U.S. Troops Head for Salvadoran Border

Military Victory to Salvadoran Leftist Rebels! Crush CIA’s Contra Invaders of Nicaragua!

On March 8, NBC News announced the U.S. is sending a strike force of 2,000 combat troops of the 193rd Infantry Brigade to the El Salvador-Honduras border for “emergency readiness exercises.” This is no exercise. It is a direct military intervention to try to save the Salvador butchers who are getting the hell kicked out of them by leftist guerrilla rebels. Using the phony pretext, Reagan is trying to prop up the Reagan’s military intervention to try to end eight hours of heavy streetfighting by several hundred leftist rebels in the town of Santiago Maria. In Nicaragua, a Sandinista army commander in the Matagalpa area reported his forces had killed some 35 contras out of a counterrevolutionary invasion force of 1,400 that had penetrated deep into the heart of the country. Meanwhile, Sandinista tanks were moved to the northern frontier for the first time to defend against heavy shelling reported from around the Honduran border town of El Triunfo. After two successive U.S. “exercises” in Honduras, the fighting in Central America is rapidly becoming a regional war.

On March 13, the Sandinistas reported that U.S.-backed contras had blown out two major power stations, but, however, are going nowhere in their desperate attempt to topple the government. The contras’ failures, like the failures of the Salvadoran butchers, have increased the danger of direct U.S. military intervention. With the Sandinista tanks on the Honduran-Nicaraguan border, Managua knows it is looking directly into the guns of U.S. imperialists. On March 13, Sandinista junta coordinator Daniel Ortega appealed to “the governments of the world to give the Nicaraguan people the technical military means to defend itself against the terrorism unleashed by the U.S. government.” Indeed the Nicaraguans need direct international aid. As we have said: “Stop Reagan’s Bay of Pigs—Nicaragua Needs MHG!” The most advanced surface-to-air missiles and anything else they need to defeat the bloody U.S.-backed contras. But as the U.S. becomes more directly involved in the war, it will take revolutionary struggle throughout the isthmus, backed up by international proletarian mobilizations, particularly in the U.S., to defeat the imperialist invaders.

Not long ago Reagan and the State Department were talking about the 55-adviser limit on U.S. military personnel in El Salvador. But now in Honduras

Yankees Get Out And Stay Out!

Reagan’s KAL 007 Plot Unravels

Ferreting Out the Truth

When a Soviet fighter pilot shot down Korean Air Lines Flight 007 on 1 September 1983, Ronald Reagan made KAL 007 the propaganda centerpiece of the U.S.-anti-Soviet crusade. The world’s most dangerous and barbaric leaders sharply escalated their drive toward World War III in the name of 200-plus innocent civilians killed on the KAL airliner. As the U.S. moved its nuclear first-strike missiles into Europe, Congress condemned the Soviet Union as perpetrators of “cold-blooded barbarous murder.” From the Moonie crazies and émigré “freedom fighters” on the streets to “responsible” media like the New York Times, here at last was the act which they said proved Ronald Reagan’s view of the USSR as an “evil empire” which must be destroyed. After all, they asked, what kind of government kills innocent civilians? What kind indeed.

KAL Flight 007 was clearly an American Cold War provocation in which civilians were held hostage by the real perpetrators of “cold-blooded barbarous murder.” The U.S. story was fishy from the start, and we would like to believe that we have done our bit to expose the lies of the imperialist plotters. But now the Reagan story is really unraveling. And that would be an important blow to their campaign to mobilize opinion for war against the Soviet Union. For the Reaganites the truth of Mission 007 is particularly dangerous. And now additional pieces of the puzzle are falling into place.

The first major breach in the U.S. government’s story came in early September when it was accidentally revealed that a U.S. electronic spy plane, the RC-135, had been in the vicinity of KAL 007. Two former Air

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Behind French Truckers Strike

Mitterrand's Austerity Breeds Rightist Mobilization

PARIS, March 1—"We'll make the Parisians eat rats, then when they've got no more gas and nothing to eat they'll see who's in charge," the cargo driver铮 Gordon told (The Nation, 22 February). So said an over-the-road truck owner-operator who, along with hundreds of his colleagues, joined a long line of trucks blocking the autoroute du Nord [main superhighway leading into Paris]. Every day since February, he is repeating the battle cry of Versailles against the heroic Communards of 1871. But today there is no revolution­ary workers government in Paris, only Mitterrand's class-collaborationist gov­ernment that has succeeded in sending all sectors of the population into a furor. The goal of the trucking bosses is to expand their fleet. Their business success depends on their ability to eliminate the competition and on their willingness to work harder and in worse and worse conditions. This contradiction was explicitly spelled out in interviews with salaried drivers, often forced by their bosses to participate in the blockades yet conscious that the "strike" demands such as easing limits on the length of the working day were not at all in their interests. Marxists were against this "strike"—not because it put Mitterrand up against the wall, but because this mobilization was objectively opposed to the working class. At the time, everyone was talking about the "Chile syndrome," recalling the Chilean independent truckers strike that was one of the reactionary hammer blows leading to the bonapartist mili­tary coup d'état which brought down Allende's popular front in 1973. While it is true that things haven't yet gone that far, nevertheless, in the context of capitalist crisis and given the volatility of the petty-bourgeois propertors, this "strike," manipulated by reactionaries, could only become a fertile terrain for far right-wing and fascist organizations.

What we have just seen with the long-distance truckers is a continuation of the classic cycle produced by popular front governments. Smashing workers strikes, such as Talbot (see WF No. 346, 20 January), demoralizing the most militant workers, conciliating reaction with racist and anti-Soviet campaigns, the Mitterrand government is provok­ing an ongoing spiral of sinister mobiliza­tions by the enraged petty bourgeoisie. Students and shopkeepers last May. Farmers sacking a county courthouse. Wine growers sacking a town. And repeatedly, for months, one mobiliza­tion after another of fanatical Catholic school supporters: "If they take our land, they'll take our money and our land." There was also the threatening assault on the Elysée palace [the French prime house] by the black bloc cops in June. All this stirred up by the most reactionary elements of the bour­geois opposition, including the fran­chis [head of the fascist New Forces Party] the torturer is promoted to the rank of 'respectable' politician. But who lends "respectability" to his pro­gram of anti-Communist race hatred? The day following the Le Pen TV broad­cast (which provoked a rash of new members for his organization of thugs), the Mitterrand government one-upped this racist scum by organizing an SS-style raid on Iot Chaions [an immigrant ghetto in Paris]: 600 Africans and Algerians rounded up.

To break this infernal spiral and stop the threat of bonapartist reaction, workers mobilizations against the government­implemented capitalist austerity. Breaking with Mitterrand lies today in a simple matter of self-preservation! The immigrant workers' struggle at Talbot could have been the spark to set aflame the entire auto industry, bringing out solidarity strikes in related industries such as steel and transport. Talbot was defeated, but in struggle—thus laying the basis for future actions, for example now in Citroen or Renault—workers are threatened with thousands of layoffs. And today's the miners' turn. How obscene to talk of "industrial restau­ring" when what [finance minister] Dolors & Co. mean is to dump experi­enced and skilled workers and to have them continued on page 10

Beating Souls for the Cold War Crusade

TRANSLATED FROM LE BOLCHEVIST NO. 45, MARCH 1984

Wojtyla is the pope of Reagan and Mitterrand's anti-Soviet crusade. He says so and he proves it. He has supported, organized and financed Solidarnosci, the counterrevolutionary­ary "trade union" that wanted to bring Poland back home to capitalist paradise. He supports the Nica­raguan bishops who oppose the draft, in order to sabotage defense of the revolution against attack by the contras in the pay of the CIA. He's against abortion, contraception, sexual pleasure. And in his antipro­gressive rage, he now attacks the French Revolution by beating the "martyrs" executed at Angers in 1794 after the revolutionary troops had smashed the "Catholic and royal army," in other words, the monarchist peasant revolt in the Vendée. We're not surprised to see this rabid anti-Communist defender of the monarchists of 1794 after having shed tears for those of 1984, the Afghan "freedom fighters" and the like. The leftist petite bourgeoisie often fights atheistic communism, sib­ling rivals are unspeakably against the Red Army, the only legal arm of the nation of the devil (social progress).

In fact this is all quite logical. The commanding general of the holy Roman Catholic church detests the French Revolution! His avaricious pre­decessors. But now, with the cold War, numerous anti-Soviet Communist liberals (like this other Solidarnosci notable, Wajda, in his film Oton for [Le Bolchevist No. 39, May 1983]) have set out to denigrate the great revolution, the democratic, antifaudal, antireligious bourdeous revolution. So much for the "leftists" who explain, "Jesuitism rampant, that it is neces­sary to say Wojtyla's clericalism in France but support it in Poland; who are fiercely against "free schools" in Nantes while fiercely for "free trade unions" in Gdansk!

In its struggle to the death against the workers state born of the October Revolution, against proletarian revolution and monopolies, it must denigrate the most repulsive reaction­aries, the most backward superci­cials, the most reactionaries in the old world, and vilify all the victorious of the progressive classes over the centuries. It is not enough for the revisionists know that ours is the cause of progress for humanity. Long live the French Revolution! Long live the Communist! Long live the October Revolution!"

The ETs Didn't Ring Twice

The article correctly reports that, after my explicit confession of the trans­atlantic odpacity, I received an initial phone call from the ETs, all eager to commiserate, who were quite taken aback when I told them that my exposure had been fully justified. The article however says that "I never heard from the ET again." Indeed, I did not receive any documents from them, but only after the same months—it evidently took them some time to bridge the communication posture on anyone loyal to the IAT. The promised visits never materialized. I did receive a letter from New York, and I had the dubious pleasure of conversing with the ETs only when they sought them out at the SL national meeting. Again an IAT member and proud of it

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Letter

The ETs Didn't Ring Twice

To the Editor:

As a matter of elementary prophylaxis I wanted to prevent further distortion in future by the ETs in response to a recent microscopic entry in the article concerning them in WF No. 349 ["The External Tenden­cy: From Cream Puffs to Food Poison­ing." 2 March].

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BOSTON—For the “crime” of defending the picket lines of striking Greyhound workers, black community activist Rev. Graylan Ellis-Hagler is being targeted in an outrageous racist frame-up. Ellis-Hagler was one of nearly 90 picketers arrested last November while trying to stop scab buses at the downtown Boston Greyhound station. Charges were subsequently dropped against all the protesters except the black minister, whom the cops have singled out to face prison on patently phony charges of assault and battery of a policeman. Ellis-Hagler told WFL that the cops “called me ‘nigger’ and said, ‘I’ll take your head off!’”

The cops are out to get Ellis-Hagler! They hate him because of his opposition to the corrupt Police Commissioner Joseph Jordan and for his active involvement in opposing racist cop brutality. And they want to send a signal to minorities and the working class of Boston: in this segregated, heavily non-union city, integrated labor struggle will not be tolerated; scabs will do their dirty work without fear while unionists and their supporters will be jailed. Ellis-Hagler told us that he’s being singled out because “For one thing, I got involved in union work. And union work in this town means crossing over neighborhood borders that black people are not supposed to cross.” Hands off Graylan Ellis-Hagler! Drop the charges!

Rev. Ellis-Hagler is well known in Boston for his community and labor-support work. Having been asked by Greyhound strikers to participate in mass picketing on November 17, he joined the line. In an interview with WFL, Ellis-Hagler described what happened that morning:

“We had made a decision that when the buses started to roll we would be sitting in front of them to stop them from rolling. There were quite a few people out there. I’d guess about 400, picketing both sides of the terminal. Word was passed that there was to be no violence. If the police wanted to arrest us, then that’s all they simply had to do, arrest us. When the first bus began to roll around 9:30, people began to sit down in the street in front of it. But instead of arresting anyone, the police decided to kick to, punch, to club people, and to pick them up and throw them on the asphalt down the street. So it was a leapfrog sit-in all the way down the street and around the corner, because as soon as people got put out of that way, they scrambled back and sat down again. I was grabbed by a sergeant by the throat. He called me a nigger and said, ‘I’ll grab you by the head and roll you down the street.’

When a second scab bus pulled out of the terminal over an hour later, picketers again sat down in the street in front of the bus. The cops moved in and this time arrested 51 picketers, including Ellis-Hagler. After he was detained for three hours, the original charge leveled against Ellis-Hagler, disorderly conduct, was upped to assault and battery of a police officer. At the arraignment, the cop who had threatened Ellis-Hagler read what the minister described as a laundry list of injuries that I supposedly inflicted on an officer, from a broken kneecap to a broken leg and a wad of toilet paper. Meanwhile, there has been a virtual press blackout of the case, with neither of Boston’s two daily newspapers printing a word about it.

The bitter battles over Boston busing in 1974 spelled the defeat of efforts at school integration throughout the North. When white racist mobs rampaged through the streets, striking school buses and terrorizing minorities, it was a hunting license for every kind of racist pig, and an incitement to outright murder for the racist thugs in blue. Now a book has been published documenting the police department’s cover-up of the 1975 killing of a young black Roxbury man by the police. The book, Deadly Force, implicates then-Supersintendent Jordan in orchestrating the cover-up and has sparked widespread criticism of Jordan and his Boston P.D.

Lately, the police department has been beset with problems: one cop accused of rape while on duty, another charged with 29 cases of assault; Commissioner Jordan was involved in a hit-and-run in New Hampshire, then ran to a risy Newport, Rhode Island alcoholics rehab clinic to dry out just as Deadly Force hit the bookstores. Calls for Jordan’s ouster have snowballed and both the Boston Globe and the Herald have run editorials urging him to resign. But while the “ranks” of the cops may not be fond of Jordan, still less do they like “outsiders” criticizing “one of their own.” And Graylan Ellis-Hagler has been in the forefront of the move to oust Jordan.

After years of unrelieved racist terror for black people in Boston, one solid antiracist stand was made which even the brutal cops couldn’t stop. On 16 October 1982, an angry, jeering crowd of 1,500 successfully stopped the Ku Klux Klan from rallying in City Hall Plaza, running the hooded race-terrorists out of town. Not even a full-scale riot by the crowd was determined to—and did—stop the fascist provocation. A $10 million police brutality lawsuit, in which Rev. Ellis-Hagler is one of the plaintiffs, was subsequently filed and is now in the pre-trial discovery process.

The anti-racist militants who swallowed the ramming cops to stop the KKK deserve every penny they can get! But “cleaning up” the Boston cops by dumping Jordan, who’s become an embarrassment to those he serves, or by a civilian review board to monitor complaints against the police (a proposal backed by Ellis-Hagler) is no answer. The cops’ job is to enforce “law and order” by intimidation and violence against minorities and working people. To combat racist cop brutality will take mass laboratory labor force mobilizations—a fighting labor movement committed to forging unity of the working people through active struggle for the rights of the most oppressed—on the road to workers revolution.

The racist ramifications of Rev. Graylan Ellis-Hagler must be stopped!

**Hands Off Reverend Ellis-Hagler!**

**At stake in this important case are defense of picket lines, the battle lines on which strikes are won or lost, and defense against racist attack. These same issues are posed in the case of militant California phone workers Lawrence Mezoe and Ray Palermio, whose defense Ellis-Hagler has endorsed. Lauren and Ray, an interracial couple and members of a class-struggle opposition group in their union, face four years in prison on phony “assault” charges, for defending themselves and their picket line against gross racist insult and violent attack by a racist scab/manager during last summer’s national police strike. Stop the racist anti-labor frame-ups! Drop the charges against Rev. Ellis-Hagler! Please send urgently needed contributions to: Ellis-Hagler Defense Fund, c/o Hotel and Restaurant Workers Local 26, 58 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116.**

**Call for the arrest of Jordan!**

**For more information, call the offices of the Boston Graylan Ellis-Hagler Committee, Suite 202, 399 Queen St., W.**

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Force intelligence officers, T. Edward Eskelson and Tom Bernard, further undermined the government's story, revealing the extensive detection capabilities of the RC-135s and confirming that the plane would not simply leave the scene, as Reagan asserted, because it is "screaming bloody murder." And many other reporters have assigned the task of penetrating Soviet airspace, which raises some pointed questions: does the NSA have a period of revolution around the earth of 96 minutes, Kirsanov explained, and three passes made by the KAL 007 satellites. Interestingly, this last pass was made by anti-Soviet commentator Martin Abend, who to everyone's surprise announced on TV in September that "he had information that the relevant South Korean jumbo had been the subject of last-minute technical alteration in Alaska" and that the U.S. and Reagan "bore direct responsibility for this matter" with absolute accuracy" with KAL 007's penetration of Soviet airspace over Sakhalin.

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NSA Spy in the Sky

During the height of the anti-Soviet media hysteria last September, the Soviets tried to trick through the Reagan super-secret operation, as the unusual step of revealing some of their own military intelligence. In a technically detailed TASS press release (19 September 1983), the Soviet air marshal Pyotr Kirsanov revealed that the mysterious "ferret" flight of KAL 007 was "strictly synchronized" with the passes of an American spy satellite identified as "Ferret-D." Kirsanov has a period of revolution around the earth of 96 minutes, Kirsanov explained, and three passes made by the satellite on 1 September provided three stages of an intricate spy plan. On the first pass, starting at 6:45 p.m. Moscow time, "immediately before the intrusion of Soviet airspace by the South Korean plane," the satellite "for about 12 minutes flew east of Kamchatka and the Kuril Islands." Thus the "ferret" could pick up the signals of Soviet radar in the Kamchatka area in their normal work­ing mode. Then at 8:30 p.m. Moscow time, "i.e. precisely at the moment of the intrusion of the trespasser plane into Soviet airspace" at Kamchatka, the spy satellite conveniently passed over the area of Kamchatka on its second pass. And the third pass of the "ferret" satellite "coincided with absolute accu­racy" with KAL 007's penetration of Soviet airspace over Sakhalin.

The ultra-slippery CIA/NSA spy station at Pine Gap, Australia. When Labor government leader Gough Whitlam started asking questions about the base in November 1975, CIA sent threatening cable to its Australian counterparts, ASIO, and Whitlam was suddenly dismissed in an unprecedented coup by the Queen's representative. Now Soviets reported that it was "from Pine Gap that the CIA watched the provocative intrusion of a South Korean plane into Soviet airspace" (New Times, February 1984).

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Let In Soviet Olympic Official!

The State Department on March 2 refused to allow Soviet Olympic official Oleg N. Yermishkin into the country, only hours before he was due to arrive in Los Angeles to prepare for the summer Olympic games. Yermishkin, who had visited the U.S. in November, applied for a six-month visa February 6. This last-minute refusal by the State Department upset the Olympic Organizing Committee of Los Angeles (OLCO), which stated, "We are deeply troubled by the timing of this decision, which appears to be inefficient and unfair" (New York Times, 3 March).

The State Department’s action wasn’t “inefficient” — it was a conscious provocation against the Soviet Union, the latest in a string of carefully staged, public, and petty bureaucratic outrages. “Internal security” was the only official explanation given, but one State Department official said it was all part of an “intricate game” between the KGB and the FBI/CIA — “we are paying a message to the K.G.B. that we were in no mood to let one of their guys in on the Olympic tickets, once we knew who he was” (New York Times, 3 March).

We haven’t the faintest idea whether Yermishkin has any connection to the KGB or not — there’s certainly no reason to believe State Department propaganda. But considering that the FBI and CIA, not to mention the State Department, are all into the Olympics, and that California right-wing Republicans are keenly ready whipping up provocative anti-Soviet hysteria, it would seem perfectly reasonable for the U.S. authorities to provide its athletes some protection and security.

The Reagan administration, as part of its war drive against the USSR, has in recent months embarked on several suggestive manifestations of Soviet Union in this country. Earlier, the State Department’s press section made an extraordinary public comment, that the correspondent Yuri Ustimenko from attending an L.A. Olympics press conference on December 31, while whole sections of L.A. County (including Disneyland!) remain off-limits for Soviet diplomats, journalists and athletes.

More serious than this petty bureaucratic harassment, however, is the Reagan administration’s attempts to undermine the principle that the Soviet Union, like any other state, has any right to diplomatic immunity for its personnel abroad. This is in effect the posture of war; as we noted in “Teheran Embassy Revisited” (9/Op-Ed 1/13 January): “The Reagan administration’s drive to smash Soviet state power: e.g., (1) the invasion of the Soviet diplomatic post on Long Island during the KAL 007 mystery by a mob led by the Moonie cult with the connivance of U.S. authorities; (2) the outrageously illegal denial of landing rights for Soviet foreign minister Gromyko when he visited the U.S. for UN session; (3) the humiliating prisoner-of-war treatment of Soviet embassy personnel on Grosvenor Square; and (4) the wholesale harassment of his embassy staff was held for hours and searched with their hands behind their heads.”

If a Soviet embassy in just itself one more small jab at the Soviet Union, is yet another ominous attempt to unsettle the world’s war appetite. We demand: (1) an immediate end to the anti-Soviet Olympic bans, provocations and travel restrictions!

while the “ferret” would be separated from Big Bird in Orbit B in a series of of excising vital business of picking up electronic intelligence. But “ferrets” are short-lived spy satellites sent up for a specific mission — they reportedly have an endurance of only 100 days (James F. Dunnigan, How to Make War, 1983). The question then becomes, was a Big Bird launched within 100 days of the KAL 007 incident?

The answer is yes. In an article in Aviation Week & Space Technology just before KAL 007’s fatal flight, this unofficial mouthpiece of the U.S. Air Force revealed that a Big Bird was launched on May 1983 as part of an intensified search for Soviet radar:

“The radar is under construction near the village of Abala Khaba, near the southeastern boundary of the Murmansk Region in northern Russia. The facility was not spotted the new radar. ... Central Intelligence Agency’s National Photographic Interpretation Center spotted the new radar...”

“The Abala Khaba radar appears to be composed of more than one 250-durometer area and the Kola Peninsula? (Murman) Search, but certainly the heightened interest in Soviet radar in that period, during a period of revolution of 111.3 minutes-somewhat longer than the 96 minutes measured by the Soviets, implying a higher orbit. But since this is only the initial orbital data,” it is probable that the orbit could be varied over months into the lower orbit described by the Soviets. Or perhaps the unidentified “f” satellite mentioned above was the culprit. In any case, it’s clear the Defense Department has a lot of explaining to do, but so far the bourgeois papers have not raised the obvious questions.

“Coincidences”

This string of amazing “coincidences” goes back years. Remember the previous KAL airliner which was forced down in 1983 by Soviet fighters south of Murmansk, by Soviet fighters south of Murmansk, “The plane in the Soviet Union. What’s clear is that Reagan’s charges against the Soviet Union were a Big Lie designed to cover up an American spy plot, and that the U.S. under Reagan is prepared to sacrifice the lives of innocent lives in order to “get” the Soviet Union. What’s more, the spy plot and first-strike plans have been developed by both Republican and Democratic administrations. The willful blindness of the American news media in this incident cannot be explained as simply incompetent journalism — it is simply an attempt by the Pentagon to shift its commitment to the ruling class’ anti-Soviet war drive. As we wrote in the introduction to our pamphlet, KAL 007: U.S. War Provocation (7 October 1983):

“The Spartanist League press told the truth about KAL 007 because we are not blinded by the class ideology of this country’s rulers—and because we are not muzzled by fear of confronting the Russian question.” Thus our published views in the heat of the KAL 007 crisis contrast sharply with those of America’s other self-styled “left” papers.

“The American government, whether under Republican or Democratic coloration, is driving straight toward nuclear war against the USSR. The military force for nuclear war is rapidly being built up. The imperialist drive to reverse the anti-imperialist social revolutions that have tipped sections of the world from the orbit of direct American domination is driven by the cold war against the Soviet Union. “When the terror-bombers of Vietnam talk about ‘freedom,’ the workers of the world know that war is coming. It’s time that American working people know this for themselves. For the U.S. working people must begin to act, to work together, and to build the power to stop the most dangerous imperialist role of this war in history the means of mass nuclear death. To do so, what’s needed is a revolutionary leadership that tells the truth about what’s going on and what needs to be done.”

East German Olympic figure skating champion Katrin Witt and Soviet-bloc athletes get the gold.
Behind Bloody Tragedy of Ana María and Cayetano Carpio

On April 6 of last year, the second in command of the People's Liberation Front/People's Sandinista Liberation Front (FPL/FSLN) in the El Salvador, Mélida Anaya Montes, better known as Comandante Ana Maria, was brutally murdered in her residence in a heavily guarded compound in Managua, Nicaragua. Three days later tens of thousands paid homage to their comrade at a mass demonstration in the Nicaraguan capital; FPL founder and leader Salvador Cayetano Carpio (Comandante Marcial) returned from Libya to deliver the funeral oration. On April 12, Carpio in turn was found dead in his study in Managua after reportedly committing suicide. He was buried the following day in a private ceremony attended by his wife and leaders of the Nicaraguan Sandinista Liberation Front (FSLN), although the news was not published for another week. The loss of two top leaders was a severe blow to the Salvadoran leftist guerrillas grouped together in the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN).

Who was responsible for the double tragedy? Over the last year, several different and contradictory accounts have been circulated by the Salvadoran insurgents and the FMLN (FPL/FSLN). In an April 1 FPL communiqué (and Sandinista commander Tomás Borge at a press conference on April 7) pointed an accusing finger at the American Central Intelligence Agency for the murder of Ana Maria. The CIA is certainly up to its neck in the assassination business, from the slaying of Congolese independence leader Patrice Lumumba to its countless attempts to kill Cuba's Fidel Castro. And the hideous details of the death of Ana Maria, as reported to the CIA, was standard fare in the CIA's practice among petty-bourgeois nationalists who operate, as the CIA and others have been doing, behind a smokescreen of truth.

But on April 20, the People's Liberation Forces and the Nicaraguan interior ministry named a member of the FPL's Central Command, Rogelio Bazzaglia ("Marcelo"), as the murderer. According to this second FPL communique, Carpio took his own life because of a "revolutionary crisis" caused by the assassination and the fact that the crime was carried out by his protegé, Bazzaglia.

This new became the official version: that it was all the work of a lone "madman" (as one FPL spokesman told the New York Times). Anyone who suggested that the deaths were related to a political struggle going on inside the FMLN was accused of fueling an imperialist "disinformation" campaign. Yet in early December the FPL issued a third statement, this one with the startling accusation that Carpio himself was the mastermind and organizer of the assassination of Ana Maria. Until December 8, 1983, Comandante Marcial was a "legendary" revolutionary leader, the "Ho Chi Minh of Central America" no less; the next day he is proclaimed a cowardly assassin, ten months after the crime.

W hy the sudden "revelation"? The occasion was a split from the FPL of a militant faction, the Revolutionary Workers Movement "Salvador Cayetano Carpio" (MOR), accused by their former comrades of holding the "sectarian and anti-unity positions" of their namesake and "seeking to elevate the figure of Carpio." All three versions have been sworn to by the FPL, FMLN and FSLN leaders and duly repeated by their followers around the world. The American Socialist Workers Party (SWP) took the prize for cynicism: Intercontinental Press headlined its article on the deaths in Managua "FMLN rebels press forward in unity"; their denounced of Carpio and report on the split in the FPL is titled "Big strides toward revolutionary unity."

We have refrained until now from commenting on the deaths of Mélida Anaya Montes and Salvador Cayetano Carpio because of the extreme murkiness of the affair. Much is still obscure: did Carpio order the death of Ana Maria; did he commit suicide or was he killed? We don't know. Certainly the bloody Salvadoran dictatorship, responsible for the assassination of more than 50,000 of its own citizens, and its Yankee godfathers who slaughtered over one million Indochinese (and now preach "human rights" in preparation for a nuclear World War III against the Soviets) are trying to take full advantage of the confusion. But it is now apparent that behind the deaths was a political fight inside the FPL which resulted in murder. Nor is this the first time Salvadoran militants have been killed by another guerrilla faction. And the FPL/FMLN/FSLN have carried out, by their own evidence, at least a cover-up if not a frame-up as well.

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From the beginning, the FPL, the FMLN, and the Sandinistas were plagued about the Ana Maria/Cayetano Carpio affair. And their lies keep changing. In April, the FPL said Comandante Ana Maria was the work of Bazzaglia/"Marcelo" alone, to "settle a grudge and allegations of tainted loyalty. Yet it is a result of the "ideological and political decomposition" of Cayetano Carpio's process extending over "recent years."

"His murder of Ana Maria is totally and absolutely proven," concludes the FPL document. Marcial's "ideological and political decomposition" allegedly produced "grave distortions and devia­tions that eventually resulted in Com­mando Ana Maria." The political fight was over one million Indochinese (and now preach "human rights" in preparation for a nuclear World War III against the Soviets) are trying to take full advantage of the confusion. But it is now apparent that behind the deaths was a political fight inside the FPL which resulted in murder. Nor is this the first time Salvadoran militants have been killed by another guerrilla faction. And the FPL/FMLN/FSLN have carried out, by their own evidence, at least a cover-up if not a frame-up as well.

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We certainly don't claim to know the whole truth about the disputes among Salvadoran leftists. Of course the big-money, dirty and murky business among Stalinists and petty-bourgeois nationalists has often prompted government-sponsored witch hunts and countercharges of "sectarian" and "opportunism"—ultimately centering on so-called "leftist" or "rightist" groupings, among the layers of the so-called "nationalist" bourgeoisie to include in the popular front and what they are willing to do to manipulate and subvert the masses for their own purposes. The murder of Ana Maria, for instance, is the murder of Maurice Bishop in Grenada: No one is unaware that his murder was committed in order to mount a counteroffensive in the name of "unity," and the same holds true for the murder of Salvador Cayetano Carpio in Guatemala: No one is unaware that his murder was committed in order to mount a counteroffensive in the name of "unity," and the same holds true for the murder of Bishop's murderer—Carpio's own leaders. The various FMLN leaders are all prepared to send their peasant guerrillas against the urban workers should the latter make problems for their "government of broad representation." Thus the organizational independence of workers militias is vital. Instead of murder and lies in the name of "unity," what's needed is a real one-off a factional struggle on clear programmatic lines, for proletarian revolution.

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Recently in Grenada a group of revolutionaries was used either directly or indirectly by imperialism to provoke division and confrontation within the New Jewel Movement. Here is the meaning of all the "unity" mongering—Carpio's Bishop's murder is not mentioned—"their crime is that they 'provoctited division'" Thus anyone who objects to FDR proposals, for an army including much of the present genocidal officer corps, for the preservation of capitalist property in the framework of a bourgeois-democratic government, must be condemned as "opportunists."

All sectors of the Salvadoran left are for a popular front. But in this context some of the running dogs of the bourgeoisie are more reliable than others. Their appetites for class-collaboration are almost limitless, aiming to include wider and wider layers and components of their supposed rulers. And anyone who balks at sitting down with such a creature is labeled a CIA agent. A familiar phenomenon. In his time Lenin was labeled a whaler of the Kaiser's gun by Kerensky and the Mensheviks; Stalin claimed Trotsky was an agent of the International (and of Hitler, and of the Mikado, etc.); the Spartacists were supposed to be CIA agents, KGB agents, or both simultaneously. The claim is always put as to being on speaking terms with the imperialist monster, the more they revile his killing of opponents, to put it bluntly. The great-ranking insurrectional leaders of the guerrilla wars in Nicaragua and El Salvador are now living under the jackboot of imperialism.

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Free Salvadoran Unionists!

On January 19 of this year a congress of the Revolutionary Labor Federation (FMLN) meeting held in San Salvador was raided by the National Police on the pretext of searching for armed guerrillas. No arms were found, but 65 trade unionists present were held by the police. Fourteen of those "captured" in the raid were identified as belonging to the Revolutionary Workers Movement (MOR), a leftist group which split from the Farabundo Martinez Liberation Front (FLP) guerrilla group and the Farabundo Martinez National Liberation Front (FMLN) last month.

There has been virtually no public movement from the El Salvador "solidarity movement" abroad about the 14 unionists, whose very lives were endangered by the arrests. We have learned from Amnesty International that those held include the FSR leaders José Jeremías Pereira, Dina Ramírez de Pereira, El-Ro Orlando Guerra Alfaro, Oscar Orlando Rosales Arriola, Salvador Arana Flores and five other workers and a lawyer, Waldo Escalante. Also held were three members of the metal workers union and the leaders Orlando Guevara Alfaro, Alvaro Escalante. Also held were three members of the metal workers union and the leaders Orlando Guevara Alfaro, Alvaro Escalante. Orlando Guevara Alfaro, Alvaro Escalante. Orlando Guevara Alfaro, Alvaro Escalante.

The left present insurgency in El Salvador grew out of a brutal crackdown by the government against rightist death squads against a wave of workers' struggles in 1979-80. The National Federation of Salvadoran Workers Unions (FENASTRAS) reports that 8,239 trade unionists were killed, tortured, "disappeared" and wounded between 1979 and 1981. Not a single union hall in San Salvador has escaped bombing, burning or vandalization. Today only the Christian Democratic trade unions linked to the CIA's "labor" front, the AIFDL, continue to operate openly and even these yellow unions have had leaders murdered by D'Au­buinin's killers.

Meanwhile, a series of government decrees have taken raw wages, forbidden strikes, dissolved unions, militarized public services and legalized arbitrary arrests. For the first two weeks of Salvadoran public sector workers have been on strike demanding large wage increases. On March 6 some 30,000 workers at more than 20 factories and work sites reportedly stopped work for two hours in support of the striking water workers union, affiliated to the FSR. An army unit reportedly surrounded the water workers on the first day of their strike, and the head of the National Police has accused the strikers of trying to "provoke chaos and repudiate the elec­tions." The umbrella union grouping MUSYGES denounced the electoral farce, saying it was "not a solution to national problems." This is the right wing which has blacked out this important development. Despite last summer's highly pub­licized amnesty, hundreds of unionists still languish as political prisoners in the Mariona and Nueva Esperanza jail. Among the important labor leaders still imprisoned are Héctor Bernabé Reci­ber, secretary general of FENASTRAS, and José Armando Grande, secretary of the electrical workers union STECEL. It was STECEL that touched off the strike wave in 1979 with a dramatic plant occupation shutting off production throughout the country, and which played a key role in the three general strikes during 1980. While most of the leftists have returned to the factory ground and many unions have joined the guerrillas in the countryside, there is still an active labor movement in the capital. This would have been a struggle for workers revolution in El Salvador.

An international campaign to save imprisoned Salvadoran unionists is urgently needed. Unfortunately, the El Salvador "solidarity" miles, which politically supports the FMLN, is more interested in pressuring Democratic Senators to support negotiations than in freeing these class-war prisoners. Dur­ing the 1920s the International Red Aid, a defense organization linked to the Communist International, mounted a worldwide campaign for the American labor radicals Sacco and Vanzetti. Much support flowed in from Latin America, including demonstrations in Havana and Buenos Aires. The person responsible for the Caribbean Bureau of the Red Aid working out of New York was a young Salvadoran, Agustín Farabundo Martí, Martí, who reportedly wore a red star with a picture of Trotsky on his lapel during the period when he went on to lead the Salvadoran Com­munist Party and was executed by the dictatorship in the 1930s when the Stalinized Comintern denounced as "left-sectarian." It is the duty of American workers to reciprocate the internationalist solidarity Martí valiantly fought for.

Free all Salvadoran unionists and all other victims of the rightist repression! Hostile military coups, left-wing dictator­or and rightist regimes of Central America!

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This has reflected itself within the left in many ways. Politically: if the army is the main political party of the bourgeoi­sie, the guerrilla bands or today's "politicomilitary organizations" of the Salvadoran insurgency are the bourgeoisie's "armies" of the leftist nation. But pick­up-the-gun militancy does not equal revolutionary socialism. Socially: the phenomenon of caudillosimo has always been bound up with the social values of mou­natin and rural folk. The Influence of the Christian Democracy is not a new force in Latin America. It is not only a program­matic fight against the nationalist and reformist programs which have com­promise with sections of the domestic bourgeoisie. It is also a sharp fight against the practices of a petty­bourgeois left whose would-be leaders share common social values with the reactionary generals they seek to re­place. As we wrote last year: The struggle to forge genuinely

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they have 1,700 U.S. troops armed with "heavier weapons" according to the New York Times (10 March). And as NBC described this latest move, "several thousand Honduran troops will join the U.S. infantry units in what is described as a major effort to show support for the Salvadoran army and at the same time threaten the Salvadoran guerrillas." The U.S. and Honduran troops will be backed up by U.S. planes flying missions over guerrilla-held areas of El Salvador.

Having tried and failed to revive the Salvadoran dictatorship with changes of military command and Vietnam-style "pacification" tactics, the U.S. is now engaged in military provocation to set up a Gulf of Tonkin incident in Central America. Saying that U.S. military personnel for the "first time...have provided regular tactical support for Salvadoran military operations," Reagan is attempting to divert attention with his standard tactic: call a phony election. But this time the "election" seems to be a booby trap for the imperialists.

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When ex-CIA spymaster Robert Kiley took over the post of New York City transit czar last fall, we warned: "New York City transit is in for a real target." (W' No. 340, 21 October 1983.) Kiley was not impressed by our hand. On February 14, Kiley delivered an anti­union tirade (aptly dubbed the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre," by the Amsterdam News). Kiley demanded the elimination of all civil service and union membership for supervisory and management personnel of the Transit Authority (TA). Kiley made no bones about his real target—the 36,000 transit workers organized by the Transport Workers Union (TWU). "What we've had here is management control. We want to turn them into sweatshops run like the subway transportation unit, where safety and union rules have been shot to hell, and where in the past month alone, two transit workers were killed. And the labor-bossing bosses, who want to get rid of the union altogether, won't stop there. Either the strike must be stopped in their tracks, now! And central to that is the mobilization of the TA union itself, which has the power to bring the bosses to their knees."

"Militants grouped around the class­struggle Committee for a Fighting TWU and call for mobilizing the TWU to smash Kiley's union-busting speedup assault. As the Committee leaflet printed below stresses, what is vitally important are authoritative, elected shop stewards to mobilize the workers against the bosses' intended victimizations. This involves a sharp break with the Law bureaucracy's policies of subordinating the union to the state." When Kiley was appointed, John Law, said of this consummate labor hater: "From everything I hear about him I think he's good material." (Chief-Leader, 14 October 1983). Kiley's spokesman told W' that the TWU Local 100 executive board at its March 12 meeting voted down the Committee motion for "solidarity and support to the Subway Supervisors Association...." This deadly betrayal must be overturned by the TWU rank and file.

For years now NYC's labor leaders have caved in on the unchallenged bosses of the banks and Democratic Party city bosses. They mortgaged the unions' pensions to Big MAC, accepted layoffs and wage freezes, kowtowed to government legislation banning strikes, and stepped on the toes of the unionists when they did strike. The end result has been simply and predictably to embolden the city bosses, from racist mayor Koch's vicious striketeering against the TWU in 1980 to Kiley's union-busting today. The fight not being organized by the militants of the Committee for a Fighting TWU, the only grouping in the TWU with a hard opposition to the union bureaucracy's sellout subordination to the state and suicidal alliance with the imperialist New York Party, is critical to the future of the union.

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labor onto the garbage heap. The miners must not allow themselves to get boxed into "protect" strikes. Elaborate strike committees, called back at all times, where the union bureaucrats' treacher­ous strategies can be scotched. Such strike committees will also be organizing centers for mass pickets and flying squads to close the pits in all the mining regions and form the embryo of workers regions and form the embryo of workers unions. The French economy is certainly large part geographic ties. The miners were needed. Instead they want to be cut off from the union by Kiley. Kiley made no bones about his real target—the 36,000 transit workers organized by the Transport Workers Union (TWU). "What we've had here is management control. We want to turn them into sweatshops run like the subway transportation unit, where safety and union rules have been shot to hell, and where in the past month alone, two transit workers were killed. And the labor-bossing bosses, who want to get rid of the union altogether, won't stop there. Either the strike must be stopped in their tracks, now! And central to that is the mobilization of the TA union itself, which has the power to bring the bosses to their knees."

Militants grouped around the class­struggle Committee for a Fighting TWU (TWU) as well as the "productivity" that Kiley gave to the Greyhound workers. Big flashy media stunts don't make up for the Greycrowd from rolling its buses over the bodies of pickets. Real solidarity means concrete industrial action. For example, in less than thirty days Long Island Railroad unions say they'll honor pickets of the TWU against the contract which is protesting Kiley's refusal to bargain with them. If our LIRR union strikers and sisters stop work and all MTA bus and subway routes can be used to break the LIRR strike must be SHUT DOWN! The way to get rid of the TWU strike is to mobilize the workers against the bosses' intended victimizations. We want to see the Taylor Law is by making its existence irrelevant through effective acts of labor militancy. And the third city labor into a single powerful fist of working class force.

Putting union to union means taking measures today that will effec­tively end our dependence on Kiley, the city bosses and the forces that are out to break us. The bosses checkoff our union leaders lazy and dependent on Kiley. Making the bosses' bank means entrusting the dues structure to our enemy and insulting us we have it will end their power. Kiley's union must immediately institute a system of elected shop stewards for all university

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Phone Workers: Defend Kathy Ikegami—Win Strikes!

SAN FRANCISCO 9 March—In a strong show of support for Militant Action Caucus (MAC) leader Kathy Ikegami, over 100 members of Communic­ations Workers of America (CWA) voted to initiate legal action and to demand a public hearing and a new trial for Kathy Ikegami.

The demonstration was called in solidarity with Kathy Ikegami and her co-defendant Lauren Mozee, announced that the Alameda Central Labor Council, representing 50,000 AFL-CIO members, has demanded the dropping of charges against Lauren and Ray, as well as charges against three other phone strikers arrested during the course of the strike on misdemeanor charges. The defense effort has gathered wide support among labor and civil rights organizations and the demon­strating workers were very pleased to hear statements of solidarity from the American Telecommu­nications Employees Union (CWA), the Aboriginal Legal Service, and both of New South Wales, Australia.

Militant Action Caucus Leaflet

Throw Out the Witch-Hunt Verdict! Vote No on Ikegami’s Conviction!

Brothers and Sisters: Come to the special membership meeting of the Bay Area labor movement to make the struggle to defend Mazoe and Palermo their own. Notable among the many speakers will be stay-at-home dad, they were members of the Communications Workers of America (CWA), who made up a fifth of the membership. The CWA is an Executive Board won’t that her entire crew requested time off work to attend the demonstra­tion and hearing, and the company, forced to let most of the crew attend.

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The militant action on behalf of Kathy Ikegami and her co-defendant Lauren Mozee put it. "Before you had the KKK that just came in and beat your brains out and got away with it—not that they're not still doing it. But they have the courts behind them."

Determined to strike this frame-up the Phone Strikers, Labor Council (PSDC) has been filing the courtroom during each of the many court appearances of the defendants. The PSCD has initiated militant protests and conducted a widespread campaign of support. Lauren and Ray...Continued from page 22 of the Bay Area Labor movement to make the struggle to defend Mazoe and Palermo their own. Notable among the many speakers will be stay-at-home dad, they were members of the Communications Workers of America (CWA), who made up a fifth of the membership. The CWA is an Executive Board won’t that her entire crew requested time off work to attend the demonstra­tion and hearing, and the company, forced to let most of the crew attend.

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Workmen Vanguard

UCLA Protesters Confront Salvadoran Ambassador of Death

Los Angeles—UCLA students got a taste of “democracy El Salvador-style” on Monday, March 5, when four members of the Spartacus Youth League were dragged out of Dickson Auditorium and jailed for protesting the bloody Salvadoran government’s ambassador, Ernesto Rivas-Gallont. These comrades now face $200 fines for “offensive words” and “disturbing the peace.” Offensive words? Disturbing the peace? The only “offense” was the obscene presence of this ambassador of death; the only “peace” the SYL disturbed was the “peace of the graveyard” the murderous rulers want to impose on the workers and peasants of El Salvador. These charges are designed to silence activists who want to keep war criminals off campus and to give the administration a protest-free quarter to make UCLA a haven for mass murderers. No way! Drop these outrageous charges against the SYL Four!

Death squad front man Rivas-Gallont had to slither through the back door under cop protection because the front 75 students responding to the emergency demonstration called by the SYL were chanting “Military victory is what we want—A workers tribunal for Rivas-Gallont!” At hour later 250 students crowded into Dickson Hall, over half of them to confront this representative of the Salvadoran terror regime. The crowd erupted into pandemonium when the cops moved in on SYLer Jeanne McNiff for their first arrest. Chants of “Cops off campus!” and “Keep the butchers on the run!” mixed with cries of “Let her go!” Rivas-Gallont, butcher in diplomat’s clothes, temporarily fled the podium. Shouts of “Murderer!” continued as one after another SYLers Juvenal Martinez, Eileen Kelly and Jeffrey Kaye were dragged out of the hall by helmeted cops in full riot gear. At the police station, Martinez, who grew up in the L.A. barrio, was chained to a chair like a dog and interrogated.

As the SYL letter to the Daily Bruin explained (a letter the “free speech” Bruin refused to publish): “The SYL is singled out because from ‘soldier-scholar’ Waghestein [former head of U.S. forces in El Salvador] to Salvadoran butcher Gallont we have been consistently out in front leading the fight at UCLA to keep war criminals off campus and because we defend the gains of social revolutions from Cuba to the USSR against imperialism’s Armageddon.”

The SYL “Call to Action” distributed to thousands of students for the March 5 action read: “Straight from the land of the death squads, from a kill-crazy junta with the blood of 30,000 on its hands, El Salvador’s blood-drenched ambassador Ernesto Rivas-Gallont comes to UCLA today on behalf of the Latin America Center for Counterrevolution to sell the junta’s eviction by death. DRIVE THE AMBASSADOR OF DEATH OFF CAMPUS: “If you hated McNamara and Waghestein you’ll really hate this guy. And continued on page 10

Courthouse Demo Demands:
Freedom and Jobs Back for Lauren and Ray!

Hayward, California—Nearly 100 angry and militant supporters of chained-up strike militants Lauren Mozee and Ray Palmiero demonstrated at 8 a.m., March 1 at the Hayward Municipal Court and then filed the courthouse to attend the scheduled preliminary hearing of the two unionists fired and arrested during last summer’s phone strike. Chanting “Freedom and Jobs Back for Lauren and Ray!” “Smash the Racist Anti-Labor Frame-Up!” and “Picket Lines Mean Don’t Cross!” demonstrators from over a dozen Bay Area unions, socialists and students—black, white and Hispanic—sent a determined message to Pacific Telephone and its lackeys in the Reagan-infested Alameda County D.A.’s office. The marchers expressed their resolute opposition to the bosses’ efforts to import South Africa-style “justice” to Oakland and to make it a crime to defend union picket lines against racist scab scabs.

While on picket duty in Klan-infested San Leandro during the national phone strike last August Lauren Mozee was called a “black nigger bitch” and struck in the face by a racist scab-manager, Michelle Rose Hansen. Lauren defended herself, while her companion and fellow unionist Ray Palmiero came to her assistance. For this act of self-defense and defense of the picket line Mozee and Palmiero were fired from their jobs at P&T, denied unemployment compensation and face four years in state prison on felony charges. The racist scab still has her job!

The size and militancy of this early morning workforce demonstration show the determination of important sections...continued on page 11