Cops attack Chicano strikers

Phelps-Dodge copper strike in Arizona enters critical eleventh month

Ricardo Martinez

"We have survived ten long months of being stripped of our human dignity and human rights, and yet we know we must continue to be strong . . . . We are no longer fighting a strike against one company. We are fighting for our rights — our unions and our survival. We must keep the labor movement strong. We must not let the Phelps-Dodges of America become our dictators.

"Remember that after today's rally we continued on pg. 10

1,200 people rallied to support Phelps-Dodge strikers May 9.

The Jackson campaign, Self Determination . . .

Amiri Baraka

The Jesse Jackson campaign, as it continues to unfold, reveals again and again, in each primary, how accurate a reflection the voting is of the desire by the African American people for Self Determination. Also, how much a part of the black struggle for democracy the primaries have become.

Chicanos and Jackson — building unity

Bill Gallegos

The 1980's is termed the Decade of the Hispanic. In the 1984 elections Chicano and Latino voters, dramatically increased by the largest voter registration drive ever launched, are expected to play pivotal roles. As such, Chicanos and Latinos are being courted by politicians of every stripe.

Chicanos and Latinos have an important role to play in the future of this country. They have their own grievances which must be addressed and can help usher in a new era of progressive politics. It is in this context that it is especially urgent that Chicanos and Latinos support Jesse Jackson for president of the United States. Black-Chicano Latino unity is pivotal to any progress for both Black and Chicano people as well as everyone else.
The Jackson campaign, Nationalism

In Washington, D.C., in Louisiana, Jackson is showing that he is a key part of defeating Reagan in '84

bought and paid for the issue of the Democratic party. Jackson has swept black communities in the south and across the country! It was for this reason that Rev. Jackson could say, in answer to reporters’ questions on Meet The Press (a national television program) when he was asked why the masses should support him since Andrew Young had said that Jackson wasn’t qualified to be president! Jackson said he was not responsible for negro politicians like Andrew Young, Maynard Jackson, Coleman Young or Newark’s Kenneth Gibson, because Jesse knows that the masses of black people are behind him.

The bourgeoisie is panicked because Jackson’s candidacy makes the question of black self determination very open. The black masses are politically conscious that their best interests will not be served by the traditional bourgeois politicians and traditional bourgeois politics. Jackson’s candidacy has been able to talk to the bourgeoisie, he even said that the issue of a new black middle class is the key to the question that is important to them. He is able to make it clear to them that he is with them and that the fight for black freedom is not over.

Jackson’s showing in NY state was extremely good, coming within one percentage point of beating Hart. When you think that Hart has spent millions in advertising, Jackson almost nothing, then you see how the race is the primary results. Jackson’s showing has caused a great deal of anxiety among the bourgeoisie. Not that they are worried Jackson could get elected or even nominated, but because his candidacy has made clear that the cry of black Self Determination is no fantasy. And this is being shown in every state where there is a large urban center, since that is where the masses of the Afro American people live. This is also shown overwhelmingly in the south, where despite the opposition of Andrew Young, Maynard Jackson, the old line of the Black Nationalists, indicate how upset the bourgeoisie is.

The articles attacking Jackson, representing a change from the earlier stance of trying to ignore him, indicate how upset the bourgeoisie is.

The bourgeoisie is panicked because Jackson’s candidacy makes the question of black self determination very open. The black masses are politically conscious that their best interests will not be served by the traditional bourgeois politicians. The bourgeoisie is aware that Jackson’s candidacy is a direct challenge to their dominance, and that his success will threaten their control over the black community.

The essential issue is whether Jackson can succeed in mobilizing the black masses to support his campaign, and whether he can use this support to challenge the power of the bourgeoisie. If Jackson can succeed in this, then he will be able to bring about a fundamental change in the political landscape in the US, and move towards a more democratic and just society.
Milton Coleman is a mindless opportunist and careerist. If he was really incensed at the remark, Jackson should have been personally rebuked. But to publicize it is clearly the work of the bourgeoisie.

Jackson's massive mandate must be used to negotiate with the Democratic Party for concessions to black people and the working class in general. We should be making agendas, programs that we can place before the people, which Jackson should be negotiating with the Democrats.

Democratic constituency, Kahane threatened to disrupt Jackson's speeches, even before there was any ethnic slur. A few press conferences and speeches were disrupted, and a couple of Jackson for president hugs were firebombed and stones thrown through the window, etc. This was in order to try to undermine and discredit Jackson's line on a more balanced midwest policy. That the PLO and the Palestinian people had to be dealt with in any discussion on the middle east and until that was done, the policy was not only doomed to failure but it was a tragic joke.

Jackson's daughter was even harassed by a Zionist sympathizer supposedly conducting interviews for prospective Harvard students. She ran out of her interview weeping. Plus the constant verbal attacks by upholders of reagan middle eastern policy as well as the out and out zionists and their sympathizers set the stage for the ethnic slur incident.

The positive nature of his campaign is to raise issues, mobilize the masses, set up structures for after November.

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