

GARY TYLER MAILING 8/18/76 for branch organizers and GT Fraction Leaders

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REPORT AND ASSESSMENT OF THE NATIONAL GARY TYLER
RALLY IN NEW ORLEANS.

Eight comrades attended the National rally and demo. in New Orleans on July 24th. They were Gay, Larry S., Marilyn, Lisa A., Micheal L., Fritz N., aliof Detroit Bobbi (Chocago) Meoldy (cincinatti - Red Tide). We arrived around midnight on Friday the 23rd, and went directly to the Gary Tyler office to meet Walter Collins. There was a brief meeting, he filled us in on all the plans for the rally and demonstration and explained the state of events between the OL and the New Orleans Committee. The situation was as follows: The Committee was angry with the OL for organizing the contingent on the politics of Fight Back: (400 years of slavery and capitalism, self determination for the African Nation). It was to have been organized simply around freeing Gary Tyler and anti - Klan sentiment. As a result the Committee expected the rally to be smaller than it was originally planned. It is hard to say how much of this was covering themselves and how much was really based on the OL'S sectarian organizing. At least some of it was clearly due to the OL. We stayed with Marie Gallatas, Chairperson of GRO (Grass Roots organization of Men and Women).

The rally began around noon at the Federal Building. It began small --around 200--300 and grew. After introductions, and speakers from local groups supporting Gary as well as Walter Collins, speaking from the Committee, the Southwide Colition (Fight- Back) with

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around 300 people appeared across the park near the rally site. They marched across the park to the street and stopped. At the rally the chairperson led the crowd in chanting: "Join Us" and "free Gary" Despite this, the coalition waited around 10 minutes before crossing the street to join the rally. This was clearly to make sure that everyone understood that they were separate and independent contingent in the demonstration. The coalition was basically Fight--Back, OL, and whoever they could bring. It was politically under the leadership of the OL, who'D paid the bus fares and wages lost from skipping work for those coming.

Other speakers included Mrs. Tyler, Terry, and a fund raising speech by Bill Hampton (Fred Hamptons's brother). Then the OL speaker who was to Introduce the section on National solidarity greetings from other groups building the demonstration spoke. The OL had been granted this 5 minute speaker in return for calling off their demonstration planned for July 17th in New Orleans. Following this speaker, all other groups bringing people were to get one minute speakers. From our contingent the following were scheduled to speak: Larry for I.S., Micheal for the Red Tide, Lisa from the Detroit Comm. Bobbi for the Chicago Committee, and Melody for the Cincinnati. The S.P., who had brought around 80 people also had some speakers in this section. None of these speeches took place. The OL speaker went on for about 10 minutes, refusing to heed the chairs request to stop, and by the time he'd finished, the rally had been going on about 2 hours in 95 degree heat and sun, and the rally committee canceled the rest of the speakers so that the march could be started before the crowd started to dandle. It was quite evident that the OL speaker had done this to ice us and others out of the rally.

By the time the march began there were between 1000 and 1500 people, around 60% black. The march was spirited -- the route was down the major street in New Orleans and ended up where the KKK was to have their convention. (The KKK had to move their convention because the city of N.O. demanded a \$100,000 bond which they couldn't come up with). It still provided a local point for the march. Then the demonstration retraced steps back to the rally site and disbanded. In the section of the march where the Southwide Coalition was, the chants included Fight back/OL chants as well as anti-Klan/Free G.T. ones.

Later that evening we met with Walter Collins and some of the other committee members and Mrs. Tyler. Walter was very upset, but had no solution as to what to do about the situation. He agreed that the OL/Fight back had in effect taken over the rally/demonstration politically.

On Sunday we were invited out to the Tylers house in Destrahan for dinner. We all went, and spent the entire day, visiting with the family. Mrs. Tyler was glad to see us and we did have an excellent interview with her, as we

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as well as onewith Terry . Gary called while we were there , and we all got a chance to speak to him briefly on the phone . Mrs Tyler agreed to do a speaking tour for us in September. We tried to get in touch with Walter that evening and on Monday before we left. But he was unavailable. There was to be a committee meeting that evening on thursday to have it out with the OL but it didn't come off however.

ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATION OF FUNCTIONING

In general the rally and demonstration were quite successful. It was one of the largest anti-racist marches in New Orleans since the 60's , and there is little question that it helped to build the movement to free Gary Tyler . The problems had to do with the OL and reality that Walter Collins and the New Orleans Committee did not know how to take them on and deal with them. The majority of the committee there is Nationalist, and there is little political sophistication on it, so while they were quite upset with the OL'S functioning, they had no real answers as to how to deal with it.

The problem now, is that the degree to which the OL was able to take over the demonstration, gives them a lot of credibility to do Gary Tyler defense work nationally, and thus to compete with our committees as they have already begun to do. Those people coming around won't be able to distinguish between our committee and the OL'S, and if past functioning is any guide, many will be turned off by the OL'S/ Fight Back sectarian attitude toward Gary Tyler Defense work. Our relations with the Tyler Family are excellent. However, not having anyone in New Orleans means that this too is limited. Mrs Tyler still Plans to do the speaking tour for us, and we will be setting it up in the next few weeks. Bobbi was able to make some contacts in New Orleans among people she had know when she was a Panther organizer in New Orleans several years ago. We are sending them complementary subs to M.P. We passed out workers Power and Red Tides during the demonstration. Internally the trip was very good for the IS/RT. Our functioning together as an integrated group was an important step forwards for us. We all had a great time.

Although the demonstration was successful, the committee was not able to really pull out the black community in New Orleans. It's not clear whether they do not have much of a base, or that they were not real competent in their organizing. Earlier reports were that they had held large demonstrations in and around New Orleans.

A word on the composition of the New Orleans Committee: in addition to Walter Collins and Marie Gallatas from GROW, the rest of the committee is basically nationalist. There is at least one member of the Republic of New Africa. There are no left integrated groups represented, although the OL has 2 sympathizers on the Committee.

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COMMITTEE REPORT: Relations between the New Orleans Ctte and the OL/Fight Back continue to deteriorate. They now appear to be coming to a head and everything should be clear within a week or so. Walter Collins and Mrs. Tyler have been holding off planning activities until the internal fight culminated. New Activities including the possibility of a speaking tour by Mrs. Tyler can then be planned at that time.

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NEW YORK ---picnic planned for August 27. DISCO on Sept. 18.

CLEVELAND--- Picnic on August 29

DETROIT--Women Against Racism Picnic and Raffle to Free Gary Tyler. August 21.

SEATTLE--Rally and dance, August 27.

Most of the other committees are tentatively planning fundraising events and DISCOS for early September.

**** All IS branches are supposed to be having forums on GI and Fighting the Racist Offensive at end of August/early Sept. GI contacts and committee members should be mobilized for these forums.

The Gary Tyler play that was sent out could be performed at the forums. Also, committees could use it for a guerilla theater, fundraising thing. Like going to a park or a street corner and performing the play, have someone give a short rap and fundraising ~~xxx~~ ; pitch and collect donations.

There are two things which have not been happening regularly which are making the coordination of national Gary Tyler work very difficult; ~~XXXXXX~~ reports are not being sent in regularly to the NO or the Committee in New Orleans. Send reports of your local work to: Gary Tyler Defense Committee, Walter Collins, 1610 Basin St., New Orleans, 70116

Boston, LA and the Bay Area never sent in button orders. Buttons have gone out to rest of the committees with this mailing and they are going fast.

FORMAT FOR NATIONAL GARY TYLER, ANTI-RACIST FORUMS:

GENERAL:

Hall should be nice, well decorated with Free Gary, pro bussing, RI and IS literature banners, etc. There should be refreshments, and a party planned afterwards. There should be forms on a table "I want to join IS/RI" There should be music at the beginning of a revolutionary nature (Isley Bros. "Fight the Power," reggae, there are other examples).

Have a pitch for reading and selling Workers Power and the ~~XXXX~~ Red Tide. If there's no Red Tide, there should be an explanation of what the Red Tide is by the Chair (since the RI has done so much of this work).

There should be a short talk on what's happening in South Africa today, and how that's part of our struggle. All talks should be no more than 10 minutes. The branch should be prepared to be spirited and the chair might lead a few ~~XXXX~~ chants of Free Gary Now after the first talk.

The skit should work well. Start early with the group of comrades who're playing the parts so that it goes off well. The chair should explain briefly what the IS and workers Power are at the beginning of the forum. (Attached is a copy of the forum leaflet for Detroit.)

SPEAKERS NOTES:

Speech on Gary Tyler case and racist justice:

The speech should cover briefly the facts of the Tyler case. It should be summarized, pointing out that the incident took place around bussing, that Gary was singled out because he protested the treatment of the police to the blacks on the bus, and that Gary was convicted by an all-white jury and a judge that had been a member of a White Citizens Council. Secondly, it should point out that Gary is not an isolated case, but only one of many. It was the courage and determination of Mrs. Tyler in her search for help that led to the original political defense of Gary, and to the building of a movement to free him.

This speech should cover the racist nature of the courts. There are many examples from the sixties, and from prison figures on this, as well as all the junk about "jury of their peers" with all white juries for such cases. George Jackson is one good example, as are numerous black panther cases. Also Hurricane Carter, Martin Sostre etc.

This speech should conclude that the key to freeing Gary and others like him is the building of a movement. Here, the case of Huey Newton should be brought in, and the fact that Huey did not go to death row for allegedly killing an Oakland cop because there was a mass movement of blacks and whites built that demanded his freedom. The courts won't do this on their own, they defend the status quo, the ruling class. They can be forced under pressure to grant justice, but only under pressure, and not by legal tactics. Thus, it's important that the movement to free Gary not slow down now just because he's off of death row due to the recent Supreme Court ruling. And, that the movement just go on, because Gary is just one example of racist justice in this country.

SPEECH ON THE GROWING RACIST MOVEMENT AND WHAT IT MEANS: (Ginned)

This is preferably given by someone in industry that has some concrete experience in dealing with questions of racism).

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This speech should cover the facts of the growing racist movement in this country and why it is growing now. The facts are those of Boston and the facts that no black can safely enter South Boston now, that it is patrolled by the South Boston Marshalls that have link ups with the KKK. Chicago and Marquette Park and the Nazi Party, Louisville and the KKK. Gary Tyler defense and the KKK. All of the facts of these can be obtained from back issues of Workers Power. Someone in the branch should have a file of them. The movement is growing around questions of bussing and open housing--ie the questions that involve blacks trying to get minimal reforms.

The reality of this movement calls clearly for an anti-racist movement of blacks and whites to fight back. This fight must take place politically as well as on the streets. Point out how such a movement not only hurts blacks, but also working class whites, that it is only in the interests of those in power, namely the owners of industry. Good example is the different wage levels in the North and the South and the fact that the South is not unionized generally, because bosses able to use racism to stop union organizing.

For this concretely, if you do not have someone speaking who has their own experience, there are several examples of situations in Louisville, and in particular a positive example in terms of the United Action caucus in Louisville CWA, and a negative one in the case of GE in Louisville.

This should also be tied up with national politics, and the racist stands on bussing by all major political candidates, which just encourages the racist scum on the streets. In the case of Chicago, the relationship between real estate ~~INTERESTS~~ interests and the Dalgy machine should be brought in which of course also attacks the Democratic Party as part of the growing racist offensive. The speech should end on a positive note, that blacks and anti-racist whites are ~~now~~ beginning to fight back--examples, the marches in the Marquette Park area, the movement to free Gary, etc.

SPEECH ON BLACK LIBERATION AND WORKERS REVOLUTION: (ack)

This speech covers our basic perspective. It should cover the following points. That today most of the gains of the powerful civil rights and black power movements have been wiped out except for the most obvious ones (legal segregation in the south). That the current presidential election which has no part of its program that speaks to blacks and their needs is just a cynical reflection of this.

This is no accident--the growing problems in the economy mean that subtle encouragement of racism is helpful in keeping workers divided-- can be counter posed to period of late fifties and early sixties when, in the midst of boom conditions, the ruling class encouraged reforms on the question of racism (Civil Rights).

Now the only answer to racism, racist justice, Gary Tyler, Marquette Park, South Boston, etc. in the long run is building a strong workers movement and revolutionary organization to destroy capitalism fostered growth of racism.

Tie up internationally with what's going on in Africa (Angola) and the growing militant struggle in Zimbabwe, and the heroic fights in South Africa that are sounding the death knell to apartheid and white supremacist rule in Africa.

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Show the other possibility--how as the crisis of capitalism grows it will lead to a situation of socialism or fascism and how fascism always uses racism as an explanation for the ills of society--refer to Hitler, anti-semitism in the thirties. We no have time to build a united workers movement to win white workers in common struggle to the need to fight the racist movement for themselves as well as their ~~XXX~~ black brothers and sisters. That this is the work that the IS and the Red Tide are doing in the schools, on the streets and in the factories. End with an appeal to join.

IS Statement on the October League and incidents in the Gary Tyler campaign

General

The October League is presently the most important of the Maoist/Stalinist organizations in the US. They have approximately 500 members. Most OL members are not public. The OL has the official endorsement of the People's Republic of China as their political arm in the US. They have a 12 page bilingual newspaper, The Call, which is available all over China, and a quarterly magazine, The Class Struggle. They have local groups in around 30 cities, including most of the important cities in the US. Their concentrations are in Boston, Chicago and Atlanta.

The OL operates primarily through its front group, Fight Back. Fight Back is a national organization composed of the OL and others. 1300 attended its founding convention in Chicago. (Those attending had free hotel rooms and transportation). Most of their activity (industrial, anti-racist) is carried out through Fight Back.

POLITICS

All Maoist groups look to the early Stalinist Communist Party of the 30's as part of their heritage. They see their organizations today as the only ones true to the politics of Stalin.

Their leaders come from two sources: Those that left the CP after Khrushchev attacked Stalin and "revised" the politics of the CP making, from their point of view no longer a revolutionary organization, and the most elitist, Stalinist section of the New Left- in particular that section of SDS. The OL, RU, and CL were all formed in the late sixties from these two political tendencies.

The politics of the OL are Stalinist/Maoist. They give uncritical support to the Chinese Communist Party and to China's foreign policy. They believe fascism is just around the corner. The proof that fascism is coming is the S-1 bill. The left will be forced underground when this bill passes Congress. Because fascism is coming, the OL must turn all movements into revolutionary movements as soon as possible. Fight Back is their version of the anti-imperialist United Front Against Fascism.

The general Maoist strategy for making the revolution in advanced capitalist countries is to unite workers, oppressed groups, the petit bourgeoisie and the "anti-monopoly" capitalists against the imperialist monopoly capitalists. All these groups are to be united to fight imperialism and fascism under the leadership of the party. In underdeveloped countries, their politics are those of the two-stage revolution. The first stage is to make the democratic, anti-fascist, anti-imperialist revolution. The country remains capitalist. After this has been accomplished, the revolutionaries will organize the second stage, or the workers revolution. See the section on Portugal for how this comes out in practice.

Strategy for building the party:

All Maoist groups in this country are now in the process of building their version of the new Communist party to replace the "social-imperialist Communist Party". The RU and the CL have formed theirs (Revolutionary Communist Party and the Communist Labor Party respectively). The OL is working on theirs. Their strategy is to build their party out of local Maoist collectives and study groups- to unite them under the OL with the OL's political line.

Black Question:

Their line is summed up under the slogan "Self Determination for the Afro American Nation". Their politics are those of the early Communist Party- that there is a black

belt in the South and that this area is the homeland of the Afro-American nation. Beyond this they believe in black/white unity and of fighting racism among whites. The OL is an integrated organization. They tend to be sectarian and mechanical in the way they raise this question, at times tending toward moralism.

International:

The main aspect of their international politics comes down to a defense of China and Chinese foreign policy. Thus, they support the Shah of Iran, oppose anything Russia does, and see Russia as the cause of all the world's problems. They now see Angola as a colony of Russia since Russia supported the MPLA and Cubans fought with the MPLA. They defend NATO and are for heavy military expenditures for West Germany and France. They oppose any movements in the armies of Western Europe as subversive and believe that Russia plans to colonize Italy through the Communist Party. All of their policies and positions flow from their defense of China. China views Russia as the main enemy and has all these positions. The OL's uncritical support of China means that they take each of these positions as well. They are isolated on these questions in the left and do sectarian acts like holding small picket lines demanding Russia get out of Angola in opposition to larger demonstrations supporting the MPLA.

Portugal:

The OL's position on Portugal shows clearly their reactionary politics in a revolutionary situation. Today, the OL (like China) supports the UDP. The line of the UDP is critical support to the Socialist Party Eanes government, which it believes to be a patriotic, anti-fascist government. The other main political group in Portugal that supports this government is the CDS, a far right capitalist party. In fact, the UDP is giving critical support because the government gives too much lip service to workers' demands! During the recent presidential campaign, the UDP participated in the GDUPs (Dynamization Groups of Popular Unity) and the Carvalho campaign. There they fought for the line of an anti-fascist, patriotic government because their view is that Portugal must first successfully complete the democratic stage of the revolution before it goes on to the workers' revolution. Thus, objectively, they are allied with the right wing in Portugal, against the militant workers, and against other revolutionary organizations, namely the PRP.

INDUSTRIAL WORK

The OL has people in steel, auto, rubber, electrical unions and the mines, as well as local sweat shops. Most of their members have industrial jobs. They have no national link-ups except through the National Fight "back organization.

The OL has no priorities, and no strategy worked out for their industrial work. A present their activities in the shops include heavy emphasis on selling The Call, building "Call Committees" forming 'factory Nuclei' and caucuses which are to be the core of their party.

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

The OL is organized into units of 5-7 members, with at most one public member who is usually billed as a "friend of The Call." The units meet weekly and are part of a district organization that meets less frequently. The District Committee has one representative from each unit. There is no communication between units except through the district organization.

Nationally, the OL has a Central Committee similar the IS National Committee except that it is larger, and a Standing Committee of 4 (2 men, 2 women). Conventions

ARE held annually, are closed to delegates only which are elected from units. Members are not allowed to organize politically outside of their unit.

FUNCTIONING

The OL generally functions in a very sectarian manner. This is true whether toward other Maoist groups who they attack regularly in their press, or Trotskyist organizations who they consider to be their mortal enemies, CIA agents, etc. Recently the OL made a "left" turn, but whether they're operating in an opportunist right wing manner or in a left one, the results are similar. Their view is that they must control any movement or caucus they're involved in. If they can't they will set up their own organization which they do control and try to rip off that movement or caucus. This flows from their Stalinist politics. Unlike our Leninist view, Stalinists are opposed to any kind of movement that they don't control whether they be working class, black, etc. Their politics are totally opposed to people acting on their own; Stalinist politics are those of top down control.

It is part of the politics of party and its relationship to the working class. According to the Stalinist view, the role of the party is to make the revolution for the working class, to fight for the movement, not to lead it. Thus, the CP in China took power in 1959 based on a peasant movement in the name of the working class, not as the leadership of a revolutionary workers' movement. The same methodology applies to movements in this country today- whether it's CLUW, caucus plant work, or Gary Tyler Defense work.

OL and Gary Tyler Defense Work

The October League has overall operated along the lines written above in the G.T. Defense work. When they first got involved, they brought Mrs. Tyler and Terry to speak in Louisville. They brought them as part of building a defense for Gary. However, the meeting was more a reflection of the OL's politics than it was a defense of GT. Mrs. Tyler felt used by this, and was hesitant to do further traveling or speak for left groups as a result of this experience and a similar one with the Workers' League.

They have consistently refused to organize their work in connection with the committee in New Orleans and have not sent in money they collected in the name of defending Gary. Sherman Miller, one of the top national leaders of the OL stated that the OL and Fight Back didn't "trust" the politics of the Committee in New Orleans and were not going to send money to the committee for that reason.

In Gary, Ind., Fight Back called a meeting about Gary Tyler and in the meeting showed a slide show of the history of black oppression in the US and explained the OL's politics on the question, summed up under one of their slogans "400 years of slavery and capitalism". Very little was said about Gary Tyler and the case, and a number of people were turned off because the meeting was obviously not to build a movement to free Gary.

In Boston, the OL approached us to see if we'd build a demonstration for July 24 with them in the United Front fashion. What happened shows clearly the OL method of functioning. There was one meeting, late in June in which it was decided to go ahead with the demonstration. Our people were then out of town for 2 weeks, which was told to a member of Fight Back. When our people returned and there was a second meeting, Fight Back had already had posters printed as well as a Fight Back leaflet. The poster stated the OL slogans (400 years of slavery and capitalism), had a picture that had

"The Call" in the corner, and was put out in the name of the United Gary Tyler Defense. Our Committee objected to the poster and slogans, stating it was not what was decided that the groups sponsoring the demo should have been listed, etc. They stated that we were irresponsible because we'd been out of town, and denied that they had been notified that we would be out of town. Then, plans for the rally were discussed. We proposed 4 speakers, two for the OL and Fight Back, and 2 for the IS, one of those for the Committee. They countered with their own proposal of 3 for OL/ Fight Back and 1 from our Committee and the IS could have a one minute "solidarity" speaker. They had more people there and won the vote. We then accused them of packing the meeting with all of their front groups (RATS, CYO- youth group, Fight Back), they denied there were front groups and stated that they were all independent groups involved in building Gary Tyler defense. One week before the rally, an individual representing the Fight Back Steering Committee in Boston called us and said that we couldn't take part in the demonstration, that we had no base, had nothing to build the rally, and were only interested in sectarian hassles and had slandered them by calling all the groups present, OL fronts.

We were told we could attend the rally and we did. There were only around 125 people at the rally (we'd had 75 at each of ours), and in the speeches nothing was said about Gary Tyler and his defense. We attended and passed out WP's, Red Tides, and Committee petitions.

In Detroit, when we first got involved and called the first rally/demonstration for May 1st, we invited OL/Fight Back to participate in it. At that time there were several members of the CYO(OL youth group) around the Red Tide. The OL/Fight Back refused to endorse the demonstration, and it led to a fight with some of their CYO members, who wanted to participate. They did send some people (around 5) who stood on the side lines of the rally. Since that time they have called a picnic and rally in Detroit for August 15 and 21st respectively with their slogans and with no attempt to contact the Detroit Committee. Word was gotten out to us that we were not welcome to attend. The rally/demonstrations were called in the name of Fight Back.

New Orleans Rally and Demonstration:

In general, the OL refused to coordinate their activities in relation to the Gary Tyler defense with the Committee in New Orleans. They had no representatives on the Committee, although they had 2 people sympathetic to their position. They know the Committee was planning a big demonstration for July 24 in New Orleans. Instead of coordinating with this demonstration, Fight Back called its own demonstration for July 17th, one week before the Committee's demonstration. When the Committee found out about this, Walter Collins informed Fight Back, in the name of the New Orleans Committee that if they continued with their plans for their demonstration on the 17th, that the national Committee would ice them out of general GT defense work. Following this, Fight Back agreed to call off its demonstration and in return they were given 2 representatives on a committee set up to plan and build the demonstration set for the 24th. They also got one 5 minute speaker to introduce the section of national solidarity speeches of 1 minute each at the rally.

Fight Back then proceeded to build the demonstration through the South under the name of the Soughwide Coalition around their program of 400 years of slavery and capitalism, self-determination for the Afro-American nation, etc. The national committee, and the rally planning committee wanted it built in a much broader fashion, but Fight Back went right ahead with its' plans. They refused to discuss this with the New Orleans committee.

On July 24th, the rally began at around noon. After it had been going on for fomr 15-20 minutes, a contingent of around 30 marched across a park, across the street from the rally site. This was the Soughwide Coalition (read Fight Back). Rather than coming right over and joining the rally they stopped at the edge of the street and waite approximately 10 minutes, to assure everyone at the rally that they were a separate and independent section of the demonstration, then they came across and joined the rally. When time came for their 6 minute speaker, he went on for some 10 minutes, refusing to heed the chairperson's request to end. When he finally finished, it was too late for other speakers. The OL had successfully maneuvered to make sure tha no other groups- primarily the IS and SCAR (SWP) got speakers. At the march, their contingent chanted the Fight Back slogans along with Gary Tyler ones. All in all, they functioned in as sectarian manner as possible.

In summary, it should be clear that the OL's politics are reactionary, as are Stalinist politics generally. However, they are deadly serious about their politics, and have a tough, committed cadre and they should not be simply laughed away. Our attitude is that we are willing to work with any group in a principled political fashion to build an on-going movement, whether it be around Gary Tyler's defense or anything else. We should be clear, however, that the likely ability for us to work in such a way with the OL/Fight Back are small. In a very real sense, they represent a political enemy of ours as much as we are of them.