AUGUST 3 — On 20 July, apartheid fuhrer president P W Botha declared a "state of emergency" in 36 black townships and cities in South Africa. The sweeping order includes the heavily industrial Transvaal around Johannesburg, and the Eastern Cape region around the auto centre of Port Elizabeth. Henceforth, any member of the state security, police or military has "virtually unlimited" powers to arrest anyone without cause and hold them "incommunicado without trial for an indefinite time. Security forces can search and seize property without warrants, seal off any of the areas, impose curfews and censor all news from the specified locations. Violators of six unarmed black demonstrators led after the Sharpeville massacre of 1960 — a similar order in the aftermath of the Sharpeville massacre of 69 unarmed black demonstrators led to the arrest of 11,503 people, and the voice of anti-apartheid protest was silenced for a decade. Since the order was imposed, security forces have arrested 1,400 of the most visible opponents of the regime, now being held without charge, four black people were killed when police opened fire on a crowd of 400 demonstrators in the black township of Tumahole outside Parys, 75 miles south of Johannesburg, and officially at least 16 others have been killed. Priests, lawyers, teachers and political activists were said to be among those detained as the police moved in to seize people identified from lists. According to civil rights monitoring groups, police took hostages — one a four-year-old boy — to exchange for activists they could not immediately find. The purpose of the crackdown, as the 23 July New York Times reported, "seems to be to arrest everyone deemed capable of organising or channeling dissatisfaction with apartheid into protests that may involve attacks on reputed collaborators, as well as labour strikes and boycotts of white-owned shops".

Police breaking into homes, death squad executions of black school teachers, dumping bodies in the sand dunes along the Indian Ocean, hippo armourd troop carriers rolling through the black townships spreading terror — this is the "free world regime" Ronald Reagan says will be "reformed" through his "constructive engagement". In Washington, the State Department rushed to endorse Botha's emergency decree: "The situation has deteriorated to the point that the South African Government felt compelled to institute new measures" (New York Times, 21 July). Reagan while shedding the occasional crocodile tear, supports his South African junior partner's move to crush the black revolt, scarcely containing his appetite to do it at home, eg the Philly Inferno. In Australia the apartheid-like conditions of Aboriginals, sanctioned by the Labor government's arrogant opposition to land rights at the behest of the racist mining magnates, is the brutal reality behind Hawke and Hayden's empty moralising about... Continued on page six.

Nicaragua Defies Reagan

Below we publish a report of a Spartacist supporter's recent trip to Nicaragua.

MANAGUA, July 20 — More than 500,000 people streamed into the Carlos Fonseca Plaza yesterday to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the revolution which toppled a bloody dictatorship that had ruled Nicaragua as its private fiefdom for almost half a century after being installed by the United States. Responding to the appeal by Daniel Ortega, president of Nicaragua and leader of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), the crowd chanted the slogan which can be seen throughout the country: "Nicaragua victoriosa, ni se vende, ni se rinde" (Victorious Nicaragua won't sell out and won't give up). When the threat of a US invasion was mentioned, hundreds of thousands of voices roared back, "No pasarán" (They shall not pass) and "Aquí, allá, el yanqui morirá" (Here, there, the Yankees will die).

The crowd was one of the largest in Nicaragua in capital since the overthrow of the Somoza dynasty by a popular insurrection led by the FSLN. If the joy of victory was worn down after four years of a terrorist war by the CIA's "contra" mercenaries and brutal economic strangulation culminating in the US trade boycott, the determination to fight to defend their revolution was as clear as ever. But there is a sense of loss of direction in the country. If a US invasion comes, they know what to do. In poor barrios you can see hand-scrawled signs like, "Yankee son of a bitch, we're waiting for you" and "The gringos and the reactionaries will die. Nicaragua will be Reagan's grave". But what is to be done now, they ask, except wait?

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being part of a band of “outlaw terrorist states”. On the eve of the July 19 celebrations, Washington delivered a secret diplomatic note to Managua threatening reprisals against Nicaragua if more US soldiers are killed anywhere in Central America. After reading this insolent note to the crowd gathered in Carlos Fonseca Plaza, Ortega declared: “Nicaragua has neither practiced terrorism, nor supports terrorism, nor has it been involved in any terrorist activity. Who bombed Sandino Airport? Who killed anywhere in Central America.”

Defend Nicaragua!

Last month the press was full of articles about US preparations for direct military intervention in Central America. According to the New York Times (4 June), a leading Pentagon expert “asserted that the Nicaraguan people would rise up in support of an American invasion… They may be sorely surprised. Speaking to some of the hundreds of thousands who gathered in the plaza to celebrate the victory over Somoza, the FSLN newspaper Barricuda (20 July) asked peasants from the northern war zone about the claim by a leading US intelligence official that an invasion of Nicaragua would be like “felling off a log”. They replied, “Let them try. Let’s see if they have balls like us!”

Nicaraguan people also have guns. Tiny Nicaragua can never match the firepower of the Yankee colossus with its air-carrying carriers at its battleships. But to take and hold a country will require armed men, and in preparing their contingency plans, the Pentagon will have to take into account the fact that more than 200,000 guns have been distributed to the population so far in 1985. At a ceremony July 13 in front of hundreds of soldiers where the promotions of more than 2,000 officers of the Sandinista People’s Army (EPP) were announced, Defence Minister Humberto Ortega declared that:

“Because of its confidence in the people and in order to be better prepared against eventual direct intervention, the Revolution has turned over, in an organized way, 170,000 AKA, G-3 and other automatic rifles, pistols and machine-guns, as well as 10,000 hunting weapons of all kinds. The Revolution has handed over more than 200,000 rifles in an organized fashion to its people in order to defend the people’s interests.”

In addition to mass mobilization into the army and militia, special mobile units, anti-tank and anti-helicopter warfare units and special forces units have been created in recent months, “Tachito” Somoza fled Nicaragua. For one day, a puppet “caretakes” government desperately tried to organize an “ speedy transfer of power”.

But a mass intervention surging out of the capital’s impoverished eastern barrios frustrated this attempt to realize the State Department’s pipe dream of “Somoasim without Somoza”. By the time the Sandinista troops from the Southern, Northern and Northeastern fronts converged on the capital on July 19, Managua was already in the hands of the insurgents. As the mercenary Guardsmen fled in their Mercedes, Piper Cubs and pirated boats, the destruction of the dictatorship meant the demise of the entire state apparatus of Somoza’s capitalism.

What replaced it was not “Sandino-Communism”, as the Reaganites claim, but a petty-bourgeois bonapartist regime of the radical nationalist Sandinistas. The FSLN regime was based on neither the preservation of bourgeois private property nor establishing the collectivized economy of a proletarian state. From the first days of their victory, the commandantes have sought to precariously balance between the forces of imperialism and the domestic bourgeoisie, on the one hand, and the mass of working people and peasants on the other. This program has since been sanctified in the Sandinista trinity of “mixed economy”, “agricultural cooperation” and “sanctuary”, a formula which Daniel Ortega repeated once again this July 19. An estimated 54 percent of industrial production is now in private hands. The question of local “branch office” bourgeoisie increasingly affects the feeling of being cut off from their home offices in the US. Bolanos’ threats (at a COSEP convention July 17) of “decisive battle” will move from the realm of talk to action.

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South Africa State of Siege

- Smash Apartheid! Black Workers Must Take the Lead!
- For Union Black Ban of All South African Cargo!

SYDNEY
15 August Uni of NSW
1-2pm Rm 209, Mathews Bldg
23 August Teachers Federation
7pm Rm 2, 73 Bathurst St,
MELBOURNE
15 South Africa YWCA
7pm Rm 78.8, Level 3
48 Elizabeth St.
(Childcare provided)

South African Cargo!

SOUTH AFRICA STATE OF SIEGE

Your support is urgently needed to enable the SYL to continue its work.

Donate Dollars! Crush the Contras!

SUPPORT SYL FUND DRIVE

Donate now to the SYL’s FUND DRIVE.

We print below an abridged version of an appeal issued in June by our comrades of the Spartacist Youth League, youth section of the Spartacist League/US. The SYL’s fund drive to defend Nicaragua has started a sympathetic chain reaction in the revolutionary struggles in Central America. We encourage readers of Australasian Spartacist to contribut e to this campaign at the address below.

From “Fort Honduras” to the US Army’s Southcom HQ in Panama, American military forces are poised for an invasion of Nicaragua. US trade embargo is an act of war, and the next step, now openly discussed by the Reagan Administration, is to send in the troops. The Spartacist Youth League has undertaken a drive to generate the much-needed funds for Nicaragua’s defense:

This is no charity drive. The Nicaraguan masses have been courageously fighting the ex- calating campaign of US-sponsored terror ever since the 1979 revolution which overthrew the murderous tyrants of Somoza. By May this year, 200,000,000 had been killed anywhere in Central America. We here in Australia can do our bit to contribute to our part. At this critical juncture it is imperative to take a stand in defense of the Nicaraguan Revolution. A contribution to the Student Committee to Defend Nicaragua will help make up the necessary cash to battle against Reagan reaction at home, against the US press campaign to stop the SYL’s work in Nicaragua and against the resourceful contra insurrectionists. Your contribution will therefore finance and give more muscle to the Student Committee to Defend Nicaragua.

The SYL is asking for contributions for administrative costs for the campaign. Every dollar you give will go to Nicaragua. Make your “am contra” contribution now! Make cheques payable to the Student Committee to Defend Nicaragua. Mail to: SYL Box 3118, Church St Station, New York, NY 10008, USA.

The petty-bourgeois Sandinistas have tried to maintain their fiction of a “mixed economy”. This is a fig leaf, contrary, as long as their hold on power is not directly threatened. In practice this means propping up the remaining capitalists — hardly the program of the Sandinistas for October Revolution when he called for “control over the landowners and capitalists by the workers and peasants” (“The Impending Catastrophe and How to Combat It”, September 1971). But as Ronald Reagan ups the voltage, it is becoming harder and harder for the FSLN to walk the high-wire without eviction from the ground. And so the local “branch office” bourgeoisie increasingly feels the effects of being cut off from their home offices in the US. Bolanos’ threats (at a COSEP convention July 17) of “decisive battles” will move from the realm of talk to action.

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The Hawke government is taking every opportunity lately to show its US big brother and the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) bloc how “tough” it is on Vietnam. By giving a green light to a spate of anti-Vietnam attacks and provocations it is also trying to enforce a hard Cold War line on the labour movement, sections of which remain sympathetic to the Vietnamese Revolution.

In May Vietnamese fascist generals were accused to terrorise leftwing meetings marking the tenth anniversary of the fall of Saigon. All Vietnamese students in Canberra and diplomats have been targets of increasingly brazen assaults by these fascist police who have virtually ignored. On 23 June three diplomats were shot and killed in a Canberra shopping centre, one requiring four stitches. On 12 July two shots from a high-powered rifle were fired into the Vietnamese embassy. The Vietnamese government has strongly protested to Interational Affairs to stop the orderly departure program.

The 17 May Sydney waterfront unions meeting for “Solidarity with Vietnam” (see Australasian Spartacist supplement, 5 June) was an example of the working class action needed to teach these counterrevolutionaries a badly needed lesson.

The conference on “Vietnam — Ten Years On” held on 6-7 July by the Australia-Vietnam Society (AVS), which bills itself as “Friendship and understanding” with Vietnam, became the next target of the anti-Vietnamese campaign. The conference was originally advertised for Wollongong University, but following threats of more violent demonstrations in Vietnamese rightist newspapers, the organisers announced its cancellation. The NSW Police decided to rely on their earlier assurances of full protection which the conference even labelled it “subversive”. The Foreign Affairs Department initially disapproved of peaceful demonstrations, its initial position alongside keynote guest speaker, Professor Pham Binh of Vietnam’s International Affairs. Instead of capitulating to the fascist threats, which will only embolden them further, the conference could have gone ahead as planned: in May the South Coast Labour Council had offered to host meetings on Vietnam. However a defence guard of hundreds of militant unionists in a show of solidarity with the Vietnamese workers state was the last thing the organisers wanted — the bourgeois journalists and Foreign Affairs mandarins registered to attend would have run a mile. In the end, instead of travelling to Sydney and held in “secret” under police guard: the fascists didn’t show up only because the job was being done from the inside.

It became clear from the start that the AVS were determined to turn the conference into an anti-Vietnam platform. The conference leadership, which included Hawke’s brother, the head of the Foreign Affairs Department Stuart Harris, expanded Hayden’s Indochina diplomacy and denounced Vietnam’s “illegal occupation” of Kampuchea. Next, reactionist journalists and professors postcarded about “human rights violations” in Vietnam. They advocate more trade and better relations with Vietnam but both as a lever for political pressure, and to make a dollar or two. The final blow was insult to the Vietnamese representatives and all partisans of the Vietnamese Revolution.

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Smash Anti-Vietnam Attacks!

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Kampuchea: Imperialists’ Losing Game

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We print below an interview with Dr Bertram Wainer, a long-time courageous fighter for women’s right to abortion. Born in the working-class slum district of Geelbaks in Glasgow, Scotland, Wainer is a kind of William Wallace in the struggle for women’s rights. During his campaigns against backyard abortion and the police corruption which accompanies it, and against the reactionary killers called “Right To Life” bigots, his life has been threatened many times. The availability of relatively cheap and safe abortions in most major Australian cities today, despite the continuing existence of legislation which makes abortion a crime, is in large part a tribute to Wainer’s militant struggles.

When Queensland followed the 20 May Gestapo-style raids on Fertility Control Clinics in Townsville and the razing of the headquarters of Bjelke-Petersen’s union-busting operation against SEQEB strikers and the state labour movement, Petersen’s then Attorney General Harper unleashed the notorious Queensland’s pregnancy clinic campaign. These cops who had been using choke holds against unionists on picket lines must have taken a perverse pleasure in terrorising the clinics. They stormed buildings when patients were present, aiming for “evidence” — even sending frogmen into the toilet basins. Delegates Bayliss and Grundmann, who ran the clinics, were arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit murder and perform an abortion. This act of state terror caused an outcry across the nation.

Bertram Wainer, who fought the Full Court ordered the return of all medical files. The charges against Bayliss and Grundmann, which they had taken against the war of terror, were dropped by the Full Court ruling that the warrants used to enter the clinics were illegal. But already great damage had been done. Women had been cruelly assaulted; the private sexual and medical histories of thousands had been open to scrutiny by cops and government officials. This campaign of terror should have been met with a mobilisation of the labour movement to stop it and ensure it never happens again. As a result of the raids, a financial compensation must be paid to Bayliss and Grundmann to the women, who were robbed of their rights.

The reactionary campaign against abortion is not limited to the “deep north.” Tasmania recently a woman who had been raped was prevented from having an abortion by the courts. In the Labor-run states abortion clinics are constantly harassed — from Perth to the Royal Women’s Hospital in Melbourne to the clinics in Sydney. For the last four years the Preterm clinics at Sunny Hills, Sydney — at the target of paint, bricks, and reactionary invasions — has been daily “picketed” by either the Right To Life reactionaries or weirdos like the sinister “Brothers of the Mother of God”. Preterm has taken these scum to court on several occasions and is owed $70,000 in court costs, but this has not deterred the presence of their anti-woman gauliets. A contingent of class conscious union militants committed to the protection of women’s right to abortion could quickly put the fear of god into these godfearing anti-abortion terrorists.

Abortion is one of the most important civil, political and cultural rights for women. It is an index of women’s oppression under capitalism that even in the most advanced “Western democracies” the right of women to safe abortion is at best limited and reversible. All the more so today, when all manner of social reaction floursishes in a political climate conditioned by Cold War anti-Sovietism. The reactionary zealots feel the wind in their sails. The anti-homosexual “AIDS scare” has literally meant death and beatings at the hands of murderous bigots on the streets in Darlinghurst, Sydney’s gay mecca. With their spiritual leader Reagan in the White House, Right To Life anti-abortion terrorists have been bombarding abortion clinics around the US over the last year with impunity. In Canada, Dr Henry Morgentaler, a survivor of Hitler’s concentration camps and now a prominent and courageous fighter for abortion rights, has been harassed, jailed and subjected to a violent, anti-semitic witchhunt. In capitalist Europe, particularly Italy and Spain where the hand of the Vatican rules heavy, abortion rights are under increasing attack.

We honour Bertram Wainer’s courage and determination in his nearly twenty-year-long struggle against Australia’s oppressive abortion legislation and salute his service to women. Our call for free, safe abortion on demand coupled with free quality health care for all, and the repeal of all anti-abortion laws — in defence of the fundamental rights of women now targeted by bourgeois reactionaries is integrally linked to our fight for a revolutionary programme which will champion the struggle of all the oppressed against their common enemy, the capitalist class and its increasingly repressive state apparatus.

** Interview with Dr Bertram Wainer **

** Courageous Fighter for Women’s Right to Abortion **

Bertram Wainer in his Melbourne office

AP photo

A Sp:
You have a long history of fighting Australia’s reactionary abortion laws and police corruption and your life has been on the line many times through this past struggle. Could you perhaps tell us briefly about your background and what led you to take up the fight for the right of women to abortion?

Wainer:
I don’t think I had any particular involvement with women’s movements before. I was only really registered as a feminist politician when I became aware of feminist politics as a result of the first couple of years of the abortion issue. And the more I saw of abortion the more I realised how vital it was that women should be freed of the burden of having to reproduce when they didn’t want to and the more I related to feminist politics.

A Sp: When the Greenslopes and Townsville clinics in Queensland were raided you flew in to keep the clinics open.

Wainer: What actually happened was on the Monday when they were raided both doctors [Bayliss and Grundmann] — both have worked with me in the past — rang me for help and I had to interpret the situation as it appeared at that moment. And it seemed to me right then on the Monday when the raids occurred, that what had been done was a sweeping attack, I thought that the doctors would be afraid to operate and the women who had the money would still be able to fly to Sydney, the women who didn’t would have to continue with the pregnancy. So I flew up to Queensland and stayed in the clinic in Greenslopes offering it an abortion service. But the women didn’t come. I think that will have to be spelled out.

Now I’m a foundation member of Children by Choice, which is an

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Spartacist contingent at 1984 Sydney International Women’s Day march.
organisation we can talk about later on if you like. I want to Children by Choice and we decided on certain actions, and one of them was that Children by Choice will offer back-up to women. We clearly had a duty to the women in Queensland who were coming forward and saying, you listen, you can go to Tweed Heads for an abortion, you can go to Sydney and have an abortion in Caloundra, or you can go to Greenslopes and see Bert Wainer and have an abortion. But if you go and see Dr Wainer and have an abortion at Greenslopes he's going to tell the police. And I was over at Children by Choice as well and some of the women said yes, in which case I would sit down with them and say, look, I'm happy to do the abortion, it costs nothing, but we're not going to be driven back into a clandestine situation here. I'll do your abortion and once you're well I'm going along to the police and I'm going to have a press conference. I will not release your name but I'll say I did an abortion. Because I believe it will keep pressure on Queensland cabinet.

ASp: As we understand it the Attorney-General announced that 47,000 files had been confiscated from the clinics, and then one confirmed, a file of 20,000 files had been confiscated and that 18,063 were retained because they related to abortions. I believe there is a discrepancy in the figures, and it remains that the women whose names are on the records of those abortions. Do you know more about that?

Wainer: Well, I think the figures are wrong. Everything was wrong — Harper is wrong and I think he had the wrong conception. He really ought to be able to sort out the real estate. The issue of how many histories were seized is in dispute. The doctors say somewhere in the region of 170,000, and I think Harper just stuttered out 47,000 because I think he's a bit of a puppet and I'd bet that he'd been told whatever is the true number — it doesn't matter whether it's ten, a hundred, a thousand. The reality is that the private sexual lives of a number of women have been seized under the powers of the Commonwealth Crimes Act which is dated 1914, the first time that there was an act against an act which was written in 1861. The Queensland Criminal Court has powers, which is extracted from a 19th century act. And I don't believe that the police should ever have the right to seize medical records, and particularly not these records which relate to sexual life and the reproductive life of women. But we need more laws, or fewer laws, one or the other. We need laws to protect histories if we're seized under these laws to prevent histories being seized.

ASp: The charges against Doctors Bayliss and Grundmann have since been dropped, I believe. Wainer: Sure, they've been totally dropped. And I was Director of Public Prosecutions, Des Sturgess, who when he was a lawyer gave me a lawyer's ticket. I was in Queensland and he said, "Conspiracy charges are an abomination and ought never to be used. It is laid, except with the OK of a court, a Supreme Court judge". Now, one of the first acts of the Queensland Department of Public Prosecutions is to lay conspiracy charges. You have to ask, why did he lay these conspiracy charges? Now, four weeks before these raids the minister for police, Mr Glasson, had said, "I have been advised by the Crown Law Department that it is virtually impossible to successfully prosecute doctors for conspiracies. I believe the best abortion in Queensland". Having said that, Glasson shut off overseas to Finland. In his absence Harper and Sturgess pulled off this raid and I have private sources — and I believe them — that the police didn't want to be in this, that they personally didn't have a heart in it at all. Mr Glasson had already said you can't successfully prosecute a doctor for abortion, but what can you do if you can't successfully prosecute anyone for Conspiracy? There is — one of the laws of England has said conspiracy is an engine of government. And if you look at conspiracy charges in England there they're used for political purposes, eg the Ananda Marga. So the doctors were charged with conspiracy although there was an endless amount of evidence they'd done abortions. They weren't charged with abortion.

ASp: Just one more question on Queensland. I believe that vasectomies are illegal.

Wainer: Well, they've been illegal as long as ... No-one pays any attention to it. In 1971 after I went bank-rupt, after the Kavey Inquiry, I went to Queensland and established a practice in Caloundra. It was amusing. I went for a job running the Caloundra Hospital which had 14 beds. It was advertising the job and I'd previously run a big army hospital in Brisbane. The Minister for Police said he can't have a job, publicly, because he's criticised the Queensland Police. The Minister for Health said it's nothing to do with the Minister for Police but I can't say that. And they had an emergency cabinet meeting, would I get the job? The Minister for Police said he can't say that. And they came out of this emergency cabinet meeting and said, well, a Health Minister said I was right: it's nothing to do with the Minister for Police, I will say who will get the job. So he doesn't have to get the police to think stuff them, don't need the job.

So I went to Caloundra and opened up general practice. And I did five vasectomies every Saturday morning there. And many doctors were doing them, but we regularly received little things saying vasectomies are illegal. And then once we received this letter he said only 2½ days later to the Liberal Cabinet, "It said it may occasionally be legal to sterilise a woman for a number of purposes, it is not a law ever legal to be a man. Now all that's sort of interesting. You know, the politicians who make these laws are generally elderly and there is such confusion about fertility and virility. And this reflected the concern that if I sterilise another man in some- way their fertility and virility is diminished, the politicians. Yes, it's probably got to be a bit like prostitution laws. As you know certain Cabinet ministers have been called to protest and they're advisers on other issues. So one of the laws issue is now finished. John Cain [Vic­ torian Labor Premier] will not change laws here. He won't even reply to a letter from me.

ASp: There have been fairly widespread attacks both in the US and Canada against abortion clinics, and I believe you've read about Dr Morgentaler in Women and Revolution.

Wainer: I know him.

ASp: Has his case been supported internationally?

Wainer: Of course not. I'm a member of the National Abortion Federation (NAF) which is an American organisation where pro-choice with political or technological or feminist feelings about abortion get together. It's a lobby group, and I go there when I can afford it, to their meetings. Now, I raised Henry's case in their meeting last year and suggested that we raise money because he had legal fees in the order of $100,000. I was with him last year in Canada and he was selling his house to meet the legal fees. A lot of abortionists, male abortionists aren't the chauvinist mercenary pigs women make them out to be. This clinic doesn't make me a fortune and Henry Morgentaler and I have both gone broke on the issue. And I asked NAF to support financially: I think he got $300, which won't mean anything. No, he hasn't been internationally supported because there is no one to support him. Who is there to support him? He's supported by his own convictions and he's a fascinating human being. He was in a concentra­tion camp in Germany during the Second World War. He's done 18 months in jail because of his commit­ment. I don't know. We don't have the money to meet that sort of expense. And NAF gave him humanitarian of the year or something, I mean that gets a little plaque but it doesn't really compensate you for losing your whole, and doing time in jail. But I think he thinks the issue is worthwhile. And insofar as he doesn't come from a wealthy family, he's not a great consumer and he has a little house out in the hills — I guess he's very happy because he's doing what he thinks is right. And he's a great guy.

ASp: In your experience have there been more attacks on abortion clinics in Australia?

Wainer: We've had a number of attacks. We've played them down. We had a little episode in the mid- seventies where a car parked out there was burned down and about a fortnight later one of our windows was broken and a petrol bomb thrown in, and I didn't pick it up. I don't know what was wrong with me, I was probably just a bit out of my head. The bell didn't ring. A fortnight later someone actually did break in and they came into one of our theatres. Now they made a terrible mistake because they closed the theatre door as they went out and that contained the fire. The one
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South Africa’s lack of "human rights".

South Africa is driving toward civil war in order to stamp out the increasing black resistance to apartheid slavery. The April 1976 student demonstrations in the black townships were the first serious internationalist protest action against Botha’s state, formed of apartheid racist and white-supremacist workers: black ban all South African cargo! Extend the bans on the Safocean Mildura!

Repression and Resistance in the Townships

The East Cape city of Cradock was the scene of a massive funeral attended by tens of thousands Saturday, 20 July, for Matthew Gonnie and three other workers who died in the recent United Democratic Front (UDF) confrontation. As Gonnie’s coffin was borne on a truck through the streets, crowds lined the sidewalks shouting "Free the SAPOA prisoners!" and "The banner of the UDF is now a banner of war!"

Meanwhile, in black townships near Port Elizabeth, the Indian Ocean coast, and the Eastern Cape, the SAPOA has called for a "black revolution" to gear up for the massacre of tens of thousands. In the face of this dire threat, the UDF workers remain the strongest internationalist labour-centred protest action against Botha’s state, formed of antifascist and antiwar workers: black ban all South African cargo! Extend the bans on the Safocean Mildura!

Union Bans

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by consecutive 24-hour bans by water- side and maritime unions, and further actions are planned for Adelaide and Fremantle.

At today’s picket, across from the banned Mildura, some 35 seamen were supported by supporter of the United African National Congress (ANC) and South-West African Peoples Organisation (SWAPO), a representative of the New Caledonian Kanak FLNKS, and a contingent of 20 Spartacist unionists, including a group of New Zealand seamen.

Speaking for the Spartacist League, a postal militant counterprojection, the speaker said that workers’ struggle solidarity action to appeals for "smash the racist and the imperialist trade sanctions against apartheid South Africa", which have been prepared by a coalition of pro-imperialist organizations.

As one SL placard read: "Hold the Mildura to ransom! Freedom for Nelson Mandela, black union leaders, all anti-apartheid fighters!

The toiling masses of the world see in apartheid an intensified reflection of their own oppression and exploitation, and the red-hot heart and burning will to smash apartheid slavery.

In South Africa’s mines, the struggle to smash white-vs-black national lines, the whites will win hands down. But the working-class principle of South African society sees on the brink of insurgency against apartheid slavery, and the tiny black union movement has been propelled toward openly political struggle. The development of power from below and the organization of the miners is key. South Africa’s black proletarians, six million strong, must stand together — and together they are的主题是"。在南非，南非国家的工人阶级，拥有超过600万工人，必须团结起来 — — 并且他们必须团结起来！}

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injustice. When the cops, the courts and the press are all against the workers, then corruption and crime in the unions, militants should immediately smell a rat — these are codes words for government union-busting and interference in union affairs. After years of phone harassment and threats, all they had on Gallagher were building materials and services claimed to be worth $92,000 that he got from

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... got fucking three minutes to get out of the tunnel before I was going up to a cop and I turned on the anaesthetic gas. And the copper said you can't do that. And I said well, you know just as long as you stand, you said you've no author­
ity in here, now get gassed or get out. And it seemed as if the Right of the Right stage started undoing their chains. They weren't going to be able to get up to the theatre I and a few of the other doctors started hitting them, and I saw them reaching for the extinguishers on them and then I threw them down the back stairs and turned the hoses on them. I was besid­
est myself with rage. I mean a real Glarekian Gerbals rage. And the TV arrived and ammed all this. There had been buckets of water War Labor governments. China is in you doing that doctor, and I said, I
... and the unions can only be come with it). The capitalist cops and builders he knew personally to build respectability and influence within the class conscious militants who don't calling for such a demonstration, larise the other union leaderships... If I go down to the union ranks and found the genuine workers government based on... The widespread opposition to this frac...on wages. The workers could have been mobilised in a massive-demonstration at the court when Gallagher was sentenced on 21 June, many times more than the 300 BLA who protested. The BLF did circu­lace the other union leaderships calling for such a demonstration, which was predictably ignored, a revolutionary leadership could have gone to the union ranks and found the class of workers and the workers like what's going on; but the BLF leadership seek an accommodation with the capitalist state they are a distinct part. Key to rallying working class support is a clear political programme that takes up the struggle. And this is what he decided to press accor...that's Beyond the special relationship to the Cold War foreign policy and their NCC rats...Such displays of class power have been a tonic for...f the BLF to马克思 and their Aussie nationalism disarms the union in its fight against the Cold War Labor governments...of Britain...such as the FSLN...such as Nicaragua. In the thres of revolution...until 1979...but the "solidarity" millieu has been notably silent at home in the face of the Reaganite threat...the US Congress votes for "contra" aid. The reason is not hard to find: the Demo­crats, who previously criticized Reagan's policy as "counterpro­ductive", have swung over to full­fledged support for the administration following Daniel Ortega's trip to Moscow in April. The FSLN has noticed the shift and, according to the Nicaraguan communist commentator complained that all the "solidarity" groups ever asked was, ...and made the Nicaraguan Left with its important union base. ...the FSLN...I...I...I...of the political parties...is set the whole region aflame with...I...I...I...of class _, power _...American workers, minorities, youth...broadening this tight beyond one...the touchstone for internationalism...Nicaragua just as in Russia, if not more so, internationalism will be key. A nationalist regime, no matter...Nicaragua is invaded, but not with a US puppet regimes which surround Nicar­agua have swung over to full­fledged internationalism...the Sandinistas are leaders...intrinsically divided into...the working class......the Contras!

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Continental leadership had come...inNicaragua and against imperialist aggression. The Spartacist Youth League recently undertook an urgent fund­raising drive, arguing that "Now more than ever Nicaragua needs hard cur­rency to buy medicine to spare parts". This campaign has had an enthusiastic recep­tion from the Labor Council leadership, declaring, "Nicaragua has nothing to do with terrorism, one worker interviewed by the Labor Council said, "the Salvadoran patriots should keep on killing Yankees, even if it's used as a pretext to kill us, because when we're going to kill them here, too."

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promise to apologise, they'll never do it again, will you not pursue the charge. Now, I had a number of letters from a number of judges in a magistrates court so I said, all right, I'll take their apologies. And he said, well, you know, I said, no, that's not good enough, I want each one of them out of there in front of the cameras. And they apologised.

Now since that day I've had no overt violence. We had a number of people who went and put graffiti on the fence at night, we've had no pickets. But this has never been a demobilised army. I thought this time I would strike at me, and I know where they are. And I think eventually that will make me take a much more aggressive attitude. I'm not suggesting for one moment that I would break the law, but I have to be in a position to be behaved. They come in here, they're already weighed down with the weight of the world, they're pregnant, and all the problems. They don't want fanatics. But it depends on how we actually cope with this new threat.

Alsp Take your secret...
**SPARTACIST**

Free Norm Gallagher, framed for Hawke's Accord!

**Break with the Labor Union-busters!**

5 AUGUST — Sixteen years after the mass strike which freed Clarrie O'Shea, the infamous penal powers have been revived in the form of section 45D of the Trade Practices Act. $1.7 million of the Meatworkers union's funds were seized by the federal court to pay $44,000 fine imposed as punishment for union picketing of Northern Territory abattoirs. The government/court drive to smash the militant Builders Labourers Federation (BLF) has seen general secretary Norm Gallagher jailed for four years and three months on frame-up charges of "corruptly receiving secret commissions", after a years-long government operation that cost $30 million. The Federal, NSW and Victorian Labor governments have legislation ready to "outlaw" the union and legalise cop-enforced raiding by other unions. The sacked Queensland power workers and their families have been left to rot for six months by the ACTU in the face of Bjelke-Petersen's anti-union assault. Labor politicians seem to glory in union-busting: Cabinet member John Dawkins taking his kids across striking Canberra teachers' picket lines on 2 August baiting them that he'd just turned on its own base, launching ever sharper attacks on the unions and capitalist austerity measures, at the bidding of the bourgeoisie. And internationally it is marching in lockstep with Reagan's nuclear war plans against the USSR/Vietnam. While talking disarmament, Hawke and his CIA-loving bunch were secretly planning to help tests of the first strike MX missile. They have forced the re-entry into the ALP of the NCC/DLP union wreckers and red-baiters who led the anti-communist witchhunt in the '50s. Meanwhile the bosses openly gloat and prepare to toss Hawke aside and bring back the conservatives once he's done some of their more unpopular jobs.

Real wages are falling, profits are up and this social-democratic "reform" party, minus reforms, is screwing the working people and poor who vote for it in so many ways. Like the 1974-79 Wilson-Callaghan British Labour government, Hawke is paving the way for a vicious Tory regime that will swing the axe at social services and government enterprises, and seek to break the strength of the unions in a way Malcolm Fraser never dared. Many life-long Labor supporters see this as a "fake Labor" government — a bunch of Tory careerists kicking the workers who put them there in the teeth. But that's what the ALP's always done, from Hughes to Scullin to Chifley. And like them, the Hawke government is going down. The organised working class has a choice — go down with it, or cut loose from Labor and rely on its own strength. In the ranks of the unions there's discontent and restlessness aplenty but so far no concerted fightback. What is desperately necessary is a revolutionary party and a program to turn this discontent into all-out, hard class struggle — to smash the gathering offensive of the bosses and their Labor servants.

The BLF has long been public enemy number one for the ruling class and the Hawke/Cain/Wran governments because it's a union with a history of combativity that has won real gains for its members and has never been completely housebroken by the Accord, the ACTU and Arbitration. So why did the outrageous frame-up and jailing of Gallagher go down without any real fight? The rest of the trade-union bureaucracy has been lined up with the government, leaving the BLF isolated. The "lefts" have been particularly despicable, with the other building unions led by the Building Workers Industrial Union (BWIU), dominated by splitters from the pro-Moscow Socialist Party of Australia, standing by ready to scab on the BLF and destroy it by raiding. But more importantly the BLF leadership, dominated by supporters of the Maoist Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist) (CPA(ML)), has not fought. Instead they've dodged and weaved, hoping things will cool off if they keep their heads down for a while, and looking for a bloc with elements of the trade-union bureaucracy also under the gun. While the ACTU and some union leaderships have gotten cold feet and opposed the government's anti-BLF legislation, this is only because they know that actually driving the BLF off the job sites will be a whole lot harder than passing a new law in parliament.

The frame-up of Gallagher for "corruption" is an object lesson in capitalist class "justice", that is, blatant