

Racist gangs in Chicago are growing more arrogant:

Confront this challenge with anti-racist struggle

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Protest against KKK "white pride" rally
June 28th, Saturday 12 noon
Assemble at 55th and Ashland
Action called by Martin Luther King Jr.
Movement - participate in the MLP contingent

Protest against KKK "Anti-queer" rally
June 29th, Sunday, 1 P.M.
Assemble at the Lincoln Park Free Speech
Area (just north of North Ave.)
Protest called by John Brown Anti-Klan
Committee and Dagmar (dykes and gay men
Against Racism)

Workers, Black people, immigrants, all anti-racists... There has been too much humiliation, too many victims of the racist vigilantes for us to passively stand by while they publically glorify grinding people into the dirt because of their race, creed or color.

We must stand up in militant protest against this slap-in-the-face to the Black people... this flaunting of the burning cross. It is a slap in the face to all democratic-minded whites, especially white workers, as well. The KKK has from its inception been a favorite weapon of the rich and powerful against not only Blacks. They have terrorized and murdered workers who dared to stand up and demand decent treatment and



wages. They have terrorized Jews, Mexicans and many of the other usual scapegoats for the crimes and problems of capitalism.

The time for quiet disapproval, if there ever was such a time, is long past. We must fight for the right to live without constant degradation and abuse. Prepare for righteous protest! Stand up against the racist cults! Stand up against the segregationist propaganda of the capitalists and their foot-soldiers the KKK/Nazi gangs! Stand up for the unity of the working class!

WHICH CLASS WILL ORGANIZE A MILITANT STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM?

The network of racist grouplets organizing in the Chicago area is planning a big weekend for June 28th and 29th. The MLP (Chicago Branch) as well as other anti-racists have agitated for some time for an active stand against these vicious, lynch happy brutes. Their crimes are both infamous and countless.

How is it that the racists have again become so emboldened that they plan back-to-back appearances like this? An important factor is that they're inspired to their worst by the Reaganite racist offensive.

From the (In)Justice Department to the super-chauvinist Hollywood image makers, the government and institutions of the rich are scrambling to turn back the hands of time.

The modest gains of the struggles for equality and basic democratic rights of the 1960's and 70's are being picked off one by one...the al-

ready grossly inadequate programs to provide a bit of food, housing and social services are being hacked to death. A list of crimes done against the workers and poor by this administration would easily stretch to hell and back.

And the organized racists uphold Reaganism all down the line. His reasoning makes sense to them. They simply act on it in the most crude, extreme way. When Reagan strays from the script and blurts out what he really thinks, his views are barely distinguishable from those of the fascists, ("crush revolutionary Nicaragua", "better dead than red", "reverse discrimination"...)

So what are the well-paid so-called "anti-Reagan" hacks of the Democratic Party doing in this situation?

Well, Ms. Marlene Carter, a Black women, is alderman of the 15th ward which includes Marquette Park. When Ms. Carter recently heard

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that a protest against the KKK "white pride" rally was being called by the Martin Luther King Jr. Movement, a mild pacifist group, even this was too much struggle for her to bear. She said that Blacks should instead "allow me to heal the wounds of the past. We will not rid ourselves of this cancer by adding fuel to it." (Defender 6/19/86).

This is ridiculous. Tell us Ms. Carter..tell the Black people, the anti-racists...how does one "heal the wounds of the past" with people whose sole purpose in life is to exterminate the darkskinned, the progressive activists, the Jews?

Clearly the Democratic Party hacks are dead weight in the anti-racist struggles. In this

fight, just as any other, the working people have to rely on their own strength. They have to organize to the left and independent of the sham "progressive" hot air of the Democratic Party.

Mr. Mayor, did you maneuver control of the Park District Board so you could deny permits to assemble for the fascists? No, we didn't think so. He's a pillar of strength and endurance when he's fighting for a piece of the pie. But when it comes to organizing a real fight against racism, we'd best rely on the workers, especially the Black workers, to distribute the calls to action like this one...to build the kind of movement we can depend on.

Anti-racist action held in Lakeview

"NO NAZI'S, NO KKK, NO FASCIST USA"!!

On Saturday June 21st a protest action and march was successfully carried out in the Lakeview community against racist graffiti and racist violence. Close to 200 anti-racists participated in painting out the Hitlerite trash on the walls and poles in the community put there by the Nazi/KKK/Rebel network of racist gangs. The marchers frequently put up progressive slogans such as "stop racist violence" to promote taking an active stand against racism.

The action was warmly received by the overwhelming majority of the community, especially the working people. Each time one of the anti-racist activists was arrested the protestors would surround the police and chant "Let her (him) go!" When various efforts were unsuccessful in freeing the activist being arrested, the chant would go up "cops and klan work hand in hand!"

At these points of relative intensity ordinary people and passerbys often took up these chants as well.

7 fascists in camouflage and swastika armbands 2 racist skinheads and another racist incognito tried to intimate and provoke the anti-racists. (Note: most skinheads are not racists).

Several residents assisted in warning the anti-racist activists as to the whereabouts and acti-

vity of the racists at different times. Some people threw things and taunted the Nazis repeatedly, demanding "you get out of here you bastards".

Several small merchants cheered the march, one saying "...its about time something like this happened."

Important lessons were learned during the day about the role of the police in such situations. In the course of shoving and arresting several activists, some of the cops claimed repeatedly "believe it or not we're here to protect you." Some protestor responded sharply saying "then why don't you arrest the nazis?" "we don't want you on our side" and "with friends like you who needs enemies." For years now anti-racists have been assaulted and harassed by the racist gangs in the area and the police never arrest the racists. As well one cop reportedly told an anti-racist activist -- "I'm a Nazi."

The march and graffiti out was organized by the Coalition Against Racist Graffiti. The MLP (Chicago Branch) issued a call for the day's activities, distributed 1700 copies at factories and in the working class minority communities as well as participated in the march itself.

An anti-racist chant
to the tune of "Shout" by Tears for Fears

Shout, Shout, anti-racists come out
Nazis we can do without
come on, we're talkin' to you come on...
(substitute "Black people" then "workers" for
anti-racists - substitute KKK for nazis)

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