature of the Aryan Woodstock was to have a white power rally—with or without music.

Heavily armed guards turned all media away from the entrance to the Nazi rally, but one media report from inside the racist gathering indicated that the rain and the lack of music, food and facilities for the skinheads made it a dismal affair. The demonstration against them proved to be the only point of interest for the Nazis.



Portland, Oregon NAZI SKINHEADS KILL ETHIOPIAN MAN

By Alan Huff

The true nature of racist skinheads became clearer to millions with the vicious, unprovoked killing of an Ethiopian immigrant in Portland, Oregon, on November 13, 1988. Twenty-seven-year-old Mulugeta Seraw was talking with friends outside his home in the day's early hours when three men with the familiar uniform of shaved heads, military jackets and heavy boots jumped out of a car and beat Seraw and two of his friends with clubs. One of the surviving men described how two skinhead women stayed inside the car during the attack shouting, "Let's kill him. Kick him." And the kicks to the head and blows from a baseball bat led to Seraw's death several hours later. About a week later, two men were arrested and charged with the murder—Kenneth Mieske, 23 and Kyle Brewster, 19. Their companion, Steven Strasser, 20 was charged with as-

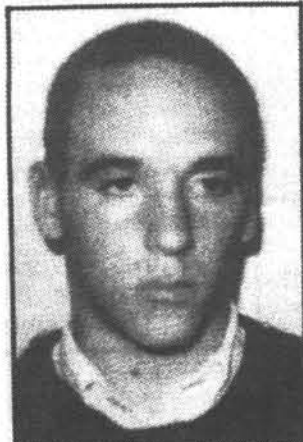
third racially-motivated murder in this country associated with skinheads. The others were a Black man in Tampa, Florida, in December, 1987, and a young

was merely drunk and trying to impress his 15-year-old girlfriend when he spraypainted swastikas on the Redwood City synagogue a year ago. Mazzella, 19,

our Youth. Our enemies understand only one message: that of the knife, the gun and the club." All this considered, the authorities in Portland would have a hard time labelling Seraw's murder an "isolated incident" as has happened with so many racist assaults across the country. With the emergence of skinhead groups like Youth of Hitler, POWAR (Preservation of the White American Race) and East Side White Pride in 1986, many assaults, racist and anti-gay harassment and beatings by skinheads have been logged in the Portland region.

By the time Mazzella and Barrett arrived in late September, 1988, skinhead-related incidents were reported to the police at a rate of about one every ten days, with an increase in racist graffiti and hate literature as well.

Following Seraw's murder and the arrest of the Nazi skinheads, Portland has witnessed a dramatic increase in skinhead



BREWSTER



MIESKE



STRASSER

Dave Mazzella: leader AYM (photo credit Brian Smales)



white man in Santa Clara, California in February of last year. A fourth murder—a drive-by shooting of a Black man—occurred in Reno on December 10, 1988. Behind the headlines lies a more insidious story.

Michael Barrett and Dave Mazzella were living with

was also wanted on charges of assault and disturbing the peace in Salinas. Mazzella is more than just a rowdy delinquent, however. He is the vice president of the Aryan Youth Movement, the youth branch of Tom Metzger's White Aryan Resistance headed by his son, John Metzger. Mazzella wasn't in Portland just laying low and ducking his California warrants but, rather, he and Barrett were in Portland agitating, organizing and recruiting for the AYM with the Metzger's white supremacist and fascist line and propaganda. It was Mazzella's appearance on a local television show justifying the murder of

Mulugeta Seraw by his fellow skins that drew the attention of Portland police to his presence. As one police detective put it, "Apparently, since Mazzella came up here from California, he has been pushing for the skinheads up here to take a more aggressive stance."

AYM's methods of organizing can be seen from one of their flyers that calls for "sporadic incidents on school campuses and neighborhoods across America aimed at rebuilding the hunter-killer instincts in

sault. All three are members of East Side White Pride, reportedly the largest skinhead group in the state—a group known for wearing military fatigues with American flag patches and for having ties to Tom Metzger, leader of the neo-Nazi White Aryan Resistance. Mieske—who calls himself "Ken Death"—and Brewster were also charged with an incident that occurred a month earlier when they allegedly beat a Black security guard who was trying to evict them from a downtown supermarket.

Portland skinheads, are blamed for many assaults and acts of vandalism since 1986. In September the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment identified Oregon as a "hotbed" of racist skinhead activity.

This tragic murder of a man who was killed only because he was Black, was the

Brewster and Mieske at the time of Seraw's murder. Twenty-year-old Barrett, a member of the White Aryan Resistance Skins and the KKK who appeared on the Morton Downey and Oprah Winfrey shows, was wanted by authorities for defacing a synagogue. He is now back in California serving a five month sentence for that crime, despite his excuses that he



John Metzger: President AYM (photo credit Brian Smales)



Nazi flyer distributed by ESWP in Portland

violence. In the six weeks following the killing, racist skinheads have been implicated in over 13 assaults and robberies and two new Nazi skinhead groups, the "Jokers" and the "Wolves" have emerged. The jail housing Mieske and Brewster has been flooded with visitors, including national leaders of the white supremacist movement who praise the three Nazis and encourage Portland skinheads to support the "prisoners of war."

Besides the home-grown racists, Portland police are reportedly on the lookout for twenty-year-old Kelly McNeil, a past leader of the Hammer Skins of Oklahoma City, who was last seen at a white supremacist gathering on Whidbey Island, near Seattle, in December, 1988. Nazi-watchers believed McNeil moved to Portland to set up a new group.



Atlanta, Georgia

Too Black, Too Strong!

By Judy & Judy; Atlanta, GA

Chanting "too Black, too strong," hundreds of young Black people set the tone for thousands of anti-Klan demonstrators whose January 21, 1989 rally electrified Atlanta and made international news all the way to Zimbabwe.

Outraged that the KKK was granted a permit to defile the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, in King's own home city, a protest coalition called the Ad Hoc Coalition Against the Klan and Nazi Skinheads formed. Broad-based and militant, this grouping included activists from the white left, the gay and lesbian communities, the New Afrikan Peoples Organization and unaffiliated activists of all ages.

On January 21, demonstrators poured into the downtown area. Whole sections of downtown Atlanta were closed by police, bus lines were re-routed and subway stations closed. From every direction, roving groups of chanting anti-Klan protestors sought each other near the State Capitol, where the Klan gathered.

Mississippi Klan leader, Richard Barrett, led the march. Months earlier the KKK had sought and received a permit to rally (at the Democratic Convention in Atlanta, last July). Atlanta and Democratic Party officials feared counter-demonstrations and revoked the July permit at the last minute. This time the city administration promised to keep counter-demonstrators away from the KKK. To make good its promise, Atlanta officials brought in more than 2,000 police and national guard to protect eight members of the KKK. State troopers and national guardsmen stood shoulder to shoulder. The cops were on foot, on horseback and in cars.

Protesters pressed against the police barricades as this extraordinary show of police power escorted the racists down the street. The Klan banner read "No King Over Us." Demonstrators chanted, "No War! No KKK! No Fascist USA!", "Ku Klux Klan, scum of the land," and the obvious and appropriate, "Cops and the Klan work hand in hand."

As the Klan and police turned the first corner, hundreds of young Black people turned from the barricades and ran, full tilt, after the racists. Jumping a wall, the young people were able to short-cut the march route, getting close enough to throw rocks and bottles at the march Klan. Other protesters, inspired by their courage and militancy, followed suit.

Demonstrators ran toward the convention center, where the KKK planned to rally. The Klansmen gave up on their rally and fled, leaving the streets filled with police and demonstrators. There were

several clashes between protestors and police.

*"Too black, too strong,
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originally,
is Malcolm X."*



seeing such an elaborate plan to protect nazi skinheads and the KKK, they were infuriated. We didn't realize just how elaborate it was until that day. It was very encouraging to see people trying to get there by whatever means or creative ways they could. 300 students came from Morehouse College and 200 women from Spellman College, high school students participated, and that shows an emerging

this will be our best hope to destroy the drug infiltration and captivity of our community.

We always go back to the example of Malcolm X—his belief in a movement, in his dedication to some type of resistance, and his hope we were going to have an independent Black nation—got him out of this drug culture. We see this is the hope when we see youth oriented artists like

consciousness among young Black people. With all the repression that we've suffered, all the right-wing reaction, we see a consciousness emerging among our youth. To me, that's the central point of the day.

JBAKC: Are young Black people politically conscious today as they were in the '60s? How does that express itself?

AK: Drugs are embedded in our community. At the same time, even the youth who sell the drugs, have a consciousness of who provides the drugs. They understand the impact of drugs on the community. They can't name names, they don't recognize it's the CIA, but they recognize it's an external force and it's the power structure in this country that's somehow connected with it.

Any young Black person, particularly a young man, who lives in a project or low income community or working class community, is a potential drug pusher in the eyes of police. This creates anger and these young people experience racism on that level. Even though the drugs are embedded in our community, at the same time there's a rebelliousness, or spirit of resistance developing among our youth and

Public Enemy or Boogiedown Productions who attack the drug culture and at the same time talk about being Black and being proud, or fighting for a better society. This has some influence.

There was one incident in particular where some Klan supporters, who weren't with the Klan rally, came up with confederate flags and they were surrounded by the young people. The police had to come and rescue them and the youth were chanting "Too black, too strong!" They did that at several points in the rally. That comes from one of Public Enemy's raps. That's where the youth heard it, but where it comes from originally, is Malcolm X. Young people are beginning to attack the decadent, individualistic forms of the drug culture among our youth. You see all the guys that want to be drug pushers, or are drug pushers wearing these \$500 gold chains. More and more young people are wearing medallions made with leather with Africa on them, or Malcolm's picture, or something red, black and green. That's an effort to counter a negative part of the culture with something positive.

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Other groups are forming in many towns and cities. In December, an Indianapolis chapter of ARA was formed. A group of two dozen anti-racist skins in Hammond, Indiana, near Chicago, has been active for more than a year. SHARP (Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice) has chapters in Los Angeles, San Diego, Washington, D.C. and New York.

East coast anti-racist organizing is taking off, too. New York skinheads report that Nazi activity is "gaining momentum, but very slowly, for us anti-Nazi skins chop them down on sight." Recently the Anti-Fascist Skinhead League was formed in New York, affiliated with SHARP, Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice, a very successful New Jersey-based group. In upstate NY anti-racist skins formed RUSH (Racial Unity Skinheads).

In Southern California a SHARP group has virtually chased the Reich Skins from the San Fernando Valley.

Other anti-racist skinhead groups in-

New Breed in North Carolina, and Young Urban Knights who have challenged the well-organized Confederate Hammer Skins in the Dallas area.

We've had reports of anti-racist Las Vegas skins confronting racist skins, of skinheads marching in an Anti-Klan march in Philadelphia on November 5, 1988 and of many small groups of two-tone and anti-racist white skins standing up to white power groups. A skinhead from Santa Fe reports, "I've always taken action against the Nazis... by handing out anti-Nazi, anti-racist flyers at punk shows and by gluing up these flyers around town."

JBAKC vs. RACIST SKINS

JBAKC began confronting racist skinheads in Chicago in 1986 when they physically attacked our second Stamp Out Racist Graffiti action—a march of activists armed with whitewash and spray paint to replace racist graffiti and swastikas with anti-racist slogans.

As JBAKC's offensive against racist skins has grown, Stamp Out Racist Graffiti

has become a regular action of the San Francisco chapter, aided and abetted by friends from the women's, gay, lesbian and anti-intervention movements. We stamped out racist graffiti in downtown San Francisco, the Haight Street area and recently ventured into Buena Vista Park (racist skinhead turf) to reclaim a public bench that had been covered with white power slogans and symbols. ARA in Minneapolis regularly stamps out racist graffiti in their town and we hear that many individuals take care of business themselves in other areas.

Our advertisements in progressive zines drew more than 1000 letters from dozens of cities requesting our Just Say No to Nazis kits and offering detailed information on skinhead violence and racist organizing. Hundreds of letters and dozens of calls to our telephone hotline show young people's alarm at the racist skinhead phenomenon—and their willingness to fight it.

In December, 1988, JBAKC exposed an

to be held in secret in Rocklin, California, on January 14, 1989 had to be cancelled after JBAKC blew the whistle on it and called for a massive counter-demonstration.

Anti-racists all over the Bay Area campaigned to stop the rally by phoning the mayor of Rocklin and making our protest known. One gay activist told the mayor, "You know the hundreds of people that went to Washington to demonstrate against the FDA? That'll be small potatoes compared to what we'll do in Rocklin if the Nazis are allowed to rally."

In early January the American Front withdrew its application to rally in Rocklin. Their "Aryan Update Hotline" claimed the rally was postponed in order to find larger quarters.

We say congratulations to all the anti-racist activists who helped stop this Nazi recruiting rally!

ANTI-RACIST RESOURCE LIST

There are quite a few anti-racist skinhead and punk groups around the country. JBAKC is in touch with the groups on this list. There are probably others that we know nothing about. If you know of a group that should be on this list, please drop us a line.

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People Against Racist Terror
PO Box 10488
Burbank, CA 91510
Anti-Klan Hotline (213) 281-7928

SHARP

Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice
PO Box 56956
Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

SHARP

634 La Luna
Ojai, CA 93023

SHARP (DC Chapter)

7000 OakRidge Road
Falls Church, VA 22042

MAD SKINS

649 East 223rd St. #712
Carson, CA 90745

MAD SKINS

PO Box 727, Tujunga, CA 91042

PUSH

Phoenix United Skinheads
3519 N. Apache Way
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

RUSH

Racial Unity Skinheads
3519 N. Apache Way
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

YUK

Young Urban Knights
3820 Cambridge Cir. East
Bedford, TX 76021

YUK -Arlington

2010 Arborcrest Dr.
Arlington, TX 76012

Anarchist Youth Federation

PO Box 8585
Minneapolis, MN 55408

ARA - Minneapolis

Anti-Racist Action
PO Box 87471
Minneapolis, MN 55408

ARA - Chicago

PO Box 11211
Chicago, IL 60611-0211

BA-ARA

Bay Area Anti-Racist Action
PO Box 3501
Oakland, CA 94609

ARMY

Anti-Racist Movement for Youth
PO Box 12064
Silver Spring, MD 20908

SCAR

Skinheads Committed Against Racism
PO Box 448, Kendall Square
Cambridge, MA 02142

MAXIMUM ROCK'N'ROLL

PO Box 288
Berkeley, CA 94701

ASL Anti-Skin liga

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2800 Bremen 21, WEST GERMANY

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to the "liberalism" that threatens white privilege, looks attractive to those already alienated, racist, and prone to violence. Looking around the world of racism, the white supremacists saw the skins—outcast, leaderless—sticking out like a sore thumb. Dropouts from family and education, infatuated with violence, racist skins could be wooed by white supremacist ideology and fascist demagoguery.

WAR embraced the skinheads, and the skinheads responded. Metzger appointed his son John head of the AYM with the principal task of bringing the skinheads home to dad. It was a marriage made in hell.

Race and Reason. "There's a new white man in town {skinheads} and the n—s better tiptoe. I trained in Vietnam and they don't call me the Bone Crusher for nothing."

Baseball bats are a favorite skinhead weapon. In Portland, Oregon, five Nazi skinheads beat a 27-year-old Ethiopian man to death with baseball bats on the night of November 14, 1988. Dave Mazella of WAR/AYM and Mike Barret of Southern California's WAR Skins were in Portland at the time recruiting for WAR/AYM.

OLD BATTLES, NEW KLAN

Why has the old KKK, a bastion of red-neck patriotism and straight-laced Americanism, embraced the wild and crazy skinheads?

Aryan Nations; and Louis Beam, weapons expert and leader of the Texas Ku Klux Klan.

These leaders, particularly Metzger, realized that significant gains could be made by organizing among sectors or young people who were already racist, violent, and reactionary in their political outlook.

"If you're going to do anything, you need to have somebody with you who's going to stand their ground, and most conservatives won't," says Metzger. "The skinheads have already got the main thing, and that's guts."

Metzger on young recruits: "We got to get these young people, and we're getting them in the urban areas... They're coming out of the schools and they're not getting those jobs and they're mad as hell."

Metzger on international white supremacy: "We are Pan-Aryanists. We go

Protestors
cornered Bill
Albers of the
Modesto, CA
KKK.



RIISING TIDE OF RACISM AND VIOLENCE

Disaffection, violence and white supremacist ideology are a deadly combination. In the past several years, acts of Nazi skinhead racism, anti-Semitism and violence have increased all around the country.

In Chicago the racist street gang Roman-tic Violence joined with Nazi skinheads and formed CASH, Chicago Area Skin Heads, led by Clark Martell.

Martell is now in jail, after breaking into the home of his former girlfriend—who was leaving the gang—spraying her face with Mace, pistol whipping her and painting a swastika on the wall with her blood. "I'm a violent person," says Martell. "I love the white race, and if you love something you're the most vicious person on earth." Southern California, San Diego and Los Angeles are home to the Reich Skins, War Skins, and others who work closely with WAR and AYM.

Northern California saw a rapid increase in racist violence and skinhead organizing during 1987/88, starting in San Jose, spreading to San Anselmo, Fremont, San Francisco, and finally making headlines when former AYM leader Greg Withrow was crucified by Nazi-skinheads in Sacramento.

San Jose made news again in March, 1988, when Scott Vollmer, a white 22-year-old rock musician was stabbed to death by Nazi-skins while trying to avert a racial attack on a Black friend. Vollmer's attacker pleaded guilty to a lesser offense after the judge ruled that race was not an issue because the victim was white, and got sentenced to 4 years.

Mike, a Jewish skinhead in San Diego told JBAKC that his group of sixteen anti-racist skinheads have been involved in many battles with an estimated 150 skinheads under Metzger's leadership. Nazi skins broke Mike's arm with a baseball bat. He believes the Nazi skins are being trained in knife-fighting from Carl

The old Klan suffered setbacks in the Civil Rights era, when Klan terrorism met Black militancy. The Klan lost members and political power.

In the early 1980s several key leaders of this weakened Ku Klux Klan joined forces with the growing neo-Nazi movement to build a high-powered, multi-level white terror formation. The new Klan, a product of violent American racism merged with Nazi fascism, brings together the most right-wing, reactionary and militant aspects of both the traditional Klan and the neo-Nazi movement.

A year from now Nazi skinheads may be old news, but the white supremacist movement, its thugs, strategy and its leaders will still be active.

According to the neo-Nazis, Jewish bankers who secretly control the U.S. government cause the problems in this society. They call this imagined conspiracy the Zionist Occupation Government—ZOG. The Nazis claim that ZOG uses Black and Third World people to anchor its power and line its pockets. ZOG must be overthrown, so that the Aryan race can regain control and send non-whites, Jews, gays, and communists to the ovens—Hitler's program triumphant.

Metzger and other leaders saw the potential of uniting the old Klan and the new Nazis—uniting the good ol' boys wrapped in the Confederate flag with the military fanatics with swastikas dangling from their shirts.

Among the top leaders in this Nazified Wan are Metzger; Richard Butler, a long-time Nazi and founder of the Idaho-based

far beyond the United States, wherever Aryan man is at—Australia, Europe, Canada, South Africa. What are national borders to Aryans? They talk about National Socialism, I think a better word is Racial Socialism. That is the future."

SOUNDING THE ALARM

When JBAKC started talking about skinheads several years ago, we were called alarmists. Now skinheads have everybody alarmed. Beyond this alarm there is a job to do; defeat the white supremacist movement. The Nazified Klan was there before Oprah Winfrey and Geraldo Rivera discovered what good TV ratings Nazi skinheads get. The Nazified Klan will still be there when skinheads are no longer a television sensation.

Nazi skinheads are doing the talk-show circuit and getting enormous media attention. Any talk show host looks smart compared to a Nazi skinhead. But don't be fooled. Six months from now skinheads will be old news and the media won't give them the time of day. Some of them may be in jail for their crimes, but many will have grown their hair and deepened their commitment to white supremacy.

Tom Metzger enjoys the media spectacle. He helped to create it and when it's over he will still lead a fascist movement. John Metzger will keep on organizing young white fascists around the country.

A year from now Nazi skinheads may be a old news, but the violent, militarized, white supremacist movement, its thugs, its strategy and its leaders will still be active.



Views and Reviews

AFRIKANS, YES. AMERICANS, NOT YET!

Imari Abubakari Obadele
Reprinted from *The City Sun*

In the euphoria surrounding the Rev. Jesse Jackson's call for the use of the term "African-American" for people of Afrikan descent born in the United States, we—those of Afrikan descent born in America—are being subjected to a sleight-of-hand performance which is both breathtaking and tragic. Once more our dignity as a people and our right to the benefit of common sense, reasoned debate and the international law are being trampled by the stampeding power of the white media. *The New York Times* leads the way.

The debate has been cast in terms of whether we should call ourselves "Africans"—at a moment when there is little substantial question about this. We are Afrikans in America. The real issue is whether we are "Americans." Despite the distinguished Black who have hastily endorsed "African-American," I among others, dissent from any judgment that we are, in 1989, "Americans." I resent the massive effort to avoid debate on this, the real issue.

With his usual incisiveness, Malcolm X years ago expressed the invalidity of any notion that the Rule of Jus Soli—our being born on United State soil—could make us citizens of the United States. "A cat can have kittens in the oven," said Malcolm. "That doesn't make them biscuits."

In terms of international law—consistent with United Nations Resolution 1514 (1960), the declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, and U.N. Resolution 2625 (1970), the declaration on principles of international law—conquerors may no longer convert those whom they have conquered and colonized into Portuguese, French, British or American citizens without the informed consent of the colonized.

It is, or should be, clear that among people in the United States who are subject to U.S. jurisdiction, only Native

Americans and the New Afrikans (i.e., Afrikans in the New World, the United States) did not come here voluntarily or submit voluntarily to U.S. jurisdiction.

New Afrikans are here as a result of war and kidnapping in Afrika. Our forefathers and foremothers were cruelly transported to America in chains, under the authority of the U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 9, paragraph 1) and then cruelly exploited under a regime that amounted to war in America. That war against us was also waged under the authority of the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "fugitive slave" provision, found in Article IV, Section 2, paragraph 3. This provision and the federal law which implemented it, placed the full power of the U.S. military and courts not just against the revolutionaries but against the least offending person—the little old lady, striking out alone and bare, at night, for freedom.

Native Americans were placed under U.S. jurisdiction by war and a unilateral fiat of the U.S. Congress in 1924.

Neither New Afrikans nor Native Americans have ever been permitted in a Free and informed plebiscite, a vote of the people, to decide whether they wish to be U.S. citizens or follow some other political course. Americans assume, like all conquerors, smug in a sense of superiority, that no conquered person, Native American or New Afrikan, would ever want not to be a U.S. citizen.

The fact is, that under both international law and common sense, Afrikans in America who are descendants of people held here as slaves, have no valid U.S. citizenship. Quite as important, under the international law and under the 13th Amendment, (I would argue) we retain the right to choose. Our logical choices remain: (a) to go back to Afrika; (b) to go somewhere other than Afrika and the United States; (c) to become U.S. citizens; or (d) to become citizens of our own na-

tion-state, to be established on land now claimed by the United States. Certainly some of us will follow each of these courses. What is paramount, however, is that the right to choose remains our today.

Neither Jackson nor the press, no both together, have the right to give up for the mass or our people, our right to this exercise of self-determination. It is simply premature to call us "Americans" (meaning U.S. citizens). That determination is a right of the group and of individuals within the group. I remains for this to be decided, by an informed people, by plebiscite and registration.

Apart from the law, white and Black must also acknowledge that to be an "American" still means really, to be a white people. Foreigners tend to view Americans (i.e., U.S. citizens) as white persons and those of us who are Black as merely working for the Americans. The roots of this view of Americans as white go back, of course, to the very beginnings of the republic. John Jay, writing in *Federalist* No. 2 of the *Federalist Papers*, put it this way: "With equal pleasure I have as often taken notice that Providence has been pleased to give this one connected country to one united people—a people descended from the same ancestors, speaking the same language, professing the same religion, attached to the same principles of government, very similar in their manners and customs, and who, by their joint counsels, arms, and efforts, fighting side by side throughout a long and bloody war, have nobly established general liberty and independence."

Clearly neither the Native American nations against which the United States was waging war or the New Afrikans who the very Constitution which John Jay was promoting, was fastening evermore tightly in bondage, were encompassed in the

group for which "general liberty and independence" had been achieved.

Americans are free, of course, to invite New Afrikans to join them as Americans, U.S. citizens, and accept the neo-imperialism and the racism of U.S. foreign and domestic policy. And some New Afrikans, informed and uninformed, may agree to do so. But the fact is that we can-



Aaron Douglas's 1923 woodcut 'Defiance'

not logically or lawfully become "Americans" until and after we have given informed consent by plebiscite and registration. We are Afrikans in America. We are not yet—and some of us will never choose to be—Americans.

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Terry Bisson Breathes FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

Terry Bisson's *Fire On the Mountain*, published by Arbor House/William Morrow in 1988, is a gem of historical fiction and "fantasy."

From its premise, that John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry in 1859 succeeded, the story weaves a tapestry of what might have been if Black people had actually won their freedom a century ago. In a particularly effective point counterpoint, the reader is drawn into an intimate tale of victorious African slaves, Civil War abolitionists and their descendants living today. It's a land far different from George Bush's America. A place where Black people actually overcame white supremacy, winning freedom, land and self-determination in the South. Here, John Brown and Harriet Tubman lead a guerilla war for liberation against both the slave owners of the South and the capitalists of the North. Here, the map of north America was redrawn and a Black Nation: Novo Africa co-exists side by side with a United Socialist States of America.

A novel of speculative history is a difficult to carry off in a way that both rings true and carries emotional/human power. During the early 1960s, there were quite a few attempts by popular fiction or science

able. We were treated to themes such as: What if Hitler had Won the War? What if Lincoln had lived? What if Black rebellions during the civil rights era had actually brought the US to a standstill, and



ofcourse, we can't forget the KKK/Nazi fantasy, "Turner Diaries"—which projects a successful neo-nazi takeover of the US.

In recent years, this form has been largely ignored, its domain abandoned to half-rate television mini-series and historical

opens a window on the crossroad of American history that was the Civil War. By taking us to the boundary where past meets present it resonates with an anti-racist passion lacking in most writings by white authors today.

We are transported to a Black church to hear Frederick Douglass, the great Abolitionist, speak about John Brown and Harriet Tubman's campaign: "There is much talk and speculation about a certain commotion down South," he said, to laughter and some cheers. "There are even those who rumor that my hand was involved." Here he studied his hand as if puzzled. More cheers. "There are rumors about another African, a woman who is well known and well hated by the slavers; a thief, this wicked woman, who regularly steals their property and then defies them to steal it back." More tumult and cheers. "There is talk of an old man, no gentleman he, but a rough-handed drover and tradesman, a man of God whose hands know both the Bible and the Sword, a white man well known to the slavers out Kansas way." A regular tumult greeted these words.

hand, then lowering his voice and addressed the waiting silence: "My friends, I did not come here to put all these rumors to rest. I come to encourage them. History will complete the roll call of the heroes of Harper's Ferry, but I will say this, and say it for a certainty." Here he paused again and peered out across the crowd as if looking for a face and then finding it. "Many of you were there. You, and you, and you," (he pointed dramatically) "in spirit were there. The true lovers of abolition and liberty will all be there, Sharps rifles in hand; will be there, WILL BE THERE," (he fairly thundered) "ready to consecrate with willing blood, a long-overdue and long-neglected bond of brotherhood with the most oppressed and despised of humanity . . . I am here to tell you, friends of Liberty, that there is, at this very moment, an Army of Liberation, an army of abolitionists, black and white; and already freed African slaves, the heirs of old Nat Turner, the staunchest abolitionist of all, the Army of the Blue Ridge, the Army of the North Star."

If you have ever dreamed that this country would be free of the evil of racism; wondered what life might be like if the dignity and human rights of African people were respected, read this book. Give it to a young person in school or as a gift to your friends. Pass it on!

FREE GERONIMO PRATT

1989 marks Geronimo Ji Jaga Pratt's 19th year of incarceration. Some important events are unfolding to win Pratt's freedom and the freedom of all political prisoners.

In February, 1989, Pratt's case was presented to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland.

Ahmed Obafemi, of the New Afrikan Peoples Organization (NAPO), documented the U.S. government's violations of Pratt's human rights dating

back to 1968 and asked the Human Rights Commission to hold the U.S. accountable for this injustice.

The Justice for Geronimo Campaign formed in California in early 1989, bringing together legal workers, political groups and individuals to build a stronger campaign to free Geronimo Pratt.

In April, 1989 the 28-minute documentary video "Geronimo Pratt," won two im-

portant national video awards—Honorable mention in Best Documentaries in the 13th Annual Atlanta Film and Video Festival and an award from the National Educational Film and Video Festival. Filmed inside San Quentin prison in 1987, the video features Pratt telling his own story. He talks

he didn't commit. Pratt was convicted and imprisoned as part of the US government's COINTELPRO program to break up radical movements, especially the powerful Black Liberation movement. Dozens of Black revolutionaries and supporters were killed or jailed. Many remain in prisons today.

Pratt is now fighting for a new trial. He points to massive government misconduct, revealed in FBI documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, after his conviction.

These documents show a deliberate attempt to imprison and "neutralize" Pratt and other Black leaders for political reasons, using highly illegal, even deadly, means. The main prosecution witness in

Pratt's trial turned out to be a paid FBI informant. The FBI claims it "lost" hundreds of pages of information on Pratt, including documents proving that Pratt was at a Black Panther meeting in Oakland while the murder took place in Santa Monica 400 miles away. Other records show that the FBI secretly placed three informants on Pratt's legal defense team.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

The campaign to win Pratt's freedom got a boost last June when diplomats at the Moscow Human Rights summit raised the case, along with those of Native American Leonard Peltier and Puerto Rican independentista Alejandrina Torres, as examples of human rights violations in the U.S. Some observers feel this development, plus the Soviet Union's announced plans to release its political prisoners, will add international momentum to the growing campaign to recognize and free political detainees around the world.

Another boost will come from the formation last September of the International Human Rights Campaign in New York, a coalition of dozens of human rights, prisoner support and political defense organizations. The Coalition calls for amnesty for all political prisoners and prisoners of war and an end to violation of their human rights. The umbrella group focuses on human rights within the U.S.

Participants defined as a political prisoner "a person in prison for acts, associations, or beliefs in favor of self-determination for racially, sexually and nationally oppressed peoples, against U.S. foreign and military policy, or domestic policies of the U.S. and its corporations..." The term includes those who define themselves as "prisoners of war," referring to national liberation wars.

According to the Center for Constitutional Rights, there are well over 120 such people in U.S. prisons.

CURRENT LEGAL STATUS

In June, 1988, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco threw out Pratt's appeal for a retrial based on a technical error. The Court ruled that the filing of a Notice of Appeal ten days late by Pratt's attorneys was "inexcusable," even though the District Court judge who heard the case in 1986 thought there was good reason for the delay. As a result the Ninth Circuit Court refused to reconsider Pratt's appeal.

Then in a surprise move the Ninth Circuit Court reversed its own decision and agreed to "consider" the case. As of April, 1989, Pratt is still waiting for the Court to rule if they should have a hearing to reconsider Pratt's "right" to appeal. Does this sound confusing?

Congressman Ron Dellums of California believes Geronimo Pratt is innocent. He introduced a resolution in Congress directing California to release Pratt, and mandating Congress to investigate FBI counterintelligence operations and the situation of other political prisoners. Dellums says that letting representatives know there is support for his Resolution, H.R. 109 (formerly H.R. 413), is crucial to the bill's passage. Circulating petitions in support of HR 109 is an important way people can support Geronimo Pratt's case. If you want petitions write to JBAKC or the Justice for Geronimo Campaign 214 Duboce Avenue San Francisco, CA 94103

The John Brown Anti-Klan Committee

WHAT WE STAND FOR:

The John Brown Anti-Klan Committee (JBAKC) is a national organization that fights the racist violence of the KKK and Nazis, and their underlying cause: the system of white supremacy. We take our name from John Brown, the 19th century white abolitionist who gave his life fighting against slavery and white supremacy. In the spirit of John Brown, we fight racism, build solidarity with the Black Liberation Movement and support all struggles for human rights and self-determination.

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We oppose the resurgent racism, sexism and homophobia of the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, racist skinheads, killer cops and the New Right. We believe all people have the right to defend themselves against racist,

sexist or homophobic violence by any means necessary.

We want to help build a militant anti-racist movement that supports the right of self-determination for New Afrika—the Black Nation colonized inside the U.S. We reject the notion, promoted by Tom Metzger and others, that white nationalism is the same as Black Nationalism. White nationalism is the system of white supremacy/apartheid. JBAKC supports the New Afrikan Independence Movement and its program for land, independence and socialism in the Black Belt states of Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana.

We support political prisoners and prisoners of war, jailed for resisting U.S. imperialism. We support the people of South Africa/Azania and Palestine in their efforts to defeat apartheid/colonialism and Zionism.

We won't allow white supremacy to go unchallenged. We want an activist anti-racist movement of white people to resist all the attacks and stop them at their source. Join us!

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T-shirt

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FBI AND CIVIL RIGHTS

By Ken Lawrence
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During the 1960s civil rights workers in the South frequently reported that the FBI was on the side of the KKK and White Citizens Councils who were waging a war of terror and intimidation against them. Often when racists administered public beatings to freedom riders and voter registration workers, FBI agents would observe and take notes, but would never intervene to protect the victims, let alone arrest the perpetrators of the violence.

In November 1962, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. publicly complained about the attitude of FBI agents in the South. "To maintain their status, they have to be friendly with the local police and people who are promoting segregation," he said. FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover, publicly blasted back, branding Dr. King "the most notorious liar" in the United States.

After members of the KKK murdered three civil rights workers in Mississippi, Hoover was forced to order COINTELPRO (Counter Intelligence Program) operations against "White Hate Groups." But the anti-Klan COINTELPRO was quite different from the order targeting Black groups. FBI field offices were instructed to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize the activities of Black nationalists and supporters," the Klan COINTELPRO was aimed at "the relatively few individuals in each organization who use strong arm tactics and violent actions to achieve their ends." The COINTELPRO directed against the Communist Party, the Socialist Workers Party and the New Left went well beyond their membership; the Klan COINTELPRO did not.

To establish the new COINTELPRO, the FBI actually created a statewide KKK organization from scratch and recruited 200 members to it. At a speech to one Klan rally, the FBI's undercover man told his KKK followers, "We are going to have peace and order in America if we have to kill every Negro."

SHORT MEMORIES, FORKED TONGUES

When Ronald Reagan took his 1980 campaign for the Presidency to the Neshoba County Fair, not many miles from the lonely dirt road where Goodman, Schwerner and Chaney were killed, he made no mention of the racial murder and its attempted coverup. Instead, he talked about "state's rights," which many Southern Blacks and others regard as shorthand for the wilful refusal of a state like Mississippi to implement desegregation laws.

In 1983, when the space hero John Glenn appeared at the fair, he pointedly omitted his usual detailed criticism of President Reagan for failing to enforce the civil rights laws, and on television later hailed "the old values, the old traditions, that are epitomized by the fair."

Michael Dukakis made a campaign appearance at the fair, a major political event, on August 4, 1988, 24 years to the day after the bodies of the three young men were dug from the dirt dam where they had been buried. Mr. Dukakis did not even mention their names, telling his mostly white audience only that this was a "special day."



Sheriff Lawrence Rainey (r) & Deputy Cecil Price (l), 1964

Alan Parker rewrites FBI history in *MISSISSIPPI BURNING*

By Daniel Ross

In the opening scene of "Mississippi Burning" we are shown the three civil rights workers driving down a lonely back-country road, trying to get away from the local representative of the police and Ku Klux Klan. (Some of these guys, we later find out, are card-carrying members of both illustrious organizations.) When they are stopped, the two white civil rights workers, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman, are sitting in the front seat and Schwerner, who was driving, takes charge and does all the talking. James Chaney, the Black civil rights worker, is sitting in the back seat and says nothing.

The tone for the rest of the movie is set in this opening scene. Black people are seen, but not heard, except when they are singing spirituals. Granted, racist violence is portrayed in graphic detail. We are shown what seems to be, every single one of the twenty or so church burnings that took place state-wide that summer in Mississippi.

This might be forgivable dramatic license if it was more than sensationalized violence. But it's not. Even less forgivable is what we are not shown. Blacks started and built the civil rights and Black liberation movements. The Freedom Riders of the Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Deacons for Defense (an armed self-defense group), the NAACP, the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense in Alabama—these were all Black organizations that led the way in the fight against racism and for Black human rights.

This history of struggle and resistance gets little play in "Mississippi Burning." For the most part, Blacks in this movie, like James Chaney, are sitting in the back seat and saying nothing.

The real heroes of this film are the FBI men. Even the title of the film comes from the FBI code name for one of the church burnings—MIBURN or Mississippi Burning. The main tension in the film comes from the conflicting methods of the northern-college-educated-liberal-minded FBI man, played by Willem Dafoe, and his good-ole-boy-former-southern-sheriff partner, played by Gene Hackman. The

fundamental role of the FBI in this case is never examined.

The FBI was dragged kicking and screaming into this investigation, the Kennedy liberals forcing the FBI racists to investigate in a vain attempt to contain the growing civil rights and Black Power movements. The FBI's dedication to combatting the Klan's violence in the south was, at best, suspect. An FBI informant, Gary Thomas Rowe helped murder another white civil rights worker, Viola Liuzzo. He later claimed that he did it to protect his cover.

In the real case the FBI had to pay an informant \$30,000 to rat on his friends in the KKK and the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department.

As the movie draws to a close, in what seems like a rationale for dirty tricks and other unsavory practices, the extra-legal measures advocated by good ole boy Hackman are used to break the case. These feature sex, violence and getting a Klan wife to turn in her husband. In a particularly offensive scene, a Black FBI agent (pretending to be a "Black militant" is shown threatening to castrate a white racist unless he names names. In 1964 the only Blacks allowed in the FBI were J. Edgar Hoover's personal drivers.

In the real case the FBI had to pay an informant \$30,000 to rat on his friends in the KKK and the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department. Rumor has it that the paid informant was Philadelphia, Mississippi lawyer Clayton Lewis. When nine Neshoba County men went to trial for conspiracy in 1967, Lewis—who died in 1983—served on their defense team, along with virtually all the Philadelphia bar. One witness in the case fingered Lewis as a KKK member. Thus he profited twice from the case: as an informer and as a lawyer.

A NOTE OF TRUTH

The movie ends on a false note just as it began. The film suggests that all the racists were promptly tried and jailed for their murderous crimes. Nothing could be further from the truth. An all white Grand Jury failed to bring indictments for murder. The state of Mississippi, which has no statute of limitations on homicide has never charged any of the participants with murder. In 1967 the federal government, which has no power to bring murder charges, tried 18 men and convicted seven of them of depriving Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner of "life or liberty without due process."

In addition to Cecil Price, who received a six-year sentence, those convicted were:

Alton Wayne Roberts, a Meridian window salesman. He now runs an after-hours bar in Meridian.

Sam Bowers Jr., a KKK imperial wizard who approved the ambush. He returned to his jukebox and vending machine business, *Sambo Amusements*, in Laurel, Miss.

Billy Wayne Posey, who arranged to bury the victims and was present at the killings. After prison he ran a superette in a Black section of Meridian.

Jimmie Snowden and Jimmy Arledge, both Meridian truck drivers, who participated in the ambush, returned to trucking jobs in Meridian.

Horace Doyle Barnette, a Meridian auto-parts salesman. His whereabouts are unknown.

None of these murderers served more than three years in prison.

As the last scene fades, we are shown a harmonious scene of Blacks and whites gathered together at a church service. It is as if the makers of "Mississippi Burning" want us to leave the theatre reassured that the diligent work of the FBI and the enlightened spirit of integration, have buried racism, violence and the KKK with the slain civil rights workers.

The next time Alan Parker wants to kneel down and pray at the shrine of the FBI perhaps he could do it without ripping off the civil rights movement and the ongoing struggle for equality, human rights and liberation.

More Letters to No KKK!

went into a Jewish store and punched a 48 year old lady because she was a Jew, and they claimed that the n-----s and Jews are taking over the town! What the fuck are we going to do about these assholes?

Mcas Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Dear JBAKC:

I am writing to you about nazis invading the "industrial" music scene. Two bands that concern me are Slave State and Terre Blanche.* Slave State is headed by Thomas Thorn, who also runs the publication U-Bahn and the Arbeit tape label. The initial release was Slave State's debut *The Age of Man*, which contains themes of male domination.

A Chicago band called Terre Blanche recently released an e.p. on their own AWB* label. The band name itself is offensive; I don't know much French, but I know what it means. The band logo is made up of four question marks joined into the shape of a swastika.

The title of the record is called *The Sickie Cell*. On the back of the sleeve there is a picture of three skinheads wearing Skrewdriver T-shirts. On the inside of the sleeve the words "Ewig das Reich" are printed. The AWB label has also released a Slave State tape with the disturbing title, *White Land, White Rule*. Arbeit also plans to release a tape called *Race, Hate, Drive*.

Rochester, NY

* Editors Note: You unearthed a hot one. Terre Blanche, which means white earth, is the name used by the leader of South Africa's ultra-right-wing Afrikaner Resistance Movement. The *Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging*—AWB—is a KKK-type group led by Eugene Terre Blanche, a former policeman who calls himself a



freedom fighter. The AWB is the party of South Africa's most reactionary whites, and has gained influence in the past few years. It is known for its extreme racism and violence. We don't have more info on these groups, but the use of these titles is not coincidental. We urge our readers to make sure your local music stores don't carry their records or tapes.

Dear JBAKC:

I read about you in the Maximum Rock'n Roll and I'm glad to see that there exist people like you in this fascist world. We in Germany started in 1980 an Anti Skin Liga in our town and kick their asses as good as we can. The Anti-Skin Liga is not an organization, it means that every person, who goes on gigs or like that is part of an anti-skin movement. I wish you all the best for the future.

Bremen, W. Germany

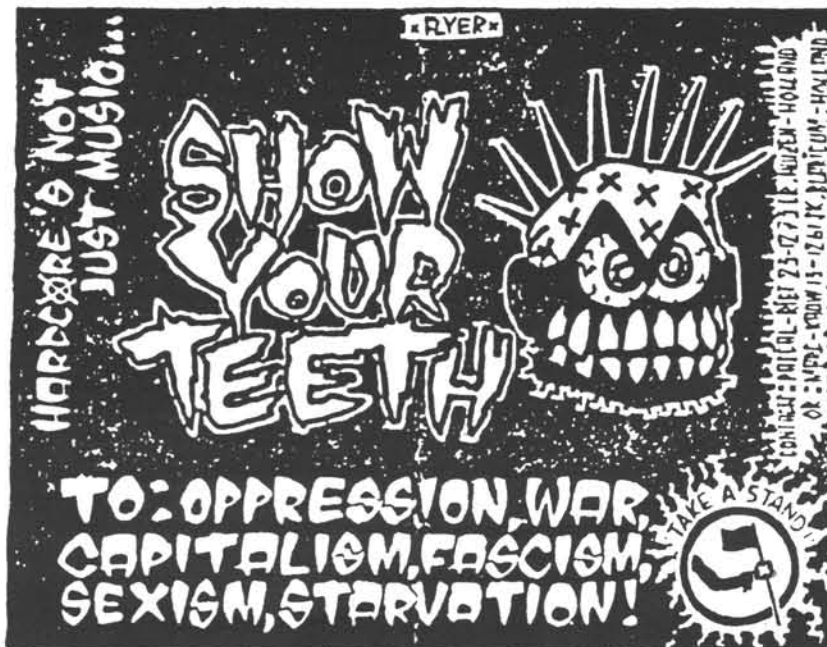
Dear JBAKC:

What you're doing is great. It's about time. I'm from the suburban wasteland of Long Island, where just about everything is lame, including the nazi skinheads.

The idea of belonging to a trendy crowd seems to attract would-be macho little mental misfits who use the excuse of skinhead unity to collectively wear their ignorance on their sleeves. All the racial bigotry, sexual insecurities, blind nationalism and herd instinct of the average asshole are suddenly elevated to desirable traits. These people don't admit their faults and deal with them—they're

They say: "Fuck yes, I'm a racist, homophobic, asshole and I'm proud of it as long as I've got my stupid friends and our stupid bands to support us." Is this what's meant by skinhead pride?

This, combined with the numbing boredom of living in the suburbs, is the cause of a lot of mindless, macho, violence around here.



Patchogue, NY

Dear JBAKC:

Here are the latest articles on the skinhead killing in Portland. One article is really disgusting! It's completely sympathetic to him and the other Nazis and even goes as far as to say that he is as much a victim as the man who was murdered! People here say Ken isn't a "bad skinhead." I'm like "Wake up, buddy! He just killed a Black man, beat him to death."

The problem is that people here can't accept that they knew these people (as I did) and then they go out and kill a Black man for no reason. They end up trying to blame the black man instead, and try to justify the incident by saying "there must have been a motive" when there wasn't. Even if these people became skinheads cause they were vulnerable or naive, that's still no excuse.



They killed a man out of hatred and bigotry and they deserve to spend a lot of time in jail.

Portland, OR

Dear JBAKC:

Thanks a whole lot for the information you sent me. It shocked me to find out what some skinheads do. I am now going

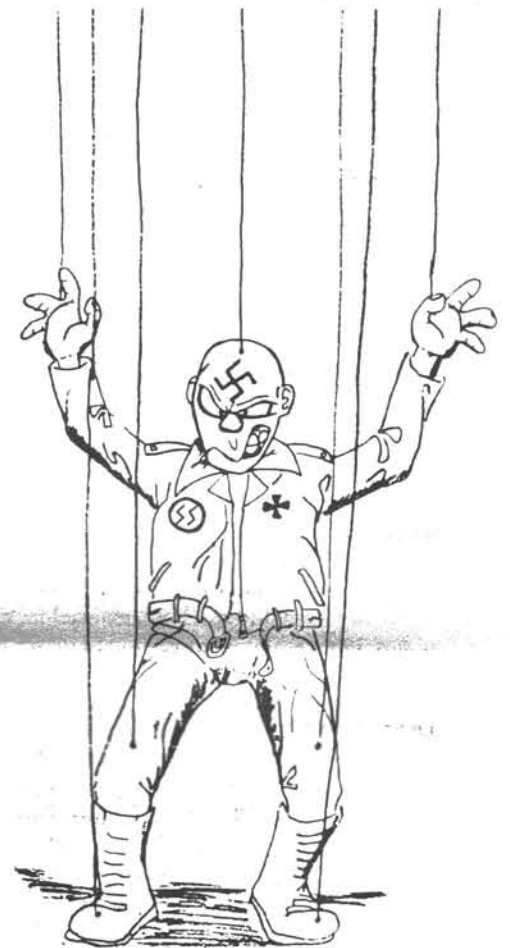
me up two times. They are stupid persons and here in Greece they getting more and more.

Athens, Greece

Dear JBAKC:

I received the Just Say No to Nazis Kit and it's the greatest! I would like to say that I am following the guidelines that you set. I will not fight unless I have no alternative. I have been covering up graffiti, and I took down a racist poster I found, which I have enclosed. Me and my friend have recently started writing "Nazis" under the "STOP" on stop signs and in one weekend hit every STOP sign in about a 10-mile area. We made the local newspaper and they made the estimate that as many as 100 people did it. (Actually there was five of us!) No KKK!

St. Louis, MO



to start a non-profit zine totally about anti-racism, the KKK and nazi-skinheads too. I would like to do a monthly or bi-monthly issue, so if it's possible for you to send me new info every month or so it would be greatly appreciated!

I really support your committee.

Ottawa, Canada

Dear JBAKC:

Thanx for the kit, it's great! I put a sticker on my car, put some in the college I go to, and I even went out and bought a can of spraypaint. The paper you sent had an article about Black students in Berkeley protesting, and there was a picture of Stop Sign with the word racism written under the stop, so it read "STOP RACISM". So I've done 3 signs now, and they look really nice!

Thanks again. Keep in touch!

Coon Rapids, MI

Dear JBAKC:

You would not believe how good it makes me feel to know that there is an anti-klan committee!

As a long-time equal rights supporter, I would like to help prevent the spread of racism and fascism. Please send me my kit and any other material you have on the subject!

Warren, MI

Dear JBAKC:

Hi. I'm Alex and I live in Athens. I like it very much and am very happy that there is an anti-skinhead group like yours. I hate skinheads, racism, fascism, sexism too. I publish a hardcore fanzine called *Social Mending* and I will be very happy if I can do something to help you. I hate nazi skinheads very, very, very much and they beat

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