Ach April 19 massacre of nearly 100 members of the Branch Davidian religious commune, which the world watched live on TV, was the biggest government slaughter of American civilians in this century, exceeding even the horrendous U.S. Army bombing of the black community in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1921. Having mobilized heavily to teach a bloody lesson to those who would protest against L.A. racist cops, the nation’s forces of state repression immediately let loose in Waco.

The pretext for the original raid by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) was that the group supposedly had a cache of arms. Thus the liberal campaign for gun control helped create the climate for the siege, assault and mass murder of this religious sect which harmed no one.

One lawyer told CNN the Waco group probably had less guns than Ross Perot has in his basement.

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On April 10, Chris Hani, leader of the South African Communist Party and former head of the African National Congress’ armed wing, Spear of the Nation (Umkhonto we Sizwe—MK), was gunned down by an émigré Polish fascist with links to South African state intelligence. Hani was shot four times about 10:15 a.m. as he stepped out of the car he had just parked in the driveway of his home in a newly integrated neighborhood in Boksburg, a staunch right-wing suburb of Johannesburg. As news of the assassination spread through the impoverished townships, black anger exploded in the streets from Cape Town to Soweto. Millions participated in mass protests, funeral processions and perhaps the biggest general strike in South African history.

Six million blacks stayed away from jobs on April 14. Apartheid rulers answered with tear gas and pistol shots. Police who were lined up in front of the police station in Soweto shot directly into the crowd of thousands, killing three. At a march in Johannesburg, police stood by while Nazis jumped out of a car and shot three protesters. With Hani’s murder, black youth in their outrage took to the streets in dozens of cities. Windows were smashed, vehicles and government offices burnt, grenades thrown at soldiers. On the day of his funeral thousands filled a Soweto

Township youth take to the streets April 14 in anger over murder of Communist Party leader Chris Hani.
The December election of former "dis- sident" Kim Young Sam as president of South Korea was hailed by the capitalist media as a triumph of democratic rule. But for the brutally exploited Korean workers and the trade-union militants who are fighting against the Korean prisons, Kim’s election is little more than a trans- parent “democratic” veneer for the South Korean police state.

With rampant corruption and declining profits taking the gloss off the "eco- nomic miracle" built on the blood, sweat and tears of South Korea’s workers, the "reformer" Kim Young Sam was the preferred choice of the Korean bourgeois- ie. Though touted as the first South Korean president who did not emerge from the military, he joined the ruling Democratic Party in 1990. As set out in a position paper released in Febru- ary, the new government’s plan for revitalizing the declining economy calls for deregulating industry, rebuilding national discipline and encouraging sac- rifice for "the country’s good"—i.e., squeezing the working class even more.

Despite the police-state repression, backed up by tens of thousands of U.S. troops, the South Korean proletariat has demonstrated its courage and mili- tancy—from the mass strikes and the wave of 1987 to last year’s militant class battles at Hyundai. The period leading up to the election was marked by an intensification of repression. On September 25, seventeen striking steel workers were arrested when over 1,600 riot police dismantled the 600 strikers who occupied the Summi steel plant in Changgo. One week later, cops stormed a broadcasting station in Seoul where workers were on strike for a month. Thirty strike leaders were arrested. On December 26, a court con- demned nine people, about one- sixth of all those on death row—a clear indication that even after the election eleven days earlier it was business as usual for Korea’s brutal apparatus of repression.

Kim Young Sam came to power amidst expectations of a sweeping amnesty for political prisoners, which has yet to be carried out. But as under his predecessor Roh Tae Woo, any amnesty will likely exclude prisoners considered "socialists" by this vile reactionary government.

Roh’s 1987 election was hailed as a "democratic opening," but in the next five years over 1,000 labor unions were dissolved, and more than 5,000 dissi- dent leaders thrown in jail for a total of 4.4 per day. Among the political prisoners rotting in Kim’s jails is Choi Il Bung, a member of the International Socialists group.

Sentenced in November to two years in prison, Choi was charged and con- victed under the draconian National Security Laws for publishing books freely available in other countries, including Trotsky’s The Permanent Revolution and Moshe Lewin’s Lenin’s Last Struggle, as well as the anti-Soviet "state capitalist" writings of Tony Cliff. Enacted in the 1950s to suppress the Communist move- ment and snuff out any support to the bureaucratically deformed workers state in the North, South Korea’s security laws are used to criminalize all political oppo- sition to the reactionary regime. Kim Young Sam himself spent years under house arrest under the security laws, only to today carry on the tradition of locking away anyone deemed a threat to Seoul’s bloody capitalist order.

While many South Korean workers and students are sympathetic toward the North, Choi’s answer to the charges was to point to the I.S. “position that North Korea is "state capitalist" and that many of the books he published opposed the... continued on page 9
April 18—Following an orchestrated nationwide "riot" scare and cop mobilization, the carefully scripted verdicts in the case of four of the LAPD cops who mercilessly beat Rodney King two years ago were handed down in an extraordinary 7 a.m. Saturday court session.

The fact that the shouting, swaggering racist pig Koon and the sadistic baton-wielding cop Powell may spend a few months in protective custody at Club Fed doesn't change one iota the brutal reality of racist American capitalism.

The Rodney King case has laid bare capitalist class "justice" in this deeply racist country. The methodical, systematic, deliberate beating of a helpless black man pinned to the ground by more than a dozen burly cops was the domestic face of the imperialist "New World Order" proclaimed over the corpses of 100,000 Iraqi men, women and children.

The flagrantly racist acquittal of the four cops by a Simi Valley jury last year sparked multiracial upheavals of outrage across America. L.A. was torn apart by the largest urban uprising in the U.S. this century—followed by bloody repression. Over 50 were killed, mainly by police. The preparations for police-state repression around the second trial showed what this vicious ruling class is capable of. And on the night the L.A. verdicts were announced, they decided to do it in Waco.

Last year's Los Angeles upheaval shook America's racist bourgeois rulers. They saw a "revolt of the damned," and to prevent any repetition, they deployed a full panoply of counterrevolutionary terror. Four days before the case went to the jury, the Police Foundation staged a top-level conference in Washington, D.C. with top cop Janet Reno and Los Angeles' top cop to plan for "civil disorders."

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Occupying army of troops and cops rounded up minority youth in South-Central L.A. during last May's explosion over acquittal of racist cops.

You Can't Get Justice in the Capitalist Courts!

Drumbeat A Times

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BEOs, Labor Traitors Abandon Blacks

Pols showed all racial groups in L.A. other than whites thought that the overwhelming danger was not riots but the cops running amok; whites were evenly split. Yet the bourgeois media were out "riot hunting," feeding the frenzy of cop provocation and militarism. And when nothing happened, it was used as justification for the police-state mobilization and the call for thousands more cops on the streets. The civil libertarian ACLU disgustedly came out in defense of King's racist cop tormentors—in a split vote in which all black delegates dis­­sented—on the grounds that the second trial constituted double jeopardy. While the bourgeois courts may well use this as a precedent, the Simi Valley whitewash was not a trial at all but a flagrant sham.

The new head of the thoroughly "respectable" NAACP, Rev. Benjamin Chavis, felt compelled to complain that the provocative buildup "reminds me of the preliminary activities of Desert Storm." He added: "I'm very concerned, with all the military apparatus that is surrounding Los Angeles right now, that the people who live in South-Central Los Angeles may in fact become isolated from the rest of the United States.

If South-Central is isolated from the rest of America, it is because the beleaguered black population has been abandoned by the black Democratic Party hacks, and the abjectly pro-capitalist union tops who have sabotaged the pal­pable opportunities for working-class struggle in L.A., that could have brought out the power of the labor movement against racist cop terror.

The black elected officials nervously rush to shore up the cops because they know that for all the hype about drug witchhunting Peter Besrbroth's union-hating "Rebuild L.A.," decaying capitalism has nothing to offer the impoverished black and Latino masses.

In the wake of the 1960s ghetto rebellions, the state responded with the sop of a "war on poverty." This time around, they bought off a handful of L.A. street gang leaders, who were armed and outfitted with T-shirts reading "Peace in the 'hood." Last year's talk of $5 billion in inner-city investment is a citywide joke; Ueberroth's outfit even had to change its name to "RLA" for fear of raising "false hopes." Unemployment in poor black neighborhoods reaches 50 percent, as hundreds of thousands of unionized industrial jobs have been wiped out in aerospace and auto. L.A. teachers just had a 10 percent pay cut rammed down their throats by the "friend of labor" Democrats, and Kaiser hospital workers, who were slated to strike during the trial, were sent back to work after only a day. L.A. labor, especially longshore and the growing multiracial service unions, has the power to come to the defense of the black and Latino population—and themselves. The LAPD "labor squad" has been pervasive, menacing union demonstrations and strikes, while undoc­umented Latino workers face roundups and deportations by the INS. During last year's upheaval the LAPD and la migra swept the streets and deported over 1,000 workers. While California continued on page 9
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We were the only ones to state this obvious truth, at a time when nobody, either in the bourgeois media or the left press, would say it. They instead united in building Hani’s reputation as an uncompromising Communist leading militant opposition to Apartheid. But today Hani’s role in the “negotiations” will be discussed by all. Thus in the New York Times (April), Bill Keller wrote that “With his credentials as the anti-apartheid guerrilla leader and his charismatic appeal to angry young blacks, Mr. Hani gave the communism credibility among its most disaffected constituencies.”

Soweto was the site of a dramatic political confrontation. At the April 14 protest, as ANC leader Nelson Mandela addressed the 20,000 who rallied in a sports stadium. In the week when Mandela said “I don’t like the National Party, but I’m prepared to work with F.W. De Klerk to build a new South Africa,” Yells came from the crowd, “We hate them, we hate them!” Others said, “It’s too old and he doesn’t want to.”

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night. Since then it’s been delay, delay, delay—three years of delay. And now they’re murdering our leaders. The only answer is insurrection." (Washington Post, 18 April). This is the bitter anger of people who thought they were getting "Amandla" (power) and now have been robbed of even the illusion of it.

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Mississippi Jailhouse Lynching

Over the past five years the state of Mississippi has been the scene of almost 500 lynchings. These events are documented in a recent article by Tim Spofford, a former postman who has been arrested on a year-old warrant. He died in the Neshoba County jail. Despite common knowledge that lynching is widespread in Mississippi, sheriff's departments claim they have no evidence of code of conduct or evidence of racial violence. The sheriff's department conducted an investigation, and after a careful FBI review they found no evidence to counter the scenario. The Mississippi Commissioner of Public Safety, James Ingram, claims there is no evidence of "false play." Ingram, a former assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, was responsible for Cointelpro, the federal government's civil rights movement. Sheriff Lloyd Jones is called a "goon" because he is a racist thug. He was in the line of state patrolmen that cleared a path for the racist mob when James Lee died and twelve were injured. As James Evers, brother of slain Mississipi NAACP leader Medgar Evers, said later, "I know James died for murder." For he is the man—I keep saying this—who is always on the scene. He's the one who called us "niggers" quoted in Tim Spofford, Lynch Street: The My 1970 Staying at Jackson State College (1983).

On April 14 a federal inquiry was announced to investigate deaths in Mississippi jails. Expecting the government to stop this is like asking the fox to guard the chicken coop. The jail where Andre Jones died has been subject to review under federal court order since 1978! But the experience of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) in 1964 illustrates the dead end of capitalist politics. The MFDP was the outgrowth of a Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee voter registration drive in 1964 that netted 80,000 black voters to force the liberals in the national Democratic Party to seat a black protest slate. But Lyndon Johnson needed the white vote, and insisted on a "compromise" seating only two "at large" black delegates. SNCC refused and the entire regular delegation was seated. At the time, Stokely Carmichael said "It's a live fox versus a Negroes to join the Democratic Party as it would be for Jews to join the Nazi Party."

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Fifteen-year-old wife and two-month-old daughter of Bobby Everett (left) and mother of Shantanna Moore (above), two more victims of jailhouse lynchings.
On April 1, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) went to the UN Security Council seeking unspecified "sanctions" against North Korea, supposedly refusing to allow inspectors to visit "suspected atom bomb sites." Sound familiar? It sure will to the beleaguered population of Iraq: that was the pretext for the vicious bombing attack on Baghdad in January, with outgoing and incoming imperialist chiefs Bush and Clinton standing "shoulder to shoulder" to secure more North Korea, now white country. In motive and intent the scenario now being played out against North Korea is no different. Besides these moves is a deadly threat against the North Korean deformed workers state by the hegemonic nuclear power on the planet, the U.S. of A.

Bush cast Saddam Hussein as a nut and is gearing up for terror against Iran. The North Korean Stalinist regime of Kim Il Sung signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in 1985 under heavy pressure—actually economic blackmail—from Moscow and Washington. However, Kim refused to bow "inspections" of the North unless the same treatment was meted out to the South, where the U.S. has had hundreds of nuclear warheads. The South Korean capitalist regime claimed in 1991 that these weapons were removed, but "United States policy is never to confirm or deny the presence of nuclear weapons at any site" (New York Times, 27 December 1991).

Next, in 1992, Kim surprised the imperialists by having the treaty ratified, disclosing a number of nuclear installations and agreeing to let the IAEA in. "The facilities listed were more than they needed to give us," said an IAEA spokesman. Some five months and three inspection trips later, the New York Times (21 September 1992) was forced to admit North Korea had "a nuclear arms program more rudimentary than expected," after inspectors were shown "even some facilities the U.S. was unaware of."

However, newly "suspicious" sites can be "discovered" endlessly, which is what the Pentagon and its IAEA agents proceeded to do. When in February the agency demanded access to two sites outside their purview, the North Koreans balked. The U.S. responded by reviving its "Team Spirit" military exercises with South Korea, an annual rehearsal for invasion of the North. Finally, on March 12 the North was driven to pull out of the treaty. In a statement that is rather sober for a Stalinist regime notorious for taking to bizarre extremes the "personality cult" of the "Great Leader" Kim and his son and heir, "Dear Leader" Kim Jong II, the North Koreans pointed out: "If we submissively accept an unjust inspection by the IAEA, it would legitize the espionage acts by the United States, a belligerent party vis-a-vis the DPRK [Democratic People’s Republic of Korea], and set the beginning of the full exposure of all our military installations. Under our specific conditions in which the country still remains divided and exposed to the constant nuclear threats from the United States, it will be totally inconceivable to lay our military sites open to the enemies."

U.S. Imperialism—World’s Nuclear Terrorist

Who’s kidding who, anyway? Forget how many grants of plutonium North Korea may or may not possess. The U.S. is the only military power on the peninsula with nuclear weapons—and no one had better demand to inspect them—not a propaganda “documentary” on “Iran and the Bomb.” Who’s Supposed to Get the Bombs?

The escalating provocations against North Korea “reflect a new global preoccupation with the monitoring and enforcement of a handful of treaties meant to constrain the proliferation of nuclear, germ and chemical weapons and ballistic missiles,” says the Washington Post (7 April). Translation: The U.S. imperialists have decided these treaties make a really great cover for going after their perceived enemies. Using the United Nations as its agent, the U.S. claims the right to poke its nose into the North Korean forces launched a punitive counteroffensive, Truman publicly declared that the use of nuclear weapons by anyone anywhere—under our specific conditions in which the country still remains divided and exposed to the constant nuclear threats from the United States, it will be totally inconceivable to lay our military sites open to the enemies.”
The landslide victory of the conservative parties in France's parliamentary elections last month touched off a wave of racist cop terror against immigrants and those of African or North African descent. Less than two weeks after the elections, three minority youth and a fourth young worker had been assassinated by the killers in uniform. Our comrades of the Ligue Trotskyste de France (LTF) have issued an urgent appeal for working-class mobilization against the murderous cop terror.

The March elections were a stinging repudiation of Socialist President François Mitterrand. With the Socialists receiving barely 19 percent of the votes (and less than one-eighth of the seats in the new parliament), Mitterrand must now "cohabit" with a government of the right. Yet the road to this reactionary regime was paved by a dozen years of Mitterrand's anti-working-class austerity, Cold War anti-Sovietism and anti-immigrant racist attacks. Another beneficiary of this reactionary climate was Jean-Marie Le Pen's fascist National Front, which got 13 percent of the vote in the first round elections.

The naming of the sinister Charles Pasqua as minister of the interior underlines the threat that terror against immigrant workers and the "second generation" of youth of African or North African parents will be the hallmark of this government. Pasqua was notorious as interior minister in the 1986-88 government of conservative prime minister Jacques Chirac, when he goaded on the killer cops, brazenly telling them he would "cover" for them when they attacked immigrants. Not surprisingly, the police saw the vote as a green light to step up their terror.

The new conservative prime minister Edouard Balladur announced that the first priority of his government was dealing with "nationality, immigration and security," presenting immigrant workers and their families as criminals who merit police-state repression. Many of those who are called "immigrants" were actually born in France of North African descent. Now the government wants to do away with the existing right of those born in France to immigrant parents to automatically become French citizens at the age of 18 if they choose.

The LTF leaflet which we print below is being distributed by the thousands in immigrant neighborhoods and hostels, at high schools and university campuses, and before many factory gates. The reception has been highly favorable, especially at factories with many immigrant workers, such as the Flins auto plant, where the North African workers were the first to strike against Mitterrand's austerity in the early '80s. Immigrant workers are an important component of the French working class and could play a key role in countering the terrorist attacks and racist anti-immigrant movements in a common struggle against the government's racist onslaught.

For Workers Action to Defend Minority Youth!

APRIL 10—Within two days, three youths of black African and Maghreb (North African) origins were killed by the cops. On April 6, in the 18th arrondissement (district) police station in Paris, Makome M’Bowole, a young man from Zaire, was executed, shot in the head by an inspector of police. The night of April 6-7, Pascal Tai’s, a youth of Moroccan origin, ill from AIDS, was also shot in the head while being taken into custody. The next day police dragged and roundups are an outrage and an invitation to more killings of North Africans and black Africans!

In Paris and Tourcoing (in the north), the long-suppressed anger of the youth subject to years of daily racist terror has exploded against these crimes. Around the 18th district police station in Paris, every day hundreds of youth demonstrate yelling "Cops—fascists and murderers!" These youth must not stand alone.

The cop invasion of the immigrant communities today comes in the wake of an electoral campaign steeped in racism, where all the major parties fought over the question of who can best "protect France against immigration," which they denounce as responsible for all the ills of the economic crisis: unemployment, crime. Now the Mitterrand-Balladur government is taking advantage of the current unrest to increase police repression and violence in the name of racist "public safety." Pasqua has put the 18th district under a state of siege, with a police cordon and a sweep recalling the bloody repression against Algerian workers in France during the Algerian War—especially in that neighborhood, which was a stronghold of the FLN. The memory of the defeat of French imperialism in Algeria is fueling the racist terror against the fascists and the Mitterrand-Balladur cops. The cops arrest and torture dozens of demonstrators. A member of the LCR [Ligue Communiste Révolutionnaire] is in the hospital after having been beaten up at the police station. Drop the charges now! Full citizenship rights for immigrants! Cops out of the immigrant neighborhoods! Worker/immigrant defense squads based on the factories!

The Ligue Trotskyste calls on workers to mobilize to defend immigrant neighborhoods!

Leaflet mass distributed by LTF calls on workers to mobilize to defend immigrant neighborhoods!
North Korea...

(continued from page 6) military secrets of any state on the globe—and bomb or invade it if it chooses—in the name of "controlling the spread of weapons of mass destruction."

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workers states and ready to begin a new cold war against the workers at home. This means a leadership which does not fight at a front, in defense of jobs, but instead against the bourgeoisie! In this racist, capitalist country, there will be no justice for Makozy, Ruben Martinez, Carlos Arjouni and all the other victims of racist terror. Justice will be rendered when the killer cops are judged by their own people. But when the power of the capitalist class and their racist lackeys in uniform—be they cops, streets cleaners or fascist vigilante groups which exploit the bourgeoisie and puts the workers in power. More than ever, it is necessary to organize and fight back against the attacks of the fascists and the cops of the bourgeois state.
The charred corpses of 87 men, women and children in the firestorm resulting from the FBI's barrage of CS gas, flash-grenades and battering rams are the direct responsibility of the White House. President Clinton gave the green light, Attorney General Janet Reno personally supervised the plan, and the FBI's storm troopers moved in to carry out the government's "final solution" against the small, integral Branch Davidian religious sect in Waco, Texas. After a murderous raid by federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents armed to the teeth and a 51-day siege, almost a hundred people have now been subjected to a flaming apocalypse for the sole "crime" of being a non-conformist religious sect which dared to defend itself against government assault.

The Spartacist League/U.S. and Partisan Defense Committee have called emergency demonstrations of protest and outrage, at 5:00 p.m. today, Monday, April 19, outside the Federal Building in Manhattan, New York City and at federal offices in other cities around the country to denounce the government's mass murder in Waco. An SL spokesperson, in condemning this outrage, noted that the Branch Davidsians received the same death sentence meted out to the black MOVE commune in Philadelphia on Mother's Day (May 13) 1985, using C-4 plastic explosives donated by the FBI. Eleven black people were murdered there, including five children, and an entire black neighborhood was laid to waste. "Like the racist cop beating of L.A. black motorist Rodney King," said Spartacist spokesman Marjorie Stamburg, "the Waco holocaust is the domestic image of America's 'New World Order.' This is U.S. imperialism's 'Desert Storm' in Iraq brought home."

Outside the compound of the racially integrated Branch Davidsian religious sect said, "Rodney King—We Understand." It is no accident that the feds' onslaught in Waco came two days after the slap-on-the-wrist verdict for two racist cops in L.A. With troops poised to occupy the inner cities coast to coast, amid a massive police-state mobilization, the racist rulers bestowed a collective sigh of relief that the urban ghettos and barrios did not explode in outrage over another outright racist acquittal. They seized the moment to incinerate the Waco commune.

In the gray light of dawn, the FBI moved in the heavy artillery—M-60 Combat Engineering Vehicles, Bradley fighting vehicles and heat-seeking napalm and incineration planes—in a bid to drive out or exterminate the 70 adults and 25 children still inside their wooden structure. The whole area had already been ringed with razor-sharp concertina wire. Electricity and water were cut off. The intent was to create a firetrap with no escape. Naturally there were no fire-fighting vehicles present to put out the flames. Now the government wants to blame the victims, but the Waco assault was deliberate mass murder, decided at the White House.

On Sunday, Vice President Al Gore went to Waco for the first time 50 years ago in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. But the methodical burning down of the Waco compound carried "live" on television, recalled nothing so much as the Nazis' razing of the Warsaw ghetto. Clinton-Gore have carried out their own holocaust against another religious minority who evidently have "no right to exist" in this racist capitalist society. The Clinton administration has carried out its own Operation Prairie Slayer, igniting a massive firestorm against its perceived domestic "enemies," a small group who did no harm to anyone.

The Spartacist League spokesman noted, "From Republican Bush to Democratic Clinton, the racists show they want more and more cops and courts to defend the state. The murder of these innocent people, burned at the stake by this bloodthirsty government, cries for vengeance. It will take a socialist revolution to mete out real justice to the police torturers of Rodney King, to the FBI arsonists in Waco, to the U.S. military bombers of Baghdad."

We encourage IV readers to continue to support and build the PDC. You can aid the program against class-war prisoners and other perished in the PDC by becoming a monthly sustainer: many contribute $10, $25, $50 and $100 a month. Send a donation of $5 or more and receive a subscription to Class-Struggle Defense Notes. For a single copy send $1 to: Partisan Defense Committee, P.O. Box 99, Canal Street Station, New York, NY 10013.

Los Angeles... (continued from page 3)

The Spartacist League has fought to bring out the power of labor to stand with and defend the ghettos and barrios from racist cop terror. Against the police invasion of South-Central last year, we called for "powerful L.A. unions such as longshore, aerospace and city workers" to "organize work stoppages and mass protests of state-cop terror." Right after that, Long Beach, CA police chief Pacifica-born Mike Woo, supported Prop 1, which would put over 1,000 more cops on the streets. The Spartacist League has fought to sweep away this racist system and its hired killers. Vengeance for those who died for a handful of cosmetic reforms serve only the interests of the oppressors. The trial of three black men charged in the recent indefensible beating of L.A. Teamster truck driver Reginald Denny. At best, the cops may spend a couple of months in jail, if that long. Civil rights lawyer William Kunstler commented on the calculation behind the jury's verdict: "If we convict two, there'll be no rebellions, there'll be no uprising. If we let two off, we'll be on good grounds with the police."

Now this slap on the wrist is passed off as "justice"—after a brutal beating seen by millions around the world, after two years and two trials, while dozens of other black and Latino men have been brought down by killer cops in the mean-time. That alone tells you that the capitalist rulers consider cop terror against minorities "business as usual." "This is a system not designed by us and it does not include us," said one black caller to an L.A. radio talk show after the verdict.

Damn right! The capitalist system is designed to extract profits from the blood and hides of the working people; as the system sinks into utter decay, the black population is ever more vulnerable to being socially marginalized and oppressed. Indeed the headlock on the back of American capitalism, from KKK lynch mobs to cop terror on the streets to the predominately black death rows in the nation's prisons. Black Democrats like Bradley and Jackson who preach faith in the system while pleading for a handful of cosmetic reforms serve only the enemies of the oppressed. The cops and courts are at the core of the capitalist state—they can and will serve only the interests of the oppressors.

Revolution is the only solution, as the Black Panthers used to say, but it must be based on the social power of the integrated proletariat, not the impotence of the lumpenproletariat. Last year's multi-racial upheavals showed the anger and militancy which could be mobilized in a struggle to tear down this system of brutal exploitation and oppression. That requires the leadership program and a program of revolutionary workers party which fights to topple this racist system and its hired killers. Vengeance for Rodney King and the myriad others tormented and murdered by racist, capitalist injustice will come with the victorious socialist revolution.

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**Spartacists held emergency demonstration outside New York Federal Building, April 19, after FBI massacre of Branch Davidsians.**
Women's Liberation

Bill Baird, Courageous Fighter for Women's Liberation

On April 14, the New York Times printed an insidious article setting up abortion rights champion Bill Baird. Under the outrageous headline, "The Devil of Abortion," reporter Lindsey Gruen twisted quotes from his interview with Baird into a lying portrait of his work. As Baird pointed out, the "Devil" headline (which was apparently changed in some editions) is a dangerous provocation that religious fanatics could hold up as justification for murder. We print below excerpts from our conversation with Baird:

Baird: The day the article came out, I was the speaker at the University of Richmond law school in Virginia. I was debating a woman who's president of a group called "Feminists for Life," a group of nutty women who think that they're speaking for the majority of women in this country, who say the embryo is a person from conception. In fact, I got a standing ovation from the audience. But the Virginia version of the New York Times had a whole different headline.

WV: You have "The Devil of Abortion" in my Times from Brooklyn.


WV: What makes it so absolutely untrue is that the writer was here in my office, with 44 plaques on my wall, four of them this year. On May 7 the American Humanist Association is honoring me at their national conference as Pioneer of the Year. NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) from the state of Pennsylvania gave me their highest award January 23. Two weeks ago in New Jersey, the freedom from Religion Foundation gave me their highest award, and last week in Sacramento, California, I was the keynote speaker for the American Atheists, and they gave me their Man of the Year award. So to suggest that all groups hate me... But when I was in Virginia, that edition of the Times had a headline that said, "The Devil of Abortion." Then somebody faxed me the California headline, which is even worse: it says, "Abortion Rights: Zealot to Eviscerate Among Allies." I'm the enemy! Man, this is the New York Times, quoting me as a devil without quote marks around it, calling me the enemy—a guy who's had three U.S. Supreme Court cases from 1960 to 1966 to defend rights for women, firebombed for women, shot at as late as a couple of weeks ago. They blew a hole right through my window.

WV: I'm trying to get people to write letters to the New York Times, just basically saying how wrong it is to have such a distorted headline. How dare the New York Times put out a headline without quote marks around the word devil? First of all, there's no such thing as a devil. Second of all, to call me a devil—if you knew how many hate calls I get, and this is very scary, for people can say they would kill me now, because they now have proof positive I am the devil. If the New York Times says I am the devil, then I am a devil.

WV: We wanted to express our disgust at this article and this attack on you. We are also interested to know what you have to say about what's going on in the United States right now.

Baird: I think we're being conned left and right by Clinton. I can certainly give you absolute proof that the death of Dr. David Gunn could have been prevented easily. I have in my possession a series of letters from the FBI to me, 15 years ago, where I begged them to investigate the terrorism that I saw building. They wrote me back and they said they have no interest in investigating that. Then I have a legal brief from 1980, where I filed a lawsuit against the FBI to get them to investigate who's behind this terrorism, and to protect clinics. Nobody would help me with this. Now and all the others said I was nuts, and they all looked the other way.

WV: Right, they thought they'd won the battle.

Baird: When you have a true pioneer such as myself on the front lines, you get these "Baird Throngs" as I call them, from Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem and Robin Morgan. Robin Morgan said in her book "Going Too Far" that men like Bill Baird are in this movement because women will come across—sexually, that is—quicker. It's such an insult to your women as an insult to yourself, to think that I would exploit you, or myself be exploited. So it's such nonsense.

WV: Fortunately people like Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan do not stand for the majority of women in this country that turned their backs. The News and the World isn't going to come out to Hempstead and interview the women that you've helped.

Baird: Tens of thousands of black poor people, as young as ten years of age. I've helped here. I'm the only white guy here now, you know—Hempstead is like Harlem, in that it's very, very black, it's very, very poor, very, very tough. And this reporter was scared to death about his car, and I said, look, we'll just tell the guy that you're with me and we'll watch the car.

WV: Was it your group that ran a headline a few years ago that said, "Feminists Try to Ban Bill Baird in Boston."

Baird: Yes, that was us (WV: No. 502, 18 May 1990).

Baird: That's probably going to be one of the most famous headlines—I show that all over the United States. On television, on radio, I show it to talk show hosts, college lectures, I show it at Harvard on Monday. That those women threatened to castrate me for coming to Boston, the very city that I went to jail for! There was the Baird v. Eisenstadt case, and Baird v. Bellotti, which gave teenagers the right to abortion. And later they overturned my conviction as a felon.

WV: But that was already after you'd had to serve time, that's the thing that's such a crime about it.

Baird: They stripped me naked, I still am scarred. They stripped me naked in prison, I had to worry about rape every night. I've lost my wife and children. I've paid my dues—I mean, how dare they say that I can't be heard?

WV: Well, you speak to the needs of the majority of the women in this country—not Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem, who are yuppy feminists in it for careerism, the upper crust of women who have turned their backs on the poor and the black women of this country. They never wanted to fight about the Hyde Amend­ment, for example, which 17 years ago basically took away the right to abortion for all women on welfare. And you were the only one working to provide it, to make up for that loss. So we wanted to adamantly express our admiration again.
Oakland—Abortion rights mobilizers in Napa on April 7 stopped a planning meeting of “Operation Rescue” bigots. The anti-abortion fanatics had said they were meeting to draw up plans to target abortion clinics on Easter weekend. This was a sinister threat, particularly following the assassina-

sation of Dr. David Gunn in the park-
lot of an abortion clinic in Pensacola, Florida on March 10. California abortion doctors have also been subjected to con-

stant stalking and threats.

In Napa, the pathetic cliché of a half-
doon “right-to-lifers” never even made it into the church to plan their week-
end attacks. They were overwhelmed

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sination of Dr. David Gunn in the park-

ning some carrying shields. The bible

 fanatics casualties on the American side. The

click with all gay/lesbian attempts to

protesters have hardly been defeated. The

loss of support from the Reagan/Bush

White House has meant an escalation of their nightriding terror, from block-

ades to bombs, and terrorizing patients and doctors. Even support from the

White House for formal abortion rights won’t help poor, black and working-class

women get abortions if there are no

doctors or clinics to provide them and

they don’t have the money to pay for

them. For free abortion on demand!

Labor: Defend the clinics!

Rights for Gays...

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In a way designed to restore popular sup-

port for U.S. military adventures in the

Third World, the Pentagon’s high-tech

show to how

tories are pushing liberal racist

As we go to press, we have not so far

received a response.

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Protesters Shut Down Operation Rescue Bigots

There are a lot of small groups ped-

dling often militant-sounding plat-

forms. Take the RWL (Revolutionary

Workers League) and its spin-off front

group, NWROC (National Women’s

Rights Organizing Coalition). In its

statements, this group claims to want
to break with the Democrats and build a

workers party, to uphold free abortion

on demand and defense of abortion clin-

ics.

On April 3, the Spartacist League

sent a letter proposing a joint contingent

with the RWL, and NWROC at the April

25 demonstration, with each organiza-

tion marching under its own banners.

We pointed out that the demo’s overwhelm-

ing political thrust “is aimed at pres-

suring the Democrats in the White

House, particularly to make Clinton drop

the Persian Gulf war.”

Simultaneously opposing the

oppression of women in bourgeois

society, and enforced by religious moral
code. The Spartacist League needs the family, a bedrock conservatiz-

ing force and the mechanism by which

bourgeois order internally and radical-

ized a generation of American youth.

This created the political climate for the

abortion of the draft and the legalization
of abortion as well as a more tolerant

attitude toward open homosexuals.

As Marxists and Leninists, we Sparta-

cist League fight against all forms of social

oppression in our struggle for interna-

tional socialism! Thus we charac-

terize the rights of gays and lesbians while

simultaneously opposing the U.S. mili-
tary. At the April 25 demonstration, the

SL will undoubtedly be the only organ-

ization which defends both NAMBLA

(the North American Man-Boy Love

Association) and Fidel Castro’s Cuba,

where a social revolution ripped the for-

ter Yankee neocolonial out of the hands

of United Fruit and the Mafia. We defend

pork star Nina Hartley against Las Vegas

“fetish lesbianism” charges, while also
defending the right of North Korea, a

bureaucratically deformed workers state,
to have an atomic bomb.

And when we have our own workers

state to defend, then our army will be

in the forefront of eliminating discrimi-
nation and oppression.■
April 25 Organizers Salute Racist Imperialism

Full Rights for Gays!

The April 25 "March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation" is the first big rad-lib D.C. mobilization with a Democrat in the White House in over a decade—and predictably, illusions in the Democrats are being pushed for all they're worth by the event's organizers. A major theme is red-white-and-lavender flag-waving patriotism, as gay leaders seek to demonstrate their "loyalty" to this system in order to convince Congress and the Pentagon to overturn the military's longstanding ban on homosexuals.

The organizers of the April 25 demonstration are touting Bill Clinton as their candidate of choice. "Many of us rejoice at winning the White House," wrote one of the march co-chairs in an official handout, "while an ad in the Village Voice (6 April) said it would be "a day of support for the President and his moves to end discrimination of all kinds." Voice writer Donna Minkowitz contributed a puff piece insisting, "So Clinton should fulfill his promises and go to Congress and the Pentagon to overturn the military’s long-standing ban on homosexuals."

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Meanwhile, members of more radical gay groups like Queer Nation and ACT UP complain, "The radical queer agenda has been excluded from any participation in the march" (New York Fest, 13 April). Sure, the organizers want suit-and-tie receptability so they can get in with the new Washington, D.C. power elite. After a decade of solid Reagan-Bush reaction, it’s clear there’s a difference in Washington, but what is it? Clinton courted women’s and gays’ votes, exploiting their fear of the Republican right’s all-sided social reaction, its hate-filled diets against abortion rights and against gays, its savage satisfaction in the tragic AIDS epidemic as “nature’s awful retribution” on homosexuals. Clinton presents a yuppified veneer for bourgeois rule, a more "liberal" strategy for oppression and exploitation.

Pentagon War Machine: Persian Gulf Mass Terror

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Following a White House meeting last week of gay spokesmen with Clinton, the head of the campaign to allow homosexuals in the military commented that we were being welcomed into the family. The Pentagon ban on gays is sheer ideological hypocrisy and a violation of democratic rights, but gay liberals are eagerly enlisting in the cause of imperial militarism, which is a threat to all the oppressed.

From the time of the ancient Greeks, homosexuals have always been part of the military. The man who built the American revolutionary army and the founder of West Point, Baron von Steuben, was gay—so flagrantly so that apparently he got into trouble even in the court of Frederick the Great, another famous homosexual military genius. In the less liberal social climate of 20th century America, gays in the army have had to stay in the closet. As Randy Shilts points out in his new book, Conduct Unbecoming: Gays & Lesbians in the U.S. Military (St. Martin’s Press, 1993), since World War II, purges of gays have increased in peace-time, but when a war looms, or the reserves are called up, suddenly discharges for homosexuality are put on hold.

The U.S. military is a microcosm of society as a whole, and just as we socialists fight against racist and homophobic violence and discrimination in "civilian" society, so we oppose it in the military as well. Open gays and lesbians have just as much right as anyone else to participate in the armed forces. At the same time, the U.S. military is a tool to defend imperialist exploitation and subjugation, especially of peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Thus, we steadfastly uphold the Marxist position of "Not one man, not one penny" for the imperialist army.

The Democrats have always tried to put a liberal face on U.S. militarism, from Democratic president Woodrow Wilson calling World War I a "war to end all wars" to Democratic president Franklin Roosevelt presenting World War II as a war against fascism to create a world governed by the "four freedoms." However, the "liberal" image of U.S. militarism was blown to bits in the dirty, losing war on Vietnam launched by Democratic presidents Kennedy and Johnson. An entire generation of American youth came to see the U.S. armed forces for what they really are, a machine for terrorizing dark-skinned peoples in order to prop up right-wing dictators in the interests of Wall Street and the Fortune 500. The Persian Gulf War was conducted...