Landis - The Klan Tries to Rebuild its Shattered Image

August 25, 1979- Some Ku Klux Klanamen huddle nervously in a field at Bostian and Old Beatty Ford Rd. in Landis. They shout at each other for two hours to build up their image, which was shattered in China Grove. After seeing the coast is clear, they flash their rifles and beat their chests. The most vicious poison dripe from their lips. They slander Jews as dirty and slimy. They say Black people "smell like billy goats." One Klansman points to the darkness and says, "If there are any niggers down there that comes up here. I'll put a bullet batween their eyes."

Just at a time when things are had for all of us, when Black and White have more reason than ever to unite, the Klan is trying to confuse us by telling us our problem is each other. They are intensifying the conflict between different peoples in the working class, who are oppressed by the brutal system of capitalism.

SMASH THE KLAN WITH THE CORRECT UNDERSTANDING AND ARMED SELF-DEFENSE:

Historic Stand in China Grove Shows How to Fight the Klan



Hated symbol of the Klan goes up in smoke in China Grove

Just a month and a half earlier, the people of China Grove, along with the Workers Viewpoint Organisation, chased these same soum Klansmen off the lawn of the China Grove Community Center. Armed with pipes, bottles, sticks and rifles, the people defended the China Grove Community. They burned the hated symbol of the Klansmen --their confederate flags. After deserting their flags, these "brave Klansmen" defended them by peeping out of the window as the flags wanting in smoke.

For weeks, the media and newspapers had built up the Klan's showing of a racist film, while afterward, in one edition, they distorted the facts and meaning of the people's heroic stand against the Klan. Kicking the press out of our ranks at the rally after the demonstration was correct. The bourgeoisie (rich capitalist class which includes the Cannon, Cones, Dukes etc.) uses many forms to disguise and maintain their rule. They use the newspapers and media to make the Klan look strong and the workers look weak.

What made a difference in China Grove was the mighty

force of the militant, armed and organized fighters, fighting in the people's interest. The combination of armed self-defense with the clear understanding that the Klan is secretly supported by the bourgeoisie is what put the Klan on the run and made the bourgeoisie tremble.

WE AFFIRM THE CORRECTNESS
OF HOW TOF TGHT THE KLAN
AS SHOWN BY CHINA GROVE!!!



Take a Stand! Smash the Klan! Expose the Misleaders!

For a hundred years the Klan has beaten, murdered and raped. They have shot and lynched thousands of Black people, tarred and feathered Black and White union organizers, ridden in the night shooting into people's homes. How do we fight these dogs?

Do we stay home behind closed doors and tremble? Do we say ridiculous things like, "This is a quarrel between two hate groups?" Do we make public statements to the press saying we deplore violence and then do nothing? This is the way the Reverends Quick, Washington and Hamilton in fact covered for the bloody history of the Klan and misled people after China Grove.

Let's be clear --what Reverends Quick, Washington and Hamilton did was to take the heat off the Klan and pave the way for the Klan to grow unchecked, allowing the Klan to put out their vicious hate teachings among brothers and sisters of the working class in Landis. This is what they objectively did, whether or not they intended it. These misleaders attacked the fighters of the Klan, including the Workers Viewpoint Organization, the Communist organization. The issue is whether you support the Klan or whether you fight against the Klan and what they represent. Reverends Quick, Washington and Hamilton are the most successful defenders of the Klan. They were able to do what the cops, press and local politicians couldn't do --confuse, demoralize and disarm the community with their non-violent teaching.

The Klan Must Not be Allowed to Grow!

The Klan must not be allowed to grow! They have to be exposed for what they are --servants of the ruling bourgeoisie. They should be physically beaten and chased out of town. This is the only language they understand. Armed self-defense is the only defense. We uphold this stand in Tupelo, Decatur and all the places where the masses have beat back the Klan. We call on the people in China Grove and Landus to join with us to SMASH THE KLAN!

COME TO THE W.V.O. ANTI-KLAN CONFERENCE!

DEATH TO THE KLAN: PROMOTE ARMED SELF-DEFENSE OF THE COMMUNITY:

CRITICIZE THE ROLE OF THE MISLEADERS!!

BUILD THE MULTINATIONAL UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS!!